# CIRCUIT Excel Racing Association Inc

# Meeting Minutes

1st of March of 2023 19:00 AEST Meeting held via Zoom conference call

Invitees: John Broadbent (President), Andrew Young (Secretary), Shannon Williams Treasurer, Tim Rowse, Les Sharpe, Craig Twining, Neville Blight; Nick Scaife and Shane Beikoff.

1. Roll call

Roll call conducted. The following persons were present: John Broadbent (President), Andrew Young (Secretary), Shannon Williams (Treasurer), Tim Rowse, Craig Twining Les Sharpe WA.

Apologies Neville Blight

1. **Approval of minutes from 26th October 2022 meeting.** Amendments were made to these minutes. Approved by Craig Twining, Seconded by Shannon Williams.
2. **Approval of minutes from last meeting** Approved by Craig Twining, Seconded by Shannon Williams
3. Business arising From Previous Minutes:

Will be covered in General Business.

1. President’s Report:

President informed the group that there is plenty going on and issues will be covered under general business.

1. **Secretaries Report:**

Secretary informed the group that similar to the Presidents Report issues will be covered under general business.

There have been for quite a few communications via email for the Bathurst event and that and these will be covered general business.

Received an email from Brakes and More for the regulation review. Email forwarded onto all delegates.

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1. **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer reported a lot of activity into the account due to the Bathurst 6 hour support category event. It was reported at that time the balance in the CRA account is $26,972.29. Peaked at around $69,000.00 but we have to pay ARG $49,500.00 as the balance. We have picked up a few thousand so far in sponsorship. Remaining balance will get used up to pay Marquees. More incoming funds is expected from competitors for the Bathurst event.

1. Technical Delegate Report

Technical Delegate stated that his area will be covered by General Business.

1. General Business

**Common Branding:** It was decided to park this topic as there are far too many other matters that require attention as a priority.

**Data Logging / Camera price point (currently at $1000):** President asked the delegates if they had consulted with their committees and gathered feedback on that this topic.

Tasmania feedback was a cap at $1500.00

NSW feedback happy for cap to be somewhere between $1500.00 to $2000.00

Victoria feedback somewhere between $1500.00 to $2000.00

Queensland feedback was $1500.00

WA feedback was $1500.00.

SA CEASA committee would like to see it put through the rules regulation process.

President moved a motion that we submit $1500 for each item to Motorsport Australia, this was seconded by Victoria. Motion carried with 5 yes to 1 no as outcome. Yes from Tas, NSW, Vic, Qld and WA and No SA.

**Gearbox Sealing Process.** President informed the group that on the CERA website there is now a gearbox sealing procedure as part of the Technical Guide. This has now been rolled out and tested in 4 States being Qld, SA, NSW and Vic. Rules states that with 103% Gearboxes must be sealed. Gearbox must be out and be on a bench for the test to take place. There was an emphasis on the importance of the finger rotation check Also highlighted some gearboxes that were incorrectly reassembled and that this check actually saved the competitor gearbox damaged had the gearbox been installed into a car.

**Valve throat dimension for short turn radius**: Lengthy discussion was had involving all aspects of and input received for specifying the distance for valve throat machining, to amend Rule 4.3 (e) to better clarify ‘short turn radius corner’. All States supplied feedback. Motion proposed, seconded, and approved unanimously for submission to MA.

**Nationals 2023**. WA has received 15 EOIs thus far. Still currently working on information pack for competitors. Are looking at different sponsorship opportunities. WA Delegate asked it was normal protocol to have the Tech Delegate and President at Nationals? In past Nationals the Tech Delegate has always attended Nationals working with a Tech Team.

**New Sealer in WA:** WA Delegate advised that a new Sealer had been appointed and thanked the previous Sealer for their efforts.

**CERA Delegate Role Statement:** President has told delegates to read the role statement and distribute to all of the members. It was asked that when at race meetings or club events that a CERA Delegate engage and talk to all members to pass on information but also to collect information / feedback from the membership based. All agreed with the role statement and cleared it to be published on the CERA website.

**Hitec Super Series :** CERA will contact Benalla Auto club about the Hitec Super Series. It was noted that by NSW and Victoria already had existing relationships with the Benalla Auto club but were left out along with CERA with any discussion with the Hitec Super Series. NSW Delegate expressed his disappointment in the fact that they had been cut out the loop despite having an ongoing relationship. Benalla Auto Club engaged Track Attack to run the events on the Eastern. It was discussed that Motorsport Australia promoters cannot always offer the required number of race meetings so the alternative in AASA can be looked at so this should also be part of the focus of the CERA committee.

**Feedback from Brakes and More:** Brakes and More submitted an email covering several products that they would like to be considered in the next regulations review these products being:

* Strengthening / reinforcing plates for the crossmember
* Clutch bleeder line
* Flexible clutch hose from gearbox mount to slave cylinder
* Relocation of front brake hose location.

It was agreed that this email with the items should be taken back to committees for their recommendations and feedback can be brought to the next meeting.

**Bathurst Update:**  The secretary acting as the Category Manager acknowledged all of the competitors for paying the required amount for the entry in time and also acknowledged the CERA Treasurer for paying the ARG entry fee a week before the due date. The next fee for competitors will be the marquee cost of which the organising committee is subsidising so the cost for the competitor will be $450 where the nominal cost is $950. The difference will be subsidised by the use of the sponsors. Cost to the competitor was an entry fee of $1500 and $450 Marquee fee plus fuel costs with Race Fuels. Organising committee had tried several Auto supply companies for sponsorship along with both tyre suppliers, but all unfortunately were unable to assist. Treasurer was able to organise Aussie Forklifts as the gold level sponsor for the event. Many thanks to Nicole Williams for the work on Socials for both the event and CERA,. The organising committee are still looking for more sponsors.

**Other Business around the State**

South Australia: South Australian delegate reported conversations with Gary Dempsey as NT representative. Gary advised SA that the NT group had aligned with AASA for their permits as a way of trying to deliver cheaper entry costs in 2023. The in goal was to try and get 30 cars within the next three years and would like to host Nationals. The NT group was informed that there is quite a demand for Nationals and the next couple years had been predetermined. The NT group are running an event at the end of April as part of the Hitec Super Series but it is not part of the national series.

SA first Event has 45 entries with running two grids with one for Masters

New South Wales: first event will be the weekend of the 4th of March with 43 excels entered. There was a possibility of more entries but unfortunately the lack of supply of Supashock hindered this.

Victoria: Event coming up on the next weekend at Phillip Island as a two-day event with 40 cars over two grids.

Tasmania: nothing to report

Queensland: nothing to report

Next meeting with a suggested date of the 19th of April

1. Adjournment

Andrew Young adjourned the meeting at 20:50 AEST Minutes submitted by: Andrew Young