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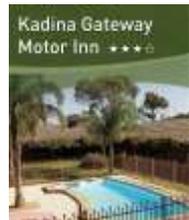
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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year! And welcome to my 1st official President's report for 2013. I hope Christmas brought you as much joy & happiness as I, spending it with the family without any stress, that's amazing!

I wish to offer our congratulations to the CAMS Awards Recipients

Bronwen Williamson – SA & NT Speed Event Official of the Year

Karl Fleming – SA & NT Circuit Racing Official of the Year

(Read my report in the next edition)

2013 is well and truly with us, and with that it gives me great pleasure to announce that we have a new venue to hold our General Meetings.

From February we are meeting at the **Royal Hotel Kent Town** it's still the second Wednesday of each other month at 7.30. However we would invite you to join us for a meal beforehand from 6.15 before we move to a function room – either upstairs or to the side depending on other bookings. We are being given this room free of charge, so we do have to be flexible. (Committee members will be on hand to point the way)

By now everyone will know about the new procedure for the State Rounds at Mallala as far as having your name down early so numbers can be catered for (It's not new really, the SCCSA have always closed the gate list 2 weeks before a meeting – we have just been lucky enough to sneak a few over the line). Well no longer my friends please place the race dates in a diary and make sure you place your name down early enough to ensure a place for you. If you can't make the meeting please let the Chief Flag know so adjustments can be made to the placings.

Read the T&CC Report for more details on the full procedure.

The Clipsal 500 is fast approaching, and it's time to think about assisting us in the placements of those Pop Up Shelters and Flag Point Shades, they don't set themselves up you know, so if you can spare a few hours on Wednesday 27th Feb – please let me know, Car Parking & Lunch is supplied. Again please don't leave this to the same people year after year. (*Read my special Clipsal 500 report latter in this issue*)

A big *thank you* to all who assisted in the Shed Clean Up Day at Mallala on the 2nd of Feb, a big job that ensures our working environment is that little bit better. To assist us in the Cans & Bottles recycling can I ask members to please rinse out their Cans & Bottles before placing in the bags or boxes – 12mth old stale beer is no joke when it spills into someone's car on the way to recycling!

To assist in the process of passing on information I would ask (*again*) that in 2013, if you are on a panel that reports back to SAMROA, and you can't make a meeting, can you please e-mail your report through to the secretary in time for the Committee & General Meetings. Last year we had a few "Gaps" in the information highway that needed filling in. By sharing information we become even stronger.

That's about it for February; See you all at the **Royal Hotel, 2 North Terrace, Kent Town**, for our 1st General Meeting – 7.30 on Wednesday 13th February.

Until next time

Cheers Paul,

Ph. 0412 319 141

Cover photo: SAMROA award winners at CAMS annual dinner:

Bronwen Williamson and Karl Fleming

(this and other photos courtesy Paul Hart)

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 12 December 2012 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: Sunnybrae Function Centre
Tikalara Street Regency Park SA 5010

Meeting Opened: 19:30 (7:30 pm)

Present: Paul Hart, Paul Bonnett, Peter Tann, Darren Mattiske, David Lans, Shaun Halliday, Steve Lewis, Paul Karamanov, Peter Cirillo, David Mori, Matthew Johnson, Caela Sims, Grant Sims, Robert Holloway, Loui Mori, Bradley Morrison, Andrew Leitch, Bronwen Williamson & Karl Fleming.

Apologies: Greg Smith & Jodie Johnson

Visitors / Guest:

Late: Bob Schofield, Tony Aloï

Previous Minutes:

Previous Minutes (October 2012) were accepted as read by members. Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Bob Holloway All voted in favour that minutes be accepted.

Business arising from the minutes:

- No Business Arising from the previous minutes.

Correspondence:

Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. (Copy Attached) Moved by Steve Lewis and seconded by Paul Bonnett that the correspondence be received. All present voted in favour. Carried.

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING (cont.)

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- CAMS Affiliation form to be dealt with in GB.

