

FVAA Board of Management Minutes Teleconference,

Wednesday, 6th August, 2014 - Meeting Commenced 8:00 EST.

Present:

BoM

Ron Stevens – SA, Ross Loudon - Qld, Garry Ogden - NSW, David Campbell - WA, Stewart Bracken - Vic, Ridsen Knightley - Tas, Michael Lloyd - Secretary / NTD, Leigh Porter - Treasurer.

NTC

Neville Bettridge - WA, Morgan Freemantle - NSW, Noel Clarke - Tas,

Invited Guest

Paul Corcoran

Apologies: Mark Mackay - FVAA President (ML Requested to Chair the Meeting on behalf of MM)

Item 1 – Previous Minutes

- 2/7/2014
 - Proposed DC
 - Seconded RL
 - Approved

Item 2- Tyre Test

- GO thanked Paul Corcoran for organizing and running the test day at Wakefield Park.

2.1 Tyre Test Results

- PC provided a general comments on how the Test Day went:
 - Three different Formula Vee Chassis were provided for the testing
 - Hoosier and American Racer tyres were provided for testing against a set of current specification Dunlop's which were all tested on each Formula Vee Chassis.
 - American Racer:
 - Tyres provided were 5 to 6 years old and were from the last batch of Formula Vee Tyres used in competition in 2009.
 - Lap Times were 1 second per lap slower than both Hoosier and Dunlop.
 - Tyres received poor driver feedback.
 - As the tyres were from the same batch of tyres as used in Formula Vee competition in 2009, it was assumed that they will suffer from the same issues as competitors previously reported – severe drop

off in performance after two race meetings, inability to hold tyre pressures etc.

- Hoosier:
 - Lap Times were very similar to Dunlop's.
 - No noticeable wear (tread depth starts 1.5mm deeper than Dunlop's)
 - The first session was damp and the driver on Dunlop's reported that they were not as good as the Dunlop's in these conditions.
 - Hoosiers appeared to need a bedding in process in order to get them to perform (PC reported that this would be similar to what was required with Bridgestone Formula Vee Tyres)
- Proposal: *"Select Hoosier as the replacement of the current Dunlop Control Tyre for Formula Vee competition in Australia. Hoosier to be requested to be made eligible for Formula Vee Competition for the remainder of 2014 and the 2015 competition. A clause is to be added to the contract between Hoosier and FVAA that provides an out clause to protect Formula Vee competitors if the Hoosier tyre proves to be uncommercial."*
 - Proposed RS
 - Seconded DC
 - Approved 6 votes For, 0 votes Against

2.2 Implementation Plan

- General agreement that as the performance difference between the Hoosier Tyre and the current Dunlop Tyre was within 0.1 seconds per lap, there is no competitive advantage between either tyre so Hoosiers can be Implemented immediately.

2.3 Contract Commercial Terms

- Hoosier has offered the same contract terms as the existing Control Tyre contract, general agreement that the terms offered by Hoosier are acceptable.
- Both Hoosier and the BoM are requesting that the Hoosier Tyres for use in Australia are to be identified via a unique marking, identifying them as the selected control tyre that has been purchased from the appropriate distributor.

2.4 Tyres for Nationals

- General Discussion of the tyres that are to be allowed to be used at the 2014 FVAA Nationals.
 - Proposal: *"Both Hoosier and Dunlop tyres are to be made eligible to be used at the 2014 FVAA Nationals"*
 - Proposed DC
 - Seconded RS
 - Approved 6 votes For, 0 votes Against.

2.5 Dunlop Run Out / Sunset Timeframes.

- General discussion on the need for a Sunset Clause for the existing Dunlop Tyres.
 - Proposal: *“Sunset Clause for the existing Dunlop Formula Vee Control Tyres to be provided to allow their continued use in Formula Vee competition for both 1200 and 1600 categories until 30th June 2015”*
 - Proposed RL
 - Seconded DC
 - Rejected 3 votes For, 3 Votes Against
 - At the hook-up it was assumed that the chair had the casting vote, ML confirmed post the meeting that the FVAA constitution does not allow the casting vote to be made by the chairman therefore the Proposal is rejected as it lacks a majority vote. Sunset Clause date needs to be agreed by the BoM urgently as there is currently no agreed date.

Item 3 - BoM Action List from June meeting

- Action Log reviewed and updated.
- Actions from the Tyre Test / Control Tyre Selection discussion added to Action Log.

Item 4 – Correspondence

- MM and ML received email from Peter Johnston in regards to eligibility of a GAC Formula Vee chassis which is currently for sale and the fact that FVAA members are reportedly advising fellow members not to purchase the chassis as it is potentially non-compliant to the current Formula Vee Regulations.
 - General discussion on the topic and no proposals or actions were generated
 - Post the meeting MM advised ML that he intends to ring the owner of the Chassis and discuss the situation with him personally.
- Nil other correspondence.

Item 5 – Finances- May (since last meeting) and June update

- July Account Statement discussed.
 - Proposal: Accept FVAA request for reimbursement for July Account Statement as distributed by LP
 - Proposed RS
 - Seconded RL
 - Approved
- Tyre Testing Costs:
 - Proposal: Approve the payment of \$ \$2,348.14 as detailed in email from LP as payment for the competitors who provided cars for the tyre testing programme and associated misc costs.
 - Proposed RL
 - Seconded RK
 - Approved

Item 6- Technical and NTC

- Discussions held over to next Hook-up

Item 7 – National Challenge

- SB advised that a document detailing the format of the 2014 FVAA Nationals was due by the end of this week (ie by 11/8/14)
 - FVAA standard schedule to be maintained except that there would be no separate 1200 and 1600 races.
 - Concerns were raised by several BoM members that this would be an issue for the Final event.
 - The document is to be distributed to the BoM for feedback

Item 8- General Business

- Agreement that the Tow Money for the 2014 Nationals needs to be discussed and agreed to at the next BoM hook-up
 - ML to add to the Action Log.
- General discussion of the 50th Year of Formula Vee events in 2014
 - FVNSW has started to plan for an event in early 2015
 - BoM member requested to discuss what events they plan to put in place during 2015 at their committee meetings and the BoM needs to discuss at the next BoM hook-up
 - ML to add to action Log.
- GO and ML to draft up a Tyre News Flash for distribution to FVAA Members once the availability of the Hoosier tyres is known.

Meeting Closed; 10:25pm

Next Meeting: 3rd September 2014