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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

“So, with all that to digest,

I personally look forward to welcoming everyone back at the next General Meeting on the 19th Oct - 8pm at the Veneto Club.

See you all there!”

Well that's how I signed of my October Report, but through Illness even I couldn't make it. So let's try again.

Welcome back from all the Motor Racing events we have been to in the past two months. I'm sure that you will agree that after working with other people trackside that SAMROA members are some of the best trained in the country. We have the T&CC to thank for that, the past T&CC members have put in so much for SAMROA in the form of training members to become better motor sport officials that it's time to give back. Most of these members have decided to take a break for a while and so we have positions available now on the T&CC. I urge you, if you have something to contribute in the form of training and are a bronze licence holder, please consider putting your hand up at the next (and last for 2011) General Meeting in December when nominations are called for. The T&CC is nearly complete – first time for a while, thanks to many members who have stepped forward – will you join them?

Talking about the December General Meeting please note it's been moved forward 1 week to the night of the 14th Dec 8pm. At the Veneto Club (at this time – details to be sent out via the database if venue changes)

Why would it change? I'm meeting with the Management of Sunny Brea Farm Function Centre very soon to discuss the possibility of us using their facilities for our associations meetings. Sunny Brea Farm is just behind the Coopers Brewery, Regency Park. More to follow on this.

President's Report (cont.)

On a lighter note, the next interclub challenge is underway. See further in the newsletter for details – Paintball! WE NEED YOU!

Well that's about it for this month, please remember if you have any concerns about the way your Association is going feel free to call me and discuss the matter. There are only two situations where I can't answer the phone, one: cruising SA's fabulous country side on the Suzie. Two: well I'll leave that up to your imagination!

See you Trackside.

Cheers for now

Paul Hart.

(Cover pic: Another of the 'stars' of Clem Smith's collection)



Mentoring New Members

By Steve Clift

The mentoring program is now under way and I look forward to feedback in the New Year, from those who are already involved. We do however, need further assistance from additional experienced members, to help mentor new members.

In my role as New Member contact, I am liaising with “Trainee” and new participants, during their first 3 to 4 race meetings, helping to guide them and act as a reference point. Initially, at their first meeting, the Chief Flag would be involved, getting them to fill out a Trainee Licence and get into overalls for the day, but what happens next?

The next meeting they have a different Chief Flag, so finding continuity can be an issue. Consequently, my position is to help provide that continuity up to and past becoming a member.

After that it is proposed to have a mentoring program in place, so that the new member has a second point of contact, to ask those “silly questions” but also, a single reference point to assist with their future training and development.

The mentoring role is to comprise:

- Making contact with the new member, introduce yourself and making them feel welcome
- Pass on contact details so new member has somebody to ring if they have any queries
- Discuss future events and see if they are interested. If necessary put their name in the “red book” or on data base. Help them to get their “bag” together and give them directions to track.
- On race day, greet them and show them around. Help them with any further queries concerning their Trainee Licence etc
- Introduce them to the Chief Flag, Senior and Team Members for the day.

Mentoring New Members (cont.)

If you feel that you have a role to play in guiding, training and acting as a reference point to our new members, please let me know that you would like to be part of the SAMROA mentoring program, by emailing me at ridgenews@chariot.net.au.

I will then advise you of the new member’s details, so that you can make initial contact with them, when the opportunity presents itself

Feedback on the progress of the program would be appreciated.



T&CC Report

One more race meeting and the officials recognition day (17th December) to go before a well deserved Christmas break.

The elections of the T&CC were due to be held at the October general meeting, but as there were only two nominees the election was deferred until December (the committee should have four elected representatives). Meanwhile, we have formed a committee as follows:

Chair: Andrew Robinson
Secretary: Paul Bonnett
OHS&W Representative: Steve Clift
Committee members (4): Brad Morrison, Matthew Johnson and two more....

If you are interesting in helping the committee, please have a chat to one of us.

To all those who came out to the recent Superkart and Modern Regularity meeting – particularly those involved in the big oil cleanup in the morning, a sincere thank you. Apart from the delays from the spill the day went very smoothly. However one item to remember is to make sure we check the radios and our equipment first thing in the morning so that we have everything we need for when we need it.

The Calendar for 2012 is close to finalisation and will hopefully be able to send it to you with the December newsletter. With the calendar being close to final, we are working towards allocating the Chief flags for 2012. We are also looking at a training plan for the year, possibly another fire training day along with a day where we can focus on the Judicial system. In particular, we want to look at what happens with incident reports after Chief flag collects them and what happens during a Stewards hearing. If you have some other ideas, let us know.

Meanwhile, stay tuned for information on the official's recognition day on December 17. For those who have not experienced this before it is a day when competitors come out and give us rides in their cars as a 'thank you'..but it is also a chance to get to see things from their perspective. More information on this when it comes to hand.

Until then...

Andrew and the T&CC.