Treasurer's Report: (August / September 2012)

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Opening Balance:	\$ 7, 188.71	\$ 7, 102.41
Receipts:	\$ 1, 170.00	\$ 3, 253.95
Outgoings:	\$ 1, 256.30	\$ 308.59
Closing Balance:	\$ 7, 102.41	\$ 10, 047.77

\$ 10, 047.77 + \$ 5, 605.80 in Term Deposit. Total = \$ 15, 653.57

The report was moved by Treasurer (Peter Tann) Seconded by Bronwen Williamson. All voted in favour that report be accepted.

Accounts for Payment:

- Peter Tann – Postage Stamps: \$12.00
- Local Community Insurance – Business Pack: \$365.48
- Andrew Robinson – N/Letter Postage: \$84.13
- Sunnybrae – Room Hire: \$50.00 (+ Drinks at end of Meeting: \$235.00)
Total: \$285
- CAMS – Awards Night Tickets: \$528.00
- CAMS – Affiliation Fees: \$505.00

The Accounts for Payment were moved by Paul Karamanov. Seconded by David Mori. All voted in favour that accounts be paid.

Reports from Other Committees:

OHS&W (Presented by Paul Bonnett)

- It has been noticed that some lighting at the Mallala Flag Points are at least three years out of date (Dates on Test & Tags are almost faded away)
- Construction work around FP 4 is a tripping hazard.

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING (cont.)

- It has also been reported that some Fire Extinguishers are being delivered to the flag points out of testing dates or even empty. Also Broom Handles are splintering.
- Secretary suggested that a letter should be raised advising of our concerns – most agreed but since our meeting was held, President has spoken to Clem (15 Dec – Official's Recognition Day) and advised him of our concerns. Clem will address our concerns – If not then a letter will be raised and sent to CAMS.

T&CC (Presented by Paul Bonnett – Meeting Held 26 November 2012)

- Last Meeting for the year: Confirmed Committee positions. Paul Bonnett – Chairman,
Steve Clift – Secretary, T&CC members: Tony Aloï, Rod Mountifield, Bradley Morrison, Matthew Johnson and Dieter Von Zieden.
- Sent list of 2013 Events to Rob Thiry / Peter Cirillo for allocating CoCs / Assistants. T&CC will do CFs and Assistants. Aim to have this done by mid January.
- Shed Clean-up might not happen before the first race meeting as in previous years – Paul B. will contact Clem to see if there something that can be done.
- Need to replace the Flag Bags, current ones are a bit small to carry the plastic binders and are breaking the zips.

CAMS REPORT (Presented by Paul Bonnett – Meeting Held 20 November 2013)

- Last Meeting for the year:
- Officials Training Jan – Jun 2013
 - 19-20 Jan – Silver Module
 - 10 Feb – Event Assessor
 - 12 Feb – Introductory Module
 - 16 Feb – Scrutineer Module – Darwin
 - 24 Mar – Rally Module
 - 28 Apr – Bronze Circuit
 - 02 Jun – Event Command

Send in Registration Form or email charise.bristow@cams.com.au for any of the courses – be quick as places are limited.

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING (cont.)

- Tickets are on sale for Awards Night (February 2013)
- Letter sent out to clubs – looking for volunteers for 2013 Young Officials Team (Clipsal 500) Also asked that it be minuted that SAMROA will be interested in assisting CAMS and we hope that any names be forwarded onto us for continuing their training.
- Also looking at running another display at 2013 Clipsal – hopefully in a different position.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- No meeting has been held recently – nothing to report.

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT

- Much discussion over the situation between Mallala Motorsport Park and Sporting Car Club organising events for 2013. Adelaide Superkart and Austin 7 Clubs are concerned that they may be next. Some say that Mallala Motorsport Park (Clem smith) may not have the credentials to take over the Superkart Meetings. All we can do is let the situation “play out” and see what transpires.

Junior Development Program

- Nothing to report from the Junior Development Program, other than now that JDP has become “incorporated” it may also become CAMS Affiliated. JDP may produce own Newsletter so there may not be as many updates at future SAMROA meetings.

WEBSITE / IT

- Not much progress in the update of the Web Site. Paul H. would like to meet up with our IT people to discuss the necessary changes.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Presented by Peter Tann)

- The Pooraka Go-kart meeting has been cancelled due to low number of interested participants – deposits will be refunded.
- Peter and Fran Tann are organising a BBQ afternoon at their place to meet Graham Fowler (UK Correspondent) He will be over to attend the 2013 Clipsal 500, BBQ will be afternoon teatime on the Tuesday – anyone wishing to attend, please let Fran or Peter know.

