

13th Meeting of the FVAA Board of Management

Final Minutes

Teleconference, Monday 8th September, 2008

Commenced 6.15pm WAT, closed 8.10pm WAT

Present:

- Scott Wythe – President, Mark Mitchell – VIC, Ian Chivas – NSW, Derek Burns – WA, Tom Cameron – Qld

Apologies:

- Ben Rebbeck – SA, Pip Welch – TAS, Greg Hepburn – NTD

Item 1 – Introductions and Action Item Review

- SW welcomed the Directors and noted apologies. Colin Manie from SEAMS Marketing attempted to join the teleconference but was unable to due to technical difficulties with his Skype setup. Colin will be invited to provide a personal marketing update at next month's meeting.
- 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 12th August, 2008 were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting (TC/DB).

Item 3 – Finance Report

- SW noted that the current FVAA balance was \$4,713. \$3,000 will be owed to SEAMS Marketing over the next two months with other liabilities to come from any further National Series and Bathurst shortfalls. Approximately \$2,000 was owed to the FVAA by the State Associations for seals, seal books and restrictor plates and these were still to be invoiced. Capitation fees were also still to be invoiced and these were likely to total between \$5-6000.

Item 4 – Tyres

- SW stated that the Board needed to determine the appropriate criteria for assessment to assist with completion of the tender document.
- IC stated that the final contract needed a performance clause including breach of contract provisions.
- TC suggested borrowing the Formula Ford tender to use as a template. **Refer to Action Item 44.**
- IC suggested that the FVAA needs to be careful to consider cost versus mileage as going too cheap with poor mileage may lead to a similar situation as in NSW recently where the FVANSW has had to limit competitors to 6 sets of tyres per season to keep costs down.
- IC suggested that a slick and grooved tyre combination may be worth considering.

- DB suggested putting the question out to members for suggestions.
- MM suggested putting on the forum page on the website. **Refer to Action Item 45.**
- IC noted that the tender would need to be run by CAMS prior to issuing.
- The main criteria would be value for money, performance and consistency.

Item 4 – Nationals

- SW noted that towage money to competitors this year would be a problem for the FVAA. He suggested that maybe the FVAV could pay if required and the FVAA pay this back when able to.
- IC suggested individual states could pay and the FVAA pay them back.
- TC noted that Qld had previously matched the FVAA \$ for \$ for towage and agreed that states could pay this year.
- MM noted that the Vic Committee had stated that towage was not their problem but that this would be discussed further.
- MM asked for information on the scoring system used previously which IC agreed to supply.
- MM noted that Friday practice had been organised and would be a joint practice between HQs and FV only.
- MM was asked whether Dunlop support would be available at the track. **Refer to Action Item 46.**
- MM noted that there were currently 30+ entries with a further 12 expected from NSW and Vic.

Item 5 – National Series

- IC provided an update on the second Series round at Oran Park. There were low numbers from NSW and only five interstate. He noted that six competitors had pulled out during the last week and suggested that calendar issues in several states which were not finalised when the decision was made to set the dates earlier in the year were a problem.
- SW asked why the relative lack of support this year for the Series.
- MM noted that there were too many rounds this year in Vic.
- IC stated that the multiclub at Eastern Creek two weeks prior to the round resulted in some NSW competitors not being able to compete.
- MM expressed strong on-going support for the Series and suggested all states discuss this at State level and report back to the Board. **Refer to Action Item 47.**
- IC stated that the National Series may run on a two tier system next year with second level one day meetings which would be cheaper and run with less TV. AASA tracks may also be available next year.
- Bathurst was still looking strong with 55 paid up entries to date which would be a full grid.
- DB noted that it was difficult for WA competitors due to distance and that no-one will be going to the Nationals from WA. Lack of interest in the track was a factor and therefore Bathurst was a strong attraction.
- SW asked how many young drivers were competing the National Series this year and should the FVAA pursue the AMSF young driver award given the current poor financial position of the FVAA?
- IC indicated there were only 1-2.

- TC moved that that the FVAA pull out of this agreement and write to any drivers affected. DB, MM, IC agreed to pull out. Motion passed. **Refer to Action Item 48.**
- IC asked was there anything else that could be done to further support the Series?
- TC noted that the Series was great for the Category, but that Qld was struggling with numbers generally and that the economic slowdown is impacting.
- DB noted that while the WA economy was strong, open wheelers struggled for numbers.

