



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

29/01/2025 after AGM AEST 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 and Nicole Williams

II. Roll call

Roll call conducted. The following persons were present: John Broadbent (President), Andrew Young (Secretary), Shannon Williams Treasurer, Shane Beikoff (Technical), Tristan Wold, Darren Seaton, Gavin Faulkner, Lisa Totani and Nicole Williams

Apologies: Linda Mrnjavac, Cameron Charnley

III. Approval of minutes from 18th December 2024.

Approved by Tristan Wold, Seconded by Gavin Faulkner

IV. President Report:

The President advised the group that he has a face-to-face meeting with key staff from Motorsport Australia on the 14th of February in Queensland. Key points that the President will present are:

- MA need to do more to help look after the category
- Keeping better deals for the competitors and the clubs across the country.
- Supporting clubs at the state level.
- Lack of support in NSW and issues with Race promoters
- Point of difference in SA and QLD with the track owners being the promoters being better value to the competitor and being treated as a customer.
- HERA with their club rounds making their own rule set an allowing the use of non-controlled suspension and tyres

Motorsport Australia has asked CERA to look at a survey as to gain feedback about the category. There is already a feedback mechanism by the clubs an essentially this has been strengthened with two delegates per state that can attend meetings.

President would have liked to Delegate to be present from Victoria so that he could ask whether HERA wanted to be part of the National association or not.

V. Secretary's Report:

There has been a thank you letter sent to Norwell Motorplex and Paul Morris thanking them for hosting and supporting the Dunlop Destiny Evaluation day. There also was communications with Matthew Totani from Mr Dusty Media who had to step in late in the piece due to the cancellation of another media company for the filming of the Dunlop Destiny Evaluation day. There will be a series of videos and photos from this event that will be produced by Matthew Totani from Mr Dusty Media.

There had been email communication with Supashock as 6 sets of controlled suspension have been sold so far in 2025.

They had been for normal discussions an exchange of communication with Wildan 13 / Dunlop. Wildan 13 / Dunlop asked the Secretary to get in contact with the Victorian Dunlop distributor in Stuckey tyres. A phone conversation was had with Russell Stuckey and key Stuckey tyres staff and the current situation with Victoria was explained to them. They were extremely disappointed that HERA had decided to use the Hankook tyre for their club rounds as they felt that they provided extra on track support at the state rounds to aid HERA and the Victorian members.

There has been ongoing communications with ARG about the Bathurst 6 hour support category event. CERA have made the final payment for the category for this event. Currently working with ARG and the marquee provider.

There was an email from Victoria Consumer Affairs asking us to submit the 2024 statement and give them an AGM date, this is now possible with the AGM held prior to the general meeting.

Secretary is currently looking at setting up CERA in the Microsoft not for profit scheme that offer. This would allow the use of applications such as Microsoft Office 365 and Teams.

There was an email received from HERA in response to what was put to them by CERA at the December 2024 General meeting being HERA that they do need to reply to CERA by the 1st of January 2025 in writing in whether they support CERA or not. An email was received from here stating that they will provide a grid at the Motorsport Australia Victoria state series. They also stated in the email at their club rounds that they will allow the use of other tyre options(Hankook), the use of heads pre 2024 and allow the use of non-control of legacy suspension.

Secretary will also reach out to all new CERA Delegates to get their email addresses and welcomes all new delegates on board.

VI. Treasurer Report:

In 2025 CERA started with \$ \$37,778.87. We have paid out \$2,045.34 to wrap final costs the Round3 Dunlop Destiny Event (general expenses and Trophies), \$55,000.00 to ARG for the Bathurst final payment, and \$295.00 for uniforms worn by the Dunlop Destiny program winners for the evaluation day at Norwell. We have received \$63,000.00 from competitors for their final Bathurst payment, \$530 for gearbox parts and \$20,000.00 from Wildan 13 as the Dunlop payment leaving \$63,968.53. Treasurer highlighted to the group that the budget does look good but be mindful there will be costs coming up for Bathurst for the final marquee payment, accommodation and hire cars for the team and the general expenses of feeding the event team.

VII. Technical Delegate Report:

There is a good group of engine sealers from across the country that the CERA Technical delegate works with being:

- SA Fred Severin and Henry Madden
- NSW Pat Rhodes and Ken McCauley
- VIC Laurie Griffin, Bob Buck and Phillip Buggee
- WA Tony Lerace and Mike Holdcroft
- TAS Graham Smedley
- Qld Shane Beikoff

Technical Delegate also emphasised the importance of the states that have got the Eligibility Officers appointed being:

- SA Fred Severin
- NSW Tristan Wold
- VIC Nil
- WA Mike Holdcroft and Justin Chaffey
- TAS Graham Smedley
- Qld Brian Herriman and Shane Beikoff

Technical Delegate mentioned the wrap up of the Dunlop Destiny Rounds as the National series with Eligibility reports being submitted to the Secretary that were added to minutes of the meetings in 2024.

VIII. General Business:

Bathurst 2025: All of the planning seems to be rolling out quite well at this point in time waiting further information on ARG to cover areas such as the marquees and general competitor information. The Secretary as the category manager reached out and thanked the President for organising the sponsor in 24/7 Roadservices Australia for the Circuit Excel Bathurst Challenge 2025.