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

PROMOTIONS (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- Recent fund raiser at Parafield Bunnings went off really well – busy day but well worth it (looking at an approximate profit of \$2000.00 – will be confirmed by Treasurer) If we want to do another one, we will need to get a date organised ASAP.

SPORTING CAR CLUB of SA (Presented by Bronwen Williamson)

- An agreement has been signed between MMSP (Mallala Motorsport Park) and the SCCSA (Sporting Car Club) which will allow the SCCSA to run the 5 meetings for 2013. (4 Rounds – State Championships and the National Easter Historics) This is good news but there are still some questions being asked over minimum numbers of Officials which will be required to safely run an event. If there are any doubts (or Clem sets the numbers too low to save money on meals) we should draft a letter to Bruce Keys at CAMS.

General Business

- Club's Affiliation with CAMS – This subject was brought over from last Committee Meeting – Do we apply for Sporting or Enthusiast Club Affiliation? We could save some money if we selected Enthusiast but it wouldn't give us voting rights at State Council meetings. Members present tonight agreed that SAMROA remain as a Sporting Club affiliation.
- We tell everyone out there that we are “All Round Good Guys”, well thanks to the Austin 7 Club at their recent Dinner, we have the Award to prove it!! Thanks guys, much appreciated.
- The 2013 CAMS Calendar is now in print – some copies were available on the table tonight – more will be made available when we get some stocks.
- Change of meeting venue: At our last Committee Meeting, it was discussed about moving our General Meetings from Sunnybrae to the Royal Hotel at Kent Town. The Royal Hotel has offered us a Function Room free of charge with drinks / meals available. The Committee decided to bring the motion along tonight for the members to vote. After explaining the positives, Paul Karamanov motioned that SAMROA move the venue for our meetings . Paul Hart seconded and all members present voted in favour. So next General Meeting will be at the Royal Hotel (Cnr North and Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town)

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING (cont.)

- In light of our change of venue and this being last meeting of the year, Paul H motioned that we put up to \$200 across the bar at the end of this meeting, David Mori Seconded and all present voted in favour.
- Kadina Gateway Motor Inn is willing to extend the expiry dates on the accommodation tickets – just need to contact Lyle.
- Tickets to the 2013 CAMS Award Dinner were handed out to the nominees; Karl Fleming, Bronwen Williamson and Andrew Leitch. (They have also been handed a copy of Vern Schuppan's letter offering his best wishes)

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 20:50 (8:50 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on 13 February 2013**

ROYAL HOTEL, 02 North Terrace, Kent Town

Please include something about Bakers delight St Agnes being a supporter by providing bread free of charge for the Superkart/Regularity meetings & to please support them if you live & shop in the area. Say hello to Silv & Meredith who are the franchisees.

Please include something about Gully Meats who provide the meat for our BBQ at superkart/regularity meetings at a discount price. They also supplied a lot of sausages free of charge for the Bunnings BBQ late last year - thanks & again if you live in the area please support businesses that support us.

Thank you to supporters

We are lucky to have the support of several local traders. SAMROA encourages members to shop at these outlets, where practical, and return the support we receive. The franchisees, Silv and Meredith, provide bread free of charge for the Superkart/Regularity meetings.

Bakers Delight at St Agnes The franchisees, Silv and Meredith, provide bread free of charge for the Superkart/Regularity meetings. Thank you.

Gully meats continue to provide our BBQ meats at a discount price and kindly donated a lot of sausages for our Bunnings BBQ. Thanks to them too.



News

Well for anyone driving anywhere near the track lately you couldn't miss seeing the framework of the pit garages & the Barry Sheen Stand taking shape. Not to mention the overhead bridges going up.

I'm not going to tell you what the program has to offer in 2013 – I'm sure you know this already. The idea of this page is to pass on info to you as I get it. The Chiefs (Flags, Track, and Comms) have been busy in the New Year working out the placements, trying to keep the teams together. Being my second year of this I can tell you it's a bit tricky but can be done. As for Comms you may have a new partner if someone pulls out or a new person applies. This year Heather O'Dea & I are working hard to keep everyone teamed as per last year as possible.

