



## ***Circuit Excel Racing Association Inc*** ***Meeting Minutes***

26<sup>th</sup> of March 2025, 7pm AEST, 7:30pm ACDT, 8pm AEDT, and 5pm AWST Meeting held via Zoom conference call

### **I. Call to order**

Invitees: John Broadbent (President), Andrew Young (Secretary), Shannon Williams Treasurer, Shane Beikoff (Technical), Tristan Wold, Gavin Faulkner, Darren Seaton, Cameron Charnley, Linda Mrnjavac, Lisa Totani, Ben Davey, Dale Carpenter

### **II. Roll call**

Roll call conducted. The following persons were present: Andrew Young (Secretary), Shannon Williams Treasurer, Shane Beikoff (Technical), Tristan Wold, Gavin Faulkner, Ben Davey, Linda Mrnjavac, Lisa Totani, and Dale Carpenter.

**Apologies:** John Broadbent, Darren Seaton

Meeting was chaired by Secretary due to the President being absent

### **III. Approval of minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

Approved by Gavin Faulkner, Seconded by Lisa Totani

### **IV. President Report:**

Secretary detailed the meeting that the President had with Motorsport Australia on the 14th of March 2025. One of the main outcomes of the meetings was to re-establish relationships with key staff with Motorsport Australia as there had been a turnover of staff that CERA had dealt with in the past. Topics that were discussed included:

- The difference is from state to state in dealing with promoters with the example of Queensland and SA dealing directly with the track owner / operators which gives better outcome and value to members.
- The difficulty the NSW club has with not being able to be part of the MA state series
- Discussion about the two different rule sets for state and club level racing

## **V. Secretary's Report:**

There has been constant communication with ARG for the Bathurst event, this will be detailed in General Business.

There has been phone calls and emails between the Marquee providers for Bathurst sorting out the final details of the category's requirements.

There has been an email about on track tyre support from Prime tyres in NSW for the Bathurst event. The secretary as the category manager for the Bathurst event will investigate this with the Prime tyres contact.

Normal communications with the control product suppliers in Supashock and Wildan 13. Still receiving request for purchase codes for the Supashock control suspension

Secretary has put the application for Microsoft Not for Profit Account on hold due to having to investigate the requirement of more information and dealing with the rollout of the Bathurst event.

Secretary also asked all of the Delegates that if they had updates for the National calendar to pass them on so that they could be added and the calendar redistributed.

## **VI. Treasurer Report:**

From the January Meeting the CERA Bank account sat at \$63,968.53. From this point \$27,030.66, this includes outgoing costs of: Bathurst Marquees, Flights for Bathurst Team, Seals, some expenses from the Round 3 Dunlop Destiny event, media and photography costs from the Dunlop Destiny evaluation day at Norwell, Victoria Consumer Affairs submission and postage costs.

Money received was \$19,140.00. This was from gearbox components, final Bathurst payments, hard brake fuel fittings, and Wildan 13 payment (\$13,000.00) leaving a final balance of \$56,077.87.

## **VII. Technical Delegate Report:**

Technical Delegate went to WA to assist with their round one race meeting in February which went quite well. Here fuel sampling and testing was demonstrated with the WA Eligibility team.

Technical Delegate has been working on the Bathurst event in preparing the Technical team as well as organising the accommodation and logistics for the CERA events team at this event.

## VIII. General Business:

**Bathurst 2025:** Secretary reached out and thank the Technical Delegate for the huge amount of work that he had put into the organisation of the flights, accommodation and logistics for the CERA events team.

Secretary as the Category Manager also notice there had been an increasing information inflow from ARG with being three weeks out from the event as to be expected.

The final list of competitors had been submitted to ARG and the Bathurst Race Secretary. At this point in time the Category Manager was halfway through collecting the competitors Motorsport Australia self-scrutiny forms and pit crew forms.

The President and the Technical Delegate had developed a set of Sporting Regulations that had been submitted to Motorsport Australia for their feedback and approval.

An initial draft of the Upper paddock support area had been received today. The Category Manager will reach out to State Delegates to assist in the layout of the Excel marquee and pit area. The Category Manager had received some requests for those that would like to pit with each other.

Category Manager confirmed that the current field size is 50 cars with the possibility of an additional entry.

There was also a question about the purchase of pit boards. The group was informed at this stage this had not been addressed due to the cost factor and trying to keep the overall cost of Bathurst lower than previous years. The Category Manager would look at costings for the possibility of pit boards with the end outcome trying to find a sponsor or work with the current sponsor to fund them.

Category Manager has a meeting with the Bathurst Media Manager to look at promotion of the Excel Category and the sponsor in 24/7 Roadservices Australia.

