

11th Meeting of the FVAA Board of Management

Final Minutes

Teleconference, Thursday 22nd May, 2008

Commenced 6.10pm WADT, closed 8.30pm WADT

Present:

- Scott Wythe – President, Mark Mitchell – VIC, Ben Rebbeck – SA, Pip Welch – TAS, Ian Chivas – NSW, Greg Hepburn – NTD, Derek Burns – WA

Apologies:

- Tom Cameron – Qld

Item 1 – Introductions and Action Item Review

- SW welcomed the Directors.
- See Action Item table below for details of review of previous Action Items.

Item 2 – Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- The draft minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th February, 2008 were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting (DB/IC).

Item 3 – Finance Report

- SW noted that the current FVAA balance was \$11,777 with \$8,250 owing from Shantui Lishide for the Oran Park TV coverage. IC noted that there were still problems with this payment and that he would discuss with Bob at Eastern Creek on the weekend and report back. **Refer to Action Item 31.**

Item 4 – Tyres

- GH stated that the testing of the latest two sets of compounds was poor as per his report. Testing was done over 2 days with high wear rates noted on both sets (200-250km). IC stated that the wear was uneven and caused tyre vibration in the set he was testing.
- GH spoke to Mark at AR and they wanted more testing.
- SW noted that the letter previously drafted and held over until after the latest testing should now be finalised and sent to AR. SW recommended that the letter be sent as the FVAA financial situation was becoming critical and time was running out. This was agreed by all present.
- DB asked that the critical lack of income for the FVAA from tyre sales be strongly emphasised in the letter to AR. This was agreed by all present.
- **Refer to Action Item 32.**

Item 5 – National Series

- IC noted that arrangements for Phillip Island were slowly coming together with about 30 cars entered at this stage (~15 NSW, 4 SA, 12-13 Vic)
- IC stated that Oran Park and Mallala look better with 30+ cars looking likely.
- IC stated that expressions of interest for Bathurst look strong with 54 at this stage and that the first deposit was due in July and was covered for.
- IC moved that given the strong number of expressions of interest that the FVAA proceed with entering Bathurst. MM second, all agreed. **Refer to Action Item 33.**
- DB asked how would 1200s be accommodated, was it first in best dressed?
- IC stated that he believed 1200s should be involved and that they are not lapped at Bathurst. He also noted that it will be a full round of the Shannon's Series next year and that a registration fee may be payable for the series.
- IC outlined the CAMS regulations for this year's series.
- MM asked whether it was at the discretion of the Technical Commissioner whether engines would be pulled down at the track and that this could be difficult for interstate competitors.
- GH noted that only one head was required to be removed and barrels removed from one side with the total process taking about an hour. This would not therefore be onerous and would be done in Parc Ferme.
- GH moved that the draft regulations be sent to CAMS for approval. IC second, all agreed. **Refer to Action Item 34.**
- SW noted that the NTD as Series Tech Commissioner would need to be present at all rounds and would need to be flown to and accommodated at the Phillip Island and Mallala rounds. MM and BR agreed that Vic and SA would cover these costs.
- MM stated that Vic and SA would need to be involved also.
- DB suggested time be taken to run training for Sealers in Vic and SA also.
- GH noted that the timing was difficult but that maybe a Friday night discussion session could be organised.

Item 6 – Marketing

- IC suggested that promotional work needed to be done and brokers sorted as previously discussed.
- MM noted that it was too late in the year to finalise anything for this year and that the broker originally put forward by IC, though professional, was too expensive.
- MM stated that Colin Manie was keen to proceed and that he had held a meeting with Colin, David Frith and Rob Nethercote and that Colin would come back to the board. The Board agreed to pursue this option if cheap enough.
- Rob Nethercote suggested each state start to build a list of potential sponsors.

Item 7 – 2008 Nationals

- MM stated that the 2008 National Challenge would be held at Winton Raceway on 6-7 December along with the HQ Nationals.
- Friday would be private practice, a dinner on Saturday night would be held at the track and a presentation dinner held on Sunday night
- The track owners want AASA to hold the meeting but have no issue holding the event under a CAMS permit and they have been told this is our preference.
- The main differences are judicial and CAMS permit costs are higher with entry fees under CAMS expected to be about \$450

- MM will announce on the website shortly.
- IC questioned whether it was the HQ Nationals and MM clarified that it was in fact the HQ 4 hour enduro.
- IC noted that next year in Tasmania the HQs were running a week after the Shannons National round and this could be combined with the National Challenge.
- PW noted that while dates were still being finalised the 50th anniversary of the MG Car Club would likely be held at Baskerville and this was another option.