I have been in "training" for most of 2012 for my 2nd stint in Race Control; if you are on Comms you should notice a vast improvement in my communications (*I Hope*) Personal thanks to Bronwen & Heather for their guidance in 2012.

As this is the last newsletter before the Clipsal 500 any further information from me will be sent out via the database in e-mail form. But I don't have home e-mail! I hear you say – relax neither do I!

If you have a laptop there are plenty of "Hot Spots" for free internet, Most Public Libraries have internet or the old fashioned Internet Café!

Let me know if you would like information about these services.

If you have any pressing matters about this year's race, please feel free to contact me and I'll see what I can find out for you.

See You Trackside,

Paul Hart.



Ed Says



Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month

February

Member	Day		
Shaun Doecke	5 th	John Stacey	25 th
Steve Clift	7 th	Madeleine Opie	27 th
Steve Santinon	21 st		
Shaun Halliday	13 th		
Brad Morrison	22 nd		
Peter Stevens	22 nd		

REMINDER

Graeme Fowler, a British flag marshal, who some people will have met when he was here a couple of years ago is coming back in 2013 and will officiate at Clipsal. Pete and Fran Tann will be hosting a barbecue to welcome him on Tuesday 26th February.

This will be at tea/dinner time NOT as noted in the minutes – from 6.30pm.



Ed Says **More**

From Peter Tann

As many of you would know I have been a volunteer with Cancer Council of SA TTG branch for a number of years.

Last year I was unlucky enough to be diagnosed with prostate cancer. I was also lucky to detect it early & be cured!

This year my 3 year old grandson was diagnosed with a brain tumor & following surgery, he is now undergoing chemotherapy. We are hopeful of a cure for the cancer and that his vision will return.

I don't know about you guys, but I have lost too many friends to this insidious disease.

During 2012 the Tea Tree Gully Branch (TTG) of Cancer Council of SA (CCSA) raised over \$37,000.

Branch activities included a quiz night, and we are planning for our next one. This will take place on Saturday 13 April at Athelston.

Get together with friends and make up tables of 10 (or so). We aim to raise even more this year and help so many families who deal with this insidious disease every day, but we can't do it alone.

More details closer to the date - \$10 admission, tables of 10 (ish), BYO supper & drinks, have a great evening!

Cheers

PS If you can donate items for prizes or for our silent auction, contact Pete on 0417 867 403

OH & S Report

By Steve Clift

The motor racing season is now well on the way. It is therefore appropriate to remind you that everyone has a role to play in making our track side experience as safe as possible.

We are aware that there are some issues, in particular at Mallala, that have been raised previously, that perhaps have not been dealt with as yet. Even so, whilst participating as officials, we **MUST** always be on the lookout for hazards that may be of a danger to participants or officials, no matter how minor they may seem.

We all have a **DUTY OF CARE** to inform other members of our team and to report these issues to the T&CC, using the Performance Sheets at the end of the day. Refer these hazards to your Senior, and in some cases, they may need to be referred to Race Control immediately.

If you are the Senior at a point and are aware of a hazard, include details in your briefing and also, what action needs to be taken during the day, to avoid an incident.

It would also be appropriate to inform the Chief Flag for the day, of any issues of concern.

If these issues remain outstanding the next time you are in that zone, don't hesitate to raise the issue again.

If you are unsure what to do at anytime, refer immediately to your Senior and/or Chief Flag.

By referring these hazards, we are completing our obligation as an Association and exercising a **DUTY OF CARE**.

T & CC Report

You haven't heard from the T&CC since November and for that I apologise! I missed the deadline for the Newsletter, not once but twice! Well, whilst I missed the December issue, both the Committees missed the January one so it looks like I'm in pretty good company hey??

The one thing I really did want to say in my December article was a huge thankyou to each and every one of you who comes out week after week to support motorsport in SA. 2012 was a fairly tough year when it came to filling those concrete bunkers at Mallala, well we did it and the best part was that even though we were down on numbers, we did it safely and going by the comments we received, we know ALL the drivers and teams greatly appreciate our commitment and professionalism at each event.

