

# **NZ Sports Car Racing Club AGM Minutes 2017**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the NZSCRC held at the Chateau, Tongariro National Park.

## **Opening:**

Gerard Barker chaired the meeting and declared it open at 2.15pm.

## **In Attendance:**

Lloyd Wilson, John Mines, Mike Limbrick, David Glasson, Nick Barker, Barry Styles, Craig Sawyer, Dean McCarroll, Kev Adlington, Gerard Barker, Paul Rasmusson, Mark Galvin, Anton Alders, Jamie Aislabie, Anthony Barker, Chris Prout, Nick Rae and Peter Zivkovic.

## **Apologies:**

John Ryall, Dave Beazer, Richard Kelly and Peter De Joux.

## **Confirmation of last years AGM Minutes:**

A copy of last years minutes was provided to attending members for confirmation.

## **Chairmans Report:**

We enjoyed much better fields this season as a result of more coordination with the Formula Libre cars. Fields ranged from a low of seventeen entries to a maximum of twenty eight. Sports cars formed the larger part of these fields with numbers ranging from ten to sixteen cars.

Again there was interesting racing throughout the field, heightened by the presence of Formula Libre cars. Some highlights were Dean McCarroll challenging David Glasson at Taupo and Hampton Downs, David Glasson winning from Ken Smith at Hampton Downs, a three way challenge between Nick Rae, Peter De Joux and Steve Sharp, Richard Kelly and Mike Limbrick at Manfeild, Tim Sillay and Andrew Robertson at Taupo and another three way dice between Robert Hulme, John Ryall and Nick Barker at a Hampton Downs, non championship meeting. Of course, no one can forget the win by Mike Limbrick in the wet as a result of changing to wet tyres seconds before the race started. The videos on our website can attest to many more interesting duels.

Dean McCarroll also put in an outstanding performance at the Leadfoot Festival where he was placed third overall. The only cars to beat him were both 4 x wheel drive and had engines producing in excess of 600hp.

The pace of the competition over the season grew with three new lap records being set and at the final meeting, conditions were such that many drivers set new personal best times.

Welcome to Nick Rae who joined us this season who became evermore competitive with more track time.

Steve Sharp joined us with his very well presented Tiga S2000. Tim O'Connor also joined us late in the season with his beautifully made Caterham.

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Congratulations to David Glasson on winning the Overall Championship and the Supersports Trophy.

Congratulations also to Richard Kelly who won both the Prosport Championship and Sports Car Cup series. Like David, Richard had outstanding reliability and was only let down for one race.

I have heard that one or two drivers may be stepping down. In the event that they do so, I encourage them to maintain contact and continue to attend our meetings.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our members who support Sports Cars.

Dean McCarroll put on a track day with his Juno just before the MG Classic meeting. I believe that there were nearly thirty people who rode in the car and about eighteen of which also drove. Dean then drove directly to Manfeild and showed that there were no ill effects from having so many people in the car. Amazing!

John Ryall arranged and coordinated delivery of a car for a young driver who will join us for next season.

The support that members provided to each other was outstanding to the extent that we have been complimented about this aspect of our class. I know that Nick would have missed a race but for the determination of others effect with an on site repair.

And finally, many thanks to:

- The committee for their help and support,
- Bazza for his photos and archives,
- Anton Aalders for maintaining the website,
- Beulah and those that contributed to the BBQ's, and the AGM,
- Pete de Joux for the series points spreadsheet.

Gerard

## **Financial Report:**

Mike Limbrick reported on the Clubs Financial situation, noting that the Club:

- made a \$500 profit for the year.
- is slightly better off this year compared with last year.
- made contributions to the Track marshal fund at Taupo and Hampton Downs.

Gerard Proposed that the Club fees remain the same this year. Seconded by Bazza.

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## New Zealand Sports Car Racing

### Statement of Financial Performance

Year ended  
April 30 2016

|                                   | 2015        | 2016       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>Income</b>                     |             |            |
| Entry fees received               | \$8,713.00  |            |
| IRC rebate received               | \$260.00    | \$293.19   |
| Series entry fee/membership       | \$2,830.00  | \$3,555.00 |
| Donations                         | \$500.00    |            |
| Provisional liabilities           | \$335.00    |            |
| Sale of merchandise               | \$370.80    |            |
| Interest received                 | \$33.09     | \$27.69    |
| Refund, entries Taupo             | \$699.00    |            |
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|                                   | \$13,740.89 | \$3,875.88 |
| <b>Expenses</b>                   |             |            |
| Trophies                          | \$1,135.90  | \$438.90   |
| MSNZ AGM equalisation fee         | \$245.22    | \$148.74   |
| MSNZ membership levy              | \$320.00    | \$230.00   |
| Herald advert Denny Hulme meeting |             | \$575.00   |
| Website expenses                  | \$160.56    | \$213.80   |
| Pre-paid subs                     |             | \$55.00    |
| Tax on interest                   | \$10.92     | \$9.14     |
| AGM room hire                     | \$180.00    | \$276.00   |
| Entry fees                        | \$10,978.00 |            |
| IRC levies                        | \$400.00    |            |
| Corporate room hire - Taupo       | \$75.00     |            |

