# CIRCUIT Excel Racing Association Inc

# Meeting Minutes

8th of November 2023 7:00pm AEST Meeting held via Zoom conference call

Invitees: John Broadbent (President), Andrew Young (Secretary), Shannon Williams Treasurer, Tim Rowse, Les Sharpe, Craig Twining, Nick Scaife, Brett Sheriff, Shane Beikoff, Linda Mrnjavac and Rob Holloway.

1. Roll call

Roll call conducted. The following persons were present: John Broadbent (President), Andrew Young (Secretary), Shannon Williams (Treasurer), Shane Beikoff, Tim Rowse, Craig Twining, and Linda Mrnjavac.

Apologies: Rob Holloway tried to attend the meeting but had technical issues.

1. **Approval of minutes from last meeting**: Approved by Craig Twining, Seconded by Tim Rowse.
2. Business arising From Previous Minutes:

The President informed the group that the 2024 regulations are now with Motorsport Australia to be put through the approvals process.

Feedback for the Regulation from WA:

* WA wanted the definition of the bottom of the engine bay to be from the bottom of the radiator support panel across in a straight line.
* WA did also not want the quick release fuel coupling for fuel testing.

1. President’s Report:

President stated that most of what he was looking to cover will be in general business. Spoke about the events team being extremely busy looking at the rollout of the National series. The events team had been working closely with the States on selections for the Bathurst event. Expressions of interest were closed on the 2nd of November 2023 with 108 competitors putting in an EOI.

1. **Secretaries Report:**

Secretary stated that the insurance renewal from Gallagher insurance to cover Management Liability had been received so the Secretary would fill in the appropriate paperwork and send back.

There has been a lot of back and forth communications via email with ARG with the Secretary signing off on the agreement with ARG for the Bathurst 6 hour event.

Secretary thanked the Treasurer for chasing up the quotes for marquees for the Bathurst event. These quotes that have been passed onto one of the ARG event organisers. CERA is also awaiting feedback from the Bathurst Paddock Manager (Bathurst City Council) with further information on the marquees.

Ongoing communications with Supashock which will be detailed further in general business. At this point Supashock has produced 45 sets currently stock on the shelf and 26 sets had already been sold out of the current batch to CERA affiliated members.

1. **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer informed the meeting that the CERA account was constantly increasing every day due to Bathurst deposit payments. At that point in time the balance was $11,817.38 with 21 Bathurst Entrants paying the deposit. Outgoing has $964.15 for Seals and $240.00 CERA events and Supashock email addresses.

1. Technical Delegate Report

This was delivered at the end of General Business as Technical Delegate arrived after the meeting start due to other commitments.

Technical Delegate advised the group that he had been working with companies to look at the production of the two components that constantly fail within gearboxes. These being the cast steel knuckle and the third and fourth gear selector.

Technical Delegate has been working with companies so that these two particular components can be produced and improved after being able to work out where the current weaknesses exist. The proposed cost for both components will be around $330 to $340. The knuckle will be manufactured out of 4140 Steel and the selector made of 6000 series Aluminium. These will be supplied by CERA. This was another point as to why CERA needs to maintain a form of a monetary float to be able to fund issues like this. Discussion continued that as a collective State clubs and CERA could work together to help finance ventures such as this into the future. These parts will be listed when introduced in the aftermarket components in the regulations. 5 first off samples will be produced so that these can be tested.

1. General Business

**Subcommittee for National Series:** It was pointed out that the CERA Executive could have setup the Event subcommittee but sort approval of all Delegates as a courtesy. At this point in time the subcommittee is John Broadbent dealing with communication with ARG, Shannon Williams dealing with the final side as the Treasurer and Andrew Young dealing with all incoming and outgoing emails / communication with competitors. President invited others to join the subcommittee if they wanted to contribute.

**National Series:** First 24 acceptance email for Bathurst went out hence 21 deposits received. Next group of acceptances will go out on the 9th of November. President explained the process of splitting up acceptances into groups to make like easier for Secretary and Treasurer. Also explained the payment deadline of December 17th to ARG for the deposit and then by the middle January for the final payment. All on the events committee want to also have a break from Excel affairs over Xmas / New Year.

President has been trying to get in contact with ARG Representative, but they have been extremely busy due to Race Sydney and Bathurst International. CERA is also communicating with ARG to look at the possibility of a second grid at Bathurst as have also asked for second grid at the mid-year QR event and November SMP event. Also talking with ARG to look at getting a better deal with Marquees.

EOI were closed on the 2nd of November 2023 with 108 EOIs received. States were given lists to select their preferences for Bathurst. President acknowledged that this was quite an onerous task with the demand. Other categories that have been invited at that point in time are struggling with numbers. The goal may be to have two grids with 40 to 45 cars per grid. This possibility of two grids is with the proviso that we do not loose the track time and that it is financially viable to run.

We are waiting for Bill from Dunlop to come back with the final details for the Destiny program. There was communications will Bill he has passed on that other high profile teams that have junior development programs will work with the Destiny program to find emerging talent.

**Supashock contract negotiation:** Communications have continued with Supashock with both parties looking at pushing ahead with continued negotiation and to formalise details so that possible contract renewal could take place. Supashock has supplied CERA with an updated price list that addresses a price increase from December 2023. It was noted that this has been the first price increase from Supashock since becoming the controlled supplier of suspension. It was noted due to the workload for the National series had impeded the finalising of the control suspension negotiation and was currently running behind schedule. Supashock also advised that they wanted to continue to work with the category as a partner of controlled suspension. Conversation also emphasised that the chat on social media and feedback to CERA had really dropped of over the last couple of months. Secretary will email out to all Delegates a Supashock CERA email address so that if club members believe that are having gassing issues, they are to send it to this email instead of going to Supashock direct. This will also give CERA information that can be used into the future. There will be a meeting with Supashock on the 15th of November to look at the final details so that both parties can push ahead. Secretary informed the group that there were still ongoing sales from members with one to two emails per week coming in from state club Secretaries and this was then forwarded onto Supashock so that orders can be fulfilled. Vic Delegate suggested a price for an inspection and Dyno check. This was agreed and will be put to Supashock at the meeting on the 15th of November.

**WA Nationals wrap up:** Vic Delegate gave the updateas he attended the event. Overall, the event run fairly well with some minor issues early on the practice days but the event rolled out well. Eligibility checks were conducted by the CERA appointed staff. Part of the eligibility check were sumps off and then overall cars checks. Rocker covers were removed, and camshafts were also checked on the top finishing cars. It was described as a fairly friendly race meeting with the majority having full races and clean racing. Well done to Les Sharpe and the rest of the WA committee involved in rolling out the event.

**Driving standards document:** NSW did a revised version of this that was sent out. This will be very similar to what will be rolled out for the National Series. All Delegates were asked again to take this back to State committees for discussions and eventual roll out across the country. MA will be willing to work with CERA to assist the roll out across the country once all states have agreed. This will be part of the Driver code of conduct that will be implemented at the National Series and particularly aimed the Destiny program participants. This is both for on and off-track behaviour.

**Member suspensions and CERA Constitution:** All need to learn from a recent experience that if a State Club member is suspended in one state that as per the CERA constitution that member cannot not go on and join an interstate club to circumvent a suspension.

**AGMs**: All states are heading towards AGM so the President took the opportunity to thank all Delegates for their contribution and hoped to see them back for 2024.

1. Adjournment

John Broadbent adjourned the meeting at 20:55 AEST Minutes submitted by: Andrew Young