

**FVAA Board of Management Draft Minutes Teleconference,
Monday 6th December, 2010
Commenced 8.20pm EST, closed 10:05pm pm EST.**

Present:

Keith Sharman FVAA President, Greg Hepburn – NSW, Derek Burns - WA, John Alder – Qld, Michael Lloyd – NTD / FVAA Secretary, Leigh Porter – Treasurer.

Apologies: George Panagiotidis – Vic, Pip Welch – Tas

Item 1 – Previous Minutes

- 4/11/2010 minutes discussed and accepted.
 - Proposed GP
 - Seconded DB
 - Approved

Item 2 – Action Log

- Action Log reviewed and updated.

Item 3 – Correspondence

- Email from N. Richardson, response to be sent in line with CAMS discussion
 - Resp KS.
- Circular - 2011 CAMS Club Affiliation letter, no action required from FVAA

Item 4 – Financials

- General discussion on the financial status of FVAA.
- Proposal to accept financial status and make payments as detailed.
 - Proposed JA
 - Seconded GH
 - Approved

Item 5 – FVAA Tyres

- Next batch due Jan 2011.
- Details of tyre wear discussed, no data collected at FV Nationals but issues raised by competitors. Bathurst meeting to be targeted for evidence of tyre wear.
- ML to collect data at Bathurst meeting.
- BoM reps to provide details of competitors using new Dunlop Tyres

Item 6 – FV National Competition

- Ingoing position is that FVAA National Competition will be a 3 round series
 - Round 1, Bathurst, 5th February
 - Round 2, Vic Location and date TBA
 - Round 3, Qld Location and date TBA
- Clemenger International Freight to be approached as potential sponsor for 2011

- 2011 Formula Vee Nationals
 - Meeting to be held on 15th - 16 October.
 - FVAWA to provide regular updates via National Website.

Item 7 – Promotions

- CAMS proposing a promotional activity at Aust. Grand Prix
 - KS to contact CAMS to determine how FVAA can ensure FV is involved.
 - Appropriate promotional material to be organised that highlights that FV is a National Competition and is represented by all states.

Item 8 – Technical

Discussion on suitability of ethanol blend fuels for Formula Vee Competition.

- General discussion on the potential to place a maximum octane value of 98 RON as a method of restricting E85 which has a octane rating of 105 RON. Research from BP website reveals that the octane rating of BP Ultimate (most commonly used fuel in Formula Vee) is 98 RON minimum. Advice from Formula Vee competitors indicates that the actual RON level can go as high as 105. It was considered inappropriate to impose a requirement on Formula Vee competitors that they cannot verify themselves and when tested may in fact breach the octane level requirement. Discussion concluded that the preference was to simply make ethanol blend fuel ineligible for Formula Vee competition. Wording to be requested to be added to the CAMS manual for Formula Vee is documented below.
- Proposal to make ethanol blend fuel ineligible for competition
 - Proposed GH
 - Seconded JA
 - Approved

Words to be added to CAMS Manual:

Current wording in CAMS Manual for Formula Vee

“6. FUEL

Each competitor must only use pump fuel, as defined in Schedule G of the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport, except that all fuel must be used without any additives.”

Proposal to add a line directly below this line stating:

“The use of ethanol blend fuels is not eligible for use in Formula Vee Competition.”

To support the decision we supply the following reasons to CAMS:

- Unknown compatibility of rubber fuel lines and fuel pump / carburetor diaphragms (E85 is more corrosive).
- E85 has the potential to corrode aluminum fuel tanks over time; all Formula Vee's have aluminum fuel tanks.
- E85 is expected to be 30% less fuel efficient which may drive some competitors to have to increase fuel tank capacity.
- E85 goes off when left in the fuel tank and exposed to atmosphere.
- E85 RON levels will vary significantly and tuning of the vee's will need to be continually checked to make sure you are not running lean.

- ML to send email to CAMS documenting the decision.

Item 9 – General Issues

- General discussion on success of phone conferences vs Skype. KS to follow up on proposal for future phone conferences.
- All stocks of seals and sealing books to be sent to NTD as single location.
- General discussions on potential to involve TAFE students in FV as potential competitors

Next meeting: TBA.