**Dunlop Excel Nationals 2025:** the Expression of Interest forms for the event had been rolled out and there had already been a good response with 37 EOIs received. This included 20 out Vic, 5 from SA, 3 from Tas, 4 from NSW and 5 from Qld. At this point in time the plan would be to have a Trophy and Masters division for the event, with both divisions being a part of the normal heat rounds.

Victorian President suggested that all competitors should run 4 brand new tyres at the nationals to assist in creating an even playing field and to stop the buffing of tyres. Secretary advised that the tyre specifications would be released in the Sporting and Technical regulations for the event that are still under development.

Secretary spoke about ongoing conversations and emails with a promoter for the 2026 Excel Nationals. Secretary asked all Delegates to seek feedback on possible future formats for Nationals as there was a suggestion in the future that Masters could run under their own grid.



Victorian president expressed that being nationals all should rase together in heat rounds. QLD Delegate suggested if the numbers were there to warrant a separate word for Masters it is worth exploring, hence why the Secretary asked Delegates to seek feedback from their clubs.

**Controlled Supplier Stickers:** secretary has had communications with both control component suppliers in Supashock and Wildan 13. With Wildan 13 and the Dunlop stickers the Secretary has advised that there has been large batches sent to many of the States but despite this there are still a large number of cars in some states that are not displaying the front bumper bar stickers. Outcome here was for Delegates to consult with their local Dunlop supplier to see if they are holding stock of the stickers. It was pointed out that the location of the Dunlop stickers is in a high impact area of the cars that tend to sustain damage.

Supashock have also asked for their stickers to be displayed on the cars. Supashock have supplied stickers within the box of dampers and stated that they had not seen many of these stickers and up on cars. As per the contract they would like to see stickers displayed on the cars. At this point in time Supashock had not got back to CERA with a preferred location. The Secretary will approach Supashock for a further supply of stickers.

**CERA YouTube Channel:** CERA YouTube Channel is now up and functional with being setup for the original intent of showing the Dunlop Destiny Evaluation Day media productions. There is already a lot of South Australian and Western Australian content on the channel due to the fact that these states had supplied videos via cloud drive links. Secretary reached out to all the other states to supply links of their video so that they could also be added to the CERA YouTube Channel.

**Regulations Review:** Secretary informed the group that no submissions from any States had been submitted for the regulation review. NSW, QLD, TAS and SA all express that they are happy with the current regulations and there is no requirement to update or change them.

**Other Business:** Secretary asked both Victorian Delegates if there was intent for HERA to remain in CERA or out of CERA into the future? This question was asked due to the fact that there was no Victorian Delegates at the previous meeting and that Victoria had not replied in writing as our spice era before the 1st of January 2025. Victorian President replied stating that they would have a grid of Excels in the MA Victoria State Series. The question was asked again, are you in or out of CERA? The reply from the Victorian President was they are in CERA but they will run their own regulations at AASA club events.

## **Around the States:**

**Queensland:** Round 1 just completed on the prior weekend with 26 entries. Really great event with excellent close and clean racing and gave away over \$1000 in prizes. Looking like 15 cars heading to NSW for State of Origin event.

**New South Wales:** completed round one several weeks ago and like Queensland had a very successful event. NSW Delegate acknowledged the work of the Eligibility Team and the new Driver Standards Adviser. Round 2 coming up in two weeks' time with 20 cars already entered. After that round heading into a couple of Enduro's and State of Origin round which is creating a positive vibe around the club.

**Victoria:** heading into the second round of the Victoria State Race series with 26 cars already entered, had 30 cars participate in round one at Sandown. Secretary stated that they had feedback from MA about the invited grid for the Excels at Round 2 with 1 competitor entered at that point in time. The invited grid will start 20 seconds behind the main grid.

**Tasmania :** had Round one in early February and had just completed Race Tasmania. HERT had their season launch last week at ACL Bearing and the President advised the group that ACL are now making a special over size bearing in the Race Series. This is a limited run / batch that is a couple of thou over to avoid grinding cranks. This is only for cranks but may look at big ends. ACL are HERT's main sponsor and an Australian manufacturer. Round 2 coming up in the next weekend.

**South Australia:** Round 2 just completed at the Bend of the SA State Series with 43 cars entered for Trophy and Masters Grids. Unfortunately, an accident during qualifying with two Masters coming together in the turn 10 and 11 complex at the Bend which is very high speed, both drivers were OK. This has led to discussions about re-entering at a different part of the circuit (Turn 12) to stop future collisions here. Tried a different race format with 3 30-minute races instead of 4 20-minute races. Promotions / videos, Social Media and merchandise going well which add to the rounds. Round 1 went very well being Twilight meeting which a favourite of all members. SA Enduro will be the 5<sup>th</sup> December being a Friday.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Andrew Young adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm AEST.

Minutes submitted by: Andrew Young