2011 SA & NT CAMS Awards Dinner

Saturday the 4th of February 2012

Join us at **AAMI Stadium, West Lakes**

to congratulate our award winners for the 2011 Motor Sport Season

We are very pleased to be able to present to you at the Awards Night, a special segment called...

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Minutes SAMROA General Meeting

19 October 2011

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 19 October 2011 @ 2000 (8:00pm)

Location: Veneto Club, 06 Toogood Ave, Beverley, SA

Meeting Opened: 20:00 (8:00 pm)

Present: Andrew Robinson, Peter Tann, Paul Bonnett, David Lans, Greg Smith, Brad Morrison, Bob Holloway, Shaun Field, Grant Sims, Steve Santinon, Grant Papworth, Andrew Leitch and Bob Schofield.

Apologies: Paul Hart, Rod Mountifield, Darren Mattiske, Tom McDonald, Bronwen Williamson, Jodie & Matthew Johnson.

Visitors / Guest: Unfortunately, our guest, Phil Twigg (SA/NT Stewards Panel Chairperson) was unable to attend our meeting. He has promised to contact us at a later date so we organise another meeting.

Previous Minutes:

Previous Minutes (August 2011) were accepted as read by members. Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Peter Tann. All voted in favour that minutes be accepted.

Business arising from the minutes:

Members and guests are still praising this year's dinner, apart from our 35th Anniversary Dinner, this year has been one of the best. A big thank-you has been passed on from Vince & the CAMS guests – they really enjoyed the night. It's been said before but once again WELL DONE to all involved in the organisation. We now have a standard to maintain!!

Correspondence:

Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) Seconded by Brad Morrison that the correspondence be received. Voted all in favour. Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- Nil business arising.

Minutes SAMROA General Meeting (cont.)

Reports from Other Committees:

OHS&W

Steve Clift was not at the meeting. As a reminder, your health and well-being is ultimately your own responsibility. If you feel "crook" let someone know. We are coming out of Winter and the temperature will start to rise – pay attention to sunscreen, signs of de-hydration and snakes. (Would be good if grass could be kept cut short at Mallala)

T&CC (Provided by Paul Bonnett)

Just two more events for the year (three if you include the Official's Recognition Day)

- Superkart / Modern Regularity: Sunday 6 Nov - Rod Mountifield is Chief Flag. Currently 28 names which is good.
- SCC-SA State Championship Rnd 4: Sat/Sun 19 & 20 Nov – Andrew Leitch is Chief Flag. Currently 37 names for Sat and 34 for Sunday – Well Done

As we get closer to the end of the year, it will be time for CAMS to finalise next year's racing calendar. It has been released in draft format for a couple of weeks and a formal meeting has been planned for Thursday 10th Nov. At this time there are a few concerns with the timing of some events and hopefully these will be sorted at the meeting. Once this calendar has been finalised, the existing members of the T&CC can then sit down and compile a list of Chief Flags for the upcoming season. This year, several members have been placed into the assistant Chief Flag role with some positive results, if you would like the opportunity then please let us know.

** We need more nominations for the T&CC – minimum licence level is Bronze. Please consider as we would like to see the T&CC form a full committee for 2012. (See General Business item)

CAMS REPORT (Provided by Peter Tann)

- 2012 CAMS SA & NT State Council Office Bearer Elections:
State Council Chairman: Vince Ciccarello
Deputy Chairman: Adrian Flynn
2012 Director: Michael Clements
2012 Alternate Director: Steve Lisk
(Only one nomination was received for each position and no position was contested)
- CATO Course has now been moved to 03 November

Minutes SAMROA General Meeting (cont.)

- CAMS 2012 Racing Calendar Meeting: To be held 10 November 7:30 (couple of concerns re timing of events) Ideally 2 delegates from SAMROA should attend. To be discussed at the Next Committee meeting.
- Fabulous Officials program is ongoing – names to be submitted to Rob Thiry
- Media Release: CAMS congratulates Nick Percat (Winner 2011 Bathurst 1000) and Vale Dan Wheldon – “The Council wishes to convey it's sincerest sympathy to his family and friends. Dan Wheldon lost his life in a multi car crash at the Indy Car Race on 15th October 2011.
- A Stewards Course was held in the Northern Territory on the 13th October -13 participants attended and all passed.
- Peter Tann and Tom McDonald attended the SA Steward's Information Session held 28th September 2011 – Both agreed that it was worthwhile attending. As mentioned earlier, we were to have a guest tonight but unfortunately Phil Twigg had to cancel but is willing to make an alternate time to attend one of our meetings.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- Peter Cirillo will continue to be our S.O.P. Rep next year. As he was not at the meeting, there is nothing to report for this meeting.

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT

- Darren Matiske will also continue as our M.R.P Rep next year. As he was also absent from our meeting, there is nothing to report from the MRP.

Junior Development Program (JDP) Update

- Last day for the year will be held on November 12.