Item 8 – Fuel

- GH noted that while the motion to move to pump fuel with no additives had been passed at the last BoM meeting, the NTC had raised concerns about the need for either a lead additive or stainless steel exhaust valves due to the risk of expensive head damage particularly for 1200s.
- DB stated that the majority of competitors would take their heads off regularly which would allow any problems to be rectified.
- IC and MM both stated that there had been no issues in Vic or NSW over several years.
- PW stated that the NTC should be relied upon to make technical recommendations to the Board.
- MM stated that the role of the NTC was to make recommendations only and for the Board to consider all aspects of any submission. He stated that there was 4 years of history in Vic of unleaded fuel use and no problems had been reported.
- DB also agreed that the NTC should make technical submissions but that it was up to the Board to make final decisions.
- MM moved that a further vote be taken after consideration of the additional information for the FVAA to limit fuel to Pump Fuel as per Schedule G with no additives. IC seconded, BR, DB – in favour, PW – not in favour, TC – absent. Motion passed. This submission would now be put to CAMS. **Refer to Action Item 35.**

Item 9 – Cylinder Heads

- DB outlined problems with three of the six sets of heads received in WA.
- IC stated that not all heads would be perfect and asked whether DB had spoken to V Force about the problem. DB stated that yes they had.
- DB asked whether this would be an on-going long term problem and if so then the FVAA should look to making this a control item and controlling the quality of heads available.
- GH stated that globally there had been a lot of 1600 head complaints. Short term there is not a lot that can be done and this had not been seen elsewhere with the batch of heads V Force imported. Long term we need to continue to look around and may need to specify an average port measurement. He noted that 1600 heads split frequently so their cost needs to be kept low.
- MM stated that the current heads were only a stop gap and that the NTC needs to continue to search for a suitable replacement.

Item 10 – CAMS/AMRS

- MM stated that this was currently an issue being considered by CAMS. Sedans were popular but open wheelers were not and fields were generally low.
- IC stated that CAMS may bring in Libre classes to accommodate a mix of classes.
- MM noted that while numbers were low, fees were also low and circuits were constantly in use

Item 11 – Historic Formula Vee

- SW explained that Historic Vees may be interested in joining up with the FVAA in some way.
- IC stated that they were a separate organisation and should not be using FVAA resources ie. One fee for members and another for non-members should be charged.
- GH noted that an affiliation fee may be appropriate.
- IC moved a motion that until a formal proposal is received from the Historic FVee Association nothing further was to be done. PW seconded and all agreed. Motion passed.

Item 12 – NTC Update

- GH noted that all states were in control of the Sealing Card system.
- GH noted that for the list of sealers, some STDs were listed due to the need for rotation.
- MM suggested that the accreditation system should forbid sealers from sealing engines they had built. This was agreed.
- GH submitted the list of sealers for approval. All agreed that the list was approved with DB noting that Chris Scoble was in the list twice.
- GH stated that he did not believe that the Board was giving due consideration to the NTC and were ignoring technical advice from the Committee.

Item 15 – Other business

- None tabled

Action Item List

Action Item #	Action Item	Actionee	Raised	Due
8	Provide a briefing on the advantages and disadvantages of both AASA and CAMS and the implications for FVee. No further progress.	DF	28 th Aug	Next Meeting
22	Investigate whether Skype can be used for future telecons to save money. If so advise BoM members. Further investigation underway. Skype to be used wherever possible	SW	20/2/08	Completed
23	Provide Pip Welch with expert contacts to discuss the effects of running unleaded fuel	DF/DB	20/2/08	Completed
24	Seek opinion from CAMS as to whether pump fuel could be specified as additive free.	SW/GH	20/2/08	Completed
25	Provide current list of Sealers to NTD	TC/MM/DB	20/2/08	Completed
26	Implement Sealer Accreditation System. List of Sealers to be approved by BOM	GH	20/2/08	31/5/08
27	SA/Qld/Tas to confirm receipt of sealing cards to NTD	BR/TC/PW	20/2/08	Completed
28	Draft National Series Regulations and submit to CAMS after BoM review	SW/IC	20/2/08	Completed
29	Apply for a position on the Jan 2009 CAMS AMSF program	SW	20/2/08	Completed
30	Directors to email SW with vote on whether to change to new logo. SA – No, Tas, WA, NSW, Vic – Yes. Motion passed. WA to modify with black outline as yellow does not stand out	Directors	20/2/08	Completed
31	Chase Shantui Lishide Oran Park TV sponsorship payment and report back to BoM	IC	22/5/08	Next Meeting
32	Finalise letter and send to AR	SW	22/5/08	Completed
33	Proceed with arrangements for entering Bathurst 09	IC, SW	22/5/08	Completed
34	Send Draft National Series Regulations to CAMS for approval	SW	22/5/08	Completed
35	Finalise and Submit request to CAMS to limit fuel use for all Formula Vee cars to Pump Fuel with no additives	SW/GH	22/5/08	Completed