Dunlop Destiny Evaluation Day: President expressed his gratitude to Paul Morris and the team from Norwell for hosting that Dunlop Destiny Evaluation Day. What was offered to the five winners of the Destiny program was absolutely excellent and ranged from looking at fitness through to driving skills. The Lead Instructor was Guy Andrews being a three-time Ironman champion put the group through not only fitness but also to address mental concentration under exertion on a 35-degree day in Qld. It was great to have Supercars drivers such as Brodie Kosteki, Brock Feeney, Declan Fraser and other accomplished drivers in Charlie Parker and Nash Morris being driving coaches and assisting with the activities during the evaluation day. A great part of the day was the coaching on determination, willpower and to keep pushing when it gets tough was a great outtake for all of Dunlop Destiny participants. Another part of the coaching was looking at the ability to be able to read the race circuit even down to as far as bitumen textures. Secretary reached out to a particular CERA committee member for their connections in being able to push the initial number of three contestants for the evaluation day how to 6, unfortunately one could not make it due to family commitments but what must be recognised is the work and commitment of this particular individual.

Dunlop Destiny Series / Program 2025: In conversations with Paul Morris there was a suggestion for the Destiny Program into the future to get the state clubs more involved and be part of the selection process. From here the President put forward proposal that each state would get a nominated place in the Dunlop Destiny program for an outstanding individual that follows the criteria of:

- Overall driver's race performance
- Media presence
- Driver overall temperament on & off the track
- Drivers' social media presence/exposure
- Ability to absorb coaching comments and improve their driving outcomes
- On track driving standards
- Under the age of 25

President spoke about the difficulty of securing tracks for Dunlop Destiny Events and the difficulty in getting people to assist with running a National Series and the burnout factor on the existing Events team. In 2025 CERA has committed to the Bathurst 6 hour as a standalone event and to the Nationals at Phillip Island. There was discussion of a Dunlop Destiny round at the Bend Motorsport Park but we need to be aware of the financial burden that this puts on many competitors that will be involved with the National level races and State series events. This was moving back to the initial proposal put forward by Wildan 13 to have State-based



evaluation by the clubs overseen by CERA. The end outcome is that each state would get a place for a competitor at normal for a valuation day with the possibility of a couple of wild cards. It was pointed out that financially competitors from WA and Tasmania are at a disadvantage in trying to participate in a National Series just due to the travel costs. The President stated that he would like the clubs to take ownership of this and use it as a way to promote state level racing. Feedback from all the States was extremely positive towards this proposal with a great enthusiasm from all. It was suggested that CERA should develop a criteria that then could be passed on to the States and all club members, outcome here was for the Secretary to start to develop a document that would be approved by feedback by all. Secretary pointed out that initially Motorsport Australia committed to supply events via the Shannon Speed Series and encouraged CERA to run a national series so was in competition with the AASA Super Series. Unfortunately, we know that we were taken off of the Shannons events by Motorsport Australia. We really need to look at CERA role and its purpose is not to run a National Series but to administrate the category at a National level so hence the world had changed from where we started the Dunlop Destiny Program. It was also pointed out that the issue maybe with HERA at this point in time not supporting the control tyre supply in Dunlop that it could be an issue for that State. Further discussion also came up with the idea that each state would put forward a successful competitor that would then be signed off with the approval from CERA. Further to this the outcome was that all competitors must be involved in state level racing to be eligible for the Dunlop Destiny program under the new format. Club level racing will not come under consideration.

Around the States:

South Australia: Summer Series (Club Event) kicks off on the 31st of January at Mallala under AASA permit then Round 1 in February. Looking the Enduro date because at this point in time there is a clash with the Sandown Supercar event. Due to the fact that we get quite a few Interstaters and Supercar drivers participating in the SA Enduro, CEASA is looking at a possible date change, but the Bend is very booked out towards the end of the year. Now looking at an option for the enduro of a Thursday practise dayan Friday event at the Bend in early December. All sponsors are locked in

New South Wales: Changes to the committee. Changes with Race event dates and there has been a clash with the Nationals and a OneRaceway round. All sponsors are in place. Tristan Wold is taking over Eligibility as Jon Mifsud is stepping back to assist a competitor. Tristan will bring in an Assistant as well there will be a new DSA in place for 2025. 9 new cars but a few long-term members stepping back for this year so numbers slightly down. A few members have joined from Victoria. First event in 2 weeks. Jeremy Hodges Event set up in May, State of Origin good to go for July.

Western Australia: Kick the season off in four weeks' time. Working with Motorsport Australia to set up a Masters Championship and grid. The growth in cars and members continues in WA and are looking at the capacity of over 36 cars, Masters may have to run with HQ's. New committee working away together and looking forward to getting racing.



Queensland: A few new faces on the committee and all sponsors are now in place. There is an extra round in place for this season being the State of Origin hosted this year by NSW, both clubs looking forward to this. The club is in a good financial position at this point in time so the Queensland club will be looking at returning value to the competitors. Eight weeks away from Round 1.

IX. Adjournment

John Broadbent adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm AEST.

Minutes submitted by: Andrew Young