Now what can I pass onto you for this year: Firstly, for those who are not aware, we have finalised the positions for this year's T&CC:

Chairman is Paul Bonnett and Secretary is Steve Clift. (Steve will be backed up by one of the committee if he is unable to make a meeting) The remainder of the Committee is: Bradley Morrison, Matthew Johnson, Tony Aloï, Rod Mountfield and Dieter Von Zieden. The Chief Flags and CoC's have been allocated to the first three events for the year and these events are also loaded on the Database:

Feb 10 – Superkart / Modern Regularity, (CF is Loui Mori) and

Feb 16 – SA State Circuit Racing Championship – Rnd 1 (Twilight) CF for this one will be Peter Cirillo and Assistant is Ray McGuinness.

Then of **course**: The Clipsal 500 – **28 Feb to 03March**.

Mar 30/31 – Easter National Historics (CF for this one will be Paul Hart and **IF** we get the numbers we may allocate an Assistant)

As Paul H. mentioned in his report, Clem Smith (Mallala Motorsport Park) and the Sporting Car Club have entered into an agreement that both parties will be responsible for organising and promoting the State Championship Rounds and the Easter Historics for 2013. This has resulted into some changes that will affect us as Officials:

1. We have put a limit of 38 names on SAMROA's gatelist and unfortunately if there are any more we will not be able to accept you,

T & CC Report cont.

The gatelist will now close off 10 DAYS before the event and there will be NO EXCEPTIONS, we cannot “slot” you in at the bottom of the list as we could do in the past. If your name is not on that list and you turn up on the day of the event you will have to pay to enter the track. The Chief Flag will be contacted and if we are below the 38 officials you will be reimbursed your entry cost by the SCC; if we are over 38 then you can enjoy the day as a spectator – you will not be able to go trackside!

This above procedure will be for the State Rounds and Easter Historics, it should be the same for the Shannons but we are unsure if you will be reimbursed as this is Clem’s event – not the Sporting Car Club’s

2. Guest passes will no longer be made available for family and friends – ALL will now have to pay to enter the venue.

These are the main changes at this time but whether we agree or disagree, we have to adhere to these requirements. Please ensure you get your names on the gatelist early, (Red Book, Database or contact one of the Committee Members) that way you will be assured of a free entry on the day – we can always take your name off the list if you can no longer make it.

And just to confirm, these changes are for the traditional SCC events, there are no changes to the requirements for the Superkart / Modern Regularity events – we will continue to take victims (sorry volunteers) up to the day.

As you may well know, we have been trying to organise a fire training day but due to the commitments of both SAMROA and the Women for Wheels, this has not occurred. At this time, we cannot promise that it will happen but as we discussed at our last meeting, IF we can organise a time and place we MAY be able to run both Fire Fighting and First Aid courses. Be aware though that the priority for this year must be the First Aid Course. This is because the members who did the last one back two years ago will need to be re-certified. We will aim for mid to late 2013 for the training (Before November) so stay tuned for further information.

The SAMROA equipment bags need a bit of maintenance / replacement as a few of the zips have broken, we will get these replaced hopefully soon and if we can find a suitable donating company, we will replace the gear in them also (Gloves / vests / first aid kits) – if any of you know of a company we can approach, let us know.

T & CC Report cont.

Just before I close, I would just like to remind you all that the T&CC is here for the benefit of all SAMROA members, if any of you have a “gripe” with what occurs then put it in writing and be brave enough to put your name to it – if the criticism is genuine then it will be actioned on but we will not pay any attention to rumours or fact-less gossip. It has always been our policy to try and

give you guys new positions to work at, please realise that this can only happen if the attendance numbers pick up at events – we know it’s a “catch-22” situation but sometimes our hands are tied – we’ve said it before, “If you wish to try something new – let us know and we’ll try to accommodate it.

Cheers for now and we’ll see you all trackside in February.

Paul B and the T&CC

More award winners



More award winners



SAMROA Merchandise



SAMROA Sew On Badge - \$6



SAMROA Sticker - \$3 (10cm across)



SAMROA Logo Pin (Metal) - \$3



SAMROA Cross Flags (Metal) - \$3



SAMROA 30th year badges...\$10 each

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