WEBSITE / IT

- New Committee will formulate some plans to update our Web Site. This is our window to prospective new members and needs to be more vibrant. Any ideas or offers of assistance will be greatly appreciated.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Provided by Andrew Robinson)

- Now that AGM, Annual Dinner, Bathurst etc are over for the year, need a bit of time to “regroup” and get the Social Committee back on track.
- Still receiving good feedback about this year's Dinner.

Minutes SAMROA General Meeting (cont.)

PROMOTIONS

- Darren was not at tonight's meeting – nothing from promotions (See General Business)

SPORTING CAR CLUB of SA (Provided by Bronwen Williamson)

- Bronwen was not at tonight's meeting, however, tickets are now on sale for the 2011 SA State Motor Racing Championships Trophy Presentation Night. This will be held at the SCC-SA Club Rooms on Tuesday 06 December 2011. Price of tickets are \$40.00 per person, Dress is Neat Casual.

Bookings and Full payment must be received by 4pm Friday 18 November 2011.

General Business

- 2012 T&CC Nominations: As per the Constitution, the T&CC shall consist of seven members – 2 members from the General Committee, 1 Health and Safety Representative and 4 members elected at a General Meeting.

So far we have; 1 confirmed from the General committee (Paul Bonnett) 1 Health and Safety Rep. (Steve Clift) and 1 General Member (Matthew Johnson) The Constitution states that the election for the T&CC members “shall be held not later than 31 December each year” Therefore the election will be held at the December General Meeting. Bob Schofield motioned that nominations be taken at the Nov 19/20 SCC-SA State Championship meeting – This can then be voted at the December General Meeting.

*** Shaun Field nominated Brad Morrison for the T&CC, this was seconded by Peter Tann. Andrew Robinson is also thinking of nominating but needs to consider some other commitments first.

- Autistic Children Awareness Program – Andrew (Leitch) gave a brief outline of an awareness program for Autistic Children. Part of the awareness plan would be to walk around the General Access areas at the upcoming Clipsal 500 handing out information packages. Andrew requested that if anyone had not planned to use their G.E. Tickets, could they be donated to the Program. Whilst it seems that members present at the meeting, didn't have a problem with the donations, it was discussed that the organiser's of the event might need to be notified. Secretary suggested that a formal letter be drafted and sent to the organisers and also a copy be sent to SAMROA so it may be noted as incoming correspondence. Andrew has no problems with this course of action and will send a letter in the near future.

Minutes SAMROA General Meeting (cont.)

- 2012 Supercheap Bathurst 1000 (October 4 to 7 2012) – Although this may seem to be a fair way off, the 2012 Bathurst 1000 will celebrate 50 years of racing at the mountain and big crowds are expected. So if you've ever wanted to attend a Bathurst event, this one may be well worth the trip. Put the dates in your Calendar and look out for updates.
- There may be an opportunity to hold a sausage sizzle day at the Parafield Bunnings Warehouse in Dec 2011 / Jan 2012. Brad Morrison said that we should re-submit the Application Forms and we'll be informed of the dates. We have done one of these before and there shouldn't be any problem getting volunteers to cook / sell on the day.
- Next General meeting will be on the 21st December – do we need to move the date as it is only 4 days before Christmas. Whilst it wasn't decided at this General Meeting, it has now been decided that the date for this meeting be moved back ONE WEEK to the 14th December.

Next Meeting: **20:00 (8:00 pm) on Wednesday 14 December 2011.**
Veneto Club, 06 Toogood Ave, Beverley, SA.
(Any change of venue will be notified)

Ed Says

Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month:

November

Braden Selby (18th), Tony Aloï (21st...40), Ashley Stephenson (21st),
Caela Sims and Dean Baxandale (23rd)
David Castrechini Rob Thiry (28th), Lawrie Schmitt (29th)

December

Leigh Marchesi (1st), Alexander Mattiske (6th), Ray Stephenson (8th),
Graham Church (9th), Ray McGuinness (12th), Bryce Crawford (14th)

It's War! Paintball that is!

The next Interclub Challenge is on. SAMROA needs 10 members to fight for the right to retain the Interclub Trophy.

This challenge is to be held with Paintball Adventures at Gawler. We will be battling our old nemesis The Adelaide Superkart Club SA.

They are primed and ready for War

For only \$35.00 per person – you get.

- ✓ 10 -12 action packed games
(Referees coordinate the games)
- ✓ All protective equipment
- ✓ BBQ at the end of the games
- ✓ First 100 paintballs, –

Extra P/Balls \$20 per 100

The voucher that I already have for SAMROA is valid until 02/04/2013 so we have plenty of time to arrange our Army and allow the ASC to select their victims! The voucher at this price is only in a block of 10, so if we get more that's great but only 10, 20, 30 – you get the picture. Payment must be in advance to me once we have a date set, as I have already paid the full amount – receipts available from me. Expressions of interest are now being taken so we can coordinate a mutual date with the Adelaide Superkart Club > (Early to Mid 2012 - weekends only) <.

This is going to be big! Get in early to avoid missing out!

Contact “Major” Paul Hart on 0412 319 141 to enlist.

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