Item 6 – Fuel

- IC confirmed that the erroneous bulletins were now cancelled.
- SW stated that all requests for rule additions or changes should be put to CAMS for initial drafting by CAMS to avoid further issues. **Refer to Action Item 49.**

Item 7 – Technical Report

- GHs emailed report was noted. **Refer to Action Item 50.**

Item 8 – Other Business

- DB noted that cranks were now hard to get and referred to his previous email to the Board. TC stated that Qld have a supply but that weight changes may be required to allow for lighter cranks in future.
- DB noted that WA can't get cam bearings and that new cams may need to be considered. TC stated that competitors can already use new camshafts bought from VW shops which need to be sent to Wades for grounding before use. He noted that old cams had harder lobes and so were sought after.
- TC also noted that cams were sealed at Wades with the sealer cutting the seals before putting them into the engine. There was no need to go to a cam doctor.
- IC asked whether there should be a fee charged for seals and sealing? MM stated that Vic would support states paying for seals as did TC and DB. DB stated that sealers don't charge anything in WA. It was agreed that States would determine whether sealers would charge for their services. GH/SW to determine seal costs and charge States accordingly.
- MM asked that regular updates from Colin Manie were needed. SW stated that Colin had agreed to supply weekly updates which would be distributed to the Board.
- Next meeting Monday 13th October.

Action Item List

| Action Item # | Action Item | Actionee | Raised | Due |
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| 8 | Provide a briefing on the advantages and disadvantages of both AASA and CAMS and the implications for FVee. No further progress. MM noted this was in relation to the Nationals particularly with the FVAV preferring to run at Winton under a CAMS permit but costs are still being investigated. MM to report back to Board. CAMS permit is going in shortly at a cost of \$4k. Single club vs multiclub being looked at which will save ~\$1500. | MM | 28 th Aug 07 | Next Meeting |
| 31 | Chase Shantui Lishide Oran Park TV sponsorship payment and report back to BoM. No further progress at this time although IC is furthering discussions with parties involved. Letter of demand is being drafted to go to Shantui from Shannon's Nationals. This is likely to be the limit of action available to the FVAA. | IC | 22/5/08 | Next Meeting |
| 36 | Capitation Fees to be charged to State Associations at \$30/member. Invoices to be sent out once numbers supplied. All Directors to supply SW with State Member numbers. Still awaiting most states. | All | 12/8/08 | Next Meeting |
| 37 | FVAA budget to be drafted. | SW | 12/8/08 | Nov 08 |
| 38 | AR to be informed that FVAA would be commencing the tender process with a view to a new contract commencing at the completion of the current agreement with AR on 20th July 2009. | SW | 12/8/08 | Completed |
| 39 | Investigate Vic interpretation of National Series State specific minimum commitments and subsequent liability and report to Board | MM | 12/8/08 | Next Meeting |
| 40 | Organise flights and accommodation for GH for Mallala National Series round | BR | 12/8/08 | Next Meeting |
| 41 | Public Officer forms to be completed and submitted to the SA Consumer Commission | BR | 12/8/08 | Next Meeting |
| 42 | Produce eligibility scrutineering checklist for STD use | GH | 12/8/08 | Next Meeting |
| 43 | States to forward copies of their constitutions to WA for reference as appropriate | All | 12/8/08 | Next Meeting |
| 44 | Contact Formula Ford to request tyre tender document | SW | 8/9/08 | ASAP |
| 45 | Initiate discussion on FV and FFirst websites regarding criteria for tyre tender | TC | 8/9/08 | ASAP |
| 46 | Check whether Dunlop support would be | MM | 8/9/08 | Next |

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| | available at Winton for the Nationals | | | Meeting |
| 47 | All Directors to discuss support for National Series with States and report back to BoM | All | 8/9/08 | Next Meeting |
| 48 | Confirm names of U26yo drivers in National Series | IC | 8/9/08 | Next Meeting |
| 49 | Request for Fuel Change to go back to CAMS for drafting with Jan 1 09 start date | GH/SW | 8/9/08 | ASAP |
| 50 | Exhaust rule change to go to CAMS | GH | 8/9/08 | ASAP |
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