# Circuit Excel Racing Association Inc

# Meeting Minutes

14/04/2021 20:10 EST Meeting held via Zoom conference call

1. Invitees: John Broadbent (President), Bruce Phillips (Secretary), Andrew Young (Treasurer), Mick Crossland, Mark Jewell, Craig Twining; Shane Beikoff; Neville Blight (Pres Vic); Nick Scaife (Pres SA)
2. Present: John Broadbent (President), Bruce Phillips (Secretary), Andrew Young (Treasurer), Mick Crossland, Mark Jewell, Craig Twining; Shane Beikoff; Neville Blight (Pres Vic); Nick Scaife (Pres SA)

## Approval of minutes from last meeting. Approved by Andrew Young, Seconded by Mark Jewell

1. Business arising from previous minutes: Tyre supply issue resolved, tyres in the country now
2. Presidents report: As noted in AGM, thanks to all members of CERA and State committees for their support.
3. Secretaries report: No incoming correspondence.
4. Treasurers report: Nothing to report.
5. Correspondence: None
6. Technical Committee report: NA
7. General Business.
   * 1. No agenda, error by secretary.
     2. Supashock issues. John and Andre have had discussions with Supashock about delays, they admit they are taken off guard by lack of spring supplies in Australia delaying suspension. Worst case scenario is the end of July for supply. At the moment we need to stick by the contract for now. Feed back on the product is good from Tim Rowse and Jason Bargwanna. Some small issues but nothing substantial. Supashock have not breeched the contract as yet, if we were to break the contract who would we go with? Likely to end up in the same situation as other suppliers are in the same boat getting components. Mark Jewell raises extension of change over period of suspension, not enough testing time and finances of change over for some members. Bruce Phillips agrees we need a contingency plan as we don’t want to forced into a rush decision at the end of the year if supply is an issue still. Craig Twinning raise his concerns over supply too and supports an extension. John Broadbent agrees we need a plan for an extension if needed. Neville Blight thinks we have no choice but to extend the changeover period as there will not be enough time for people to change over. Nick Scaife in support of an extension. Extension would see 12 months added to the end date of contract. Andrew Young to draft letter to Supashock.
     3. Craig Twinning raises the use of automatic gearboxes. Have a member that has a disability and needs to drive an auto. We agree with dispensation for the rest of the year for this member. Rules to be changed for next year but automatic to be allowed on an approval basis. As a class we need to be inclusive, all agree to allow. Modifications to brake and throttle will be needed too, again it will be on approval by CERA. Wording needs to be formulated to show the intentions of the rule and not allow abuse of rules. Nick Scaife raise there is a rule book for disability used in Paralympics might be able to used as a guide.
     4. Bathurst, John unable to attend due to lockdowns. Feedback was about poor driving standards. $10,000 suspended fine issued to a driver, Very few laps due to number of incidents. Show the need to get through message about driving standards. Excels unlikely to be at Bathurst next year. Talk of Pulsars going next year. John to talk to Motorsport Australia about as we can’t breach tyre contract by using MRF if Excels were to go, MRF still has a two year contract for the event. Shane reports good turn out but his time was limited due to Covid restrictions. Engine seals checked 20% of cars had no cylinder head seals. Weight checking was restricted due to Parc Ferme access. ECU, looms, brake checks. Crankshaft infringement notice given, with Motorsport Australia to adjudicate. Letter to be distributed thanking Federal tyres for allowing contract with them to be waived and allow the event to go ahead. Issues with rear wheel cylinders, rules don’t state what diameter of cylinder should be so can’t enforce. Rules around brake lines to be amended to give detail what lines are free.
     5. Engine sealing. Work going on around engine sealing and training sealers. Wrecker engine seals need to put a line in the sand where they can be used. National meetings would like to see all engines sealed, no wrecker engine seals. John Broadbent proposes that if a competitors times are under 103% of the lap record their engine must be fully compliant with rules, fully sealed. We don’t want to impose costs on new members, oil pump and head seals is simple and not much to ask of a new competitor. Mark Jewell has had discussions in WA and they will be random checking top cars for seals. Hopes this will stop rumors of cheating etc if the cars are compliant. Andrew Young raises engines with reconditioned heads not be classed as wrecker engine. Shane raises issue that heads can be removed with seals in place when seal on cam tower. Neville Blight raise engine sealing is a major issue in Victoria. Man power to seal in Vic an issue, Neville would like to see targeted sealing. Issue with sealing of engines that are not legal in Vic, appears to be lack of knowledge/training with sealers. John Braodbent makes it clear CERA is not after engine sealers making mistakes, we are here to help and train them not to attach them. State committees should vote on what they want with engine sealing such as the 103% rule as current rules only state full sealing. Andrew Young has distributed sealing session video to all sealers who were unable to attend. Mark Scaife mentions in SA they run regular workshops to help members with sealing to make sure cars are compliant. John Broadbent puts motion forward for 103% lap record rule and sealing. Would still need temp seals and be based on 5 laps. Shane raises that Motorsport Australia may have an issue with the rule change, John has had some discussions with Motorsport Australia and feels they will support. Need to work on the wording with the states and get full agreement, no need to rush this change.
     6. Neville Blight raises issues with driver standards. Main issue appears to be awareness on track in his opinion. Generally feels there is no malice in incidents.
     7. Mark Jewell raises that Nationals in WA to go ahead, will send out information. Not expecting huge turn out with Covid restrictions and travel distance.
     8. Mark Scaife raises SA will be holding an enduro at the Bend, 20-21 of November. Darwin event is locked in for July 3rd-4th, Middy electrical as sponsor.
8. Adjournment

Bruce Phillips adjourned the meeting at 21:45

Minutes submitted by: Bruce Phillips

Minutes approved by: Name