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| Competitor refunds              | \$255.00    | \$199.00   |
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|                                 | \$13,760.60 | \$2,145.58 |
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| <b>Nett Trading<br/>Income</b>  | -\$19.71    | \$1,730.30 |
| <b>Bank account<br/>30/4/15</b> | \$3,637.91  |            |
| <b>Bank account<br/>30/4/16</b> |             | \$5,368.21 |
| <b>Current<br/>liabilities</b>  |             |            |
| Pre-paid subs                   | \$55.00     |            |
| Competitor refunds              | \$199.00    | \$-        |
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|                                 | \$254.00    | \$-        |
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| <b>Stock on hand<br/>(cost)</b> |             |            |
| Polo shirts                     | \$64.40     | \$-        |
| Badges                          | \$34.50     | \$-        |
| Caps                            | \$60.40     | \$-        |

### Election of Officers:

**Chairman** - Gerard Barker was nominated by Paul Rasmussen - seconded by Nick Barker.

**Secretary** - Dean McCarroll was nominated by Anthony Barker - seconded by Peter Zivkovic.

**Treasurer** - Mike Limbrick was nominated by Lloyd Wilson - seconded by John Mines.

**Race Coordinator** - Richard Kelly was nominated by Gerard Barker - seconded by Chris Prout

**Chief Technical Officer** - Kev Adlington was nominated by Peter Zivkovic - seconded by Paul Rasmussen.

### Remit 1

#### Motion

For the next season, all races will be rolling starts.

Standing starts and handicap races are removed by default.

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## Reason

- Making our rules more accommodating for the formula libre cars. They have supported us well this season and this remit shows we recognise this and gives something back. They prefer rolling starts.
- Rolling starts are safer and has the fast cars out in front so the slower cars can concentrate on going forward and not be constantly worried about who is behind them. This also removes issues where cars stall on the grid.

## Proposer

Anton Aalders - seconded by Chris Prout

- Mike said he thought standing starts are good, it's a skill, and should be continued and he doesn't think we need this remit.
- David asked if Formula Libre plan to race with us this year, Gerard said ideally yes, David said if they are we should continue to do rolling starts, and when they are not with us perhaps we should have the flexibility to choose.
- Peter mentioned that standing starts can be dangerous particularly when cars are coming onto the track from pit exit when doing handicap races. Formula Libre cars did do standing starts when they were a new series back in the day.
- Nick suggested that we make rolling starts the "default" and drivers and the committee can decide on the day if standing starts are an option.
- Kev said one advantage of the rolling starts is you get more warm up time due to the extra lap.

**Gerard proposed that we amend the Motion to make rolling starts the default - Seconded by Anton Aalders.**

- Gerard proposed that we make rolling starts the default format for race starts and the drivers and the committee have the power to decide on the day if they would like to change it.

It was put to vote for those in favour - Mike Limbrick against, 17 in favour

## **Motion Carried**

## General Business

- David asked if electric cars are allowed to race with us. Gerard thought that yes they could and plans to rewrite the Club rule book to allow for not only electric cars, but other modern developments in cars and is interested to hear peoples thoughts on this subject.
- Kev said that Sports cars have been innovative since conception.
- Johnny pointed out that the Sports Cars in LMP1 all have some form of electric motors.
- Gerard thought that we also need to bear in mind that engines are changing and thinks it will not be long before 2 litre engines are replaced by 1600cc turbo engines, and doesn't think its good to rely on engines that are 20 years old.

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- Johnny asked if Formula Libre want to run with us, Gerard said they do but you need to keep in mind that they don't have a club and really it is only a few individuals pushing the class, John Tomlin in particular.
- Mike said he thought Formula Libre are planning on running 2 rounds in the North and 2 in the South islands.
- Kev said we should join in with them and the general consensus was that we should make an effort to include them into our races and make them feel welcome.
- Johnny asked what the state of play was regarding us being a sanctioned series with MNZ. Gerard said that we are better off staying as we are.
- Gerard suggested that we donate some money to the Marshals at meetings as the money we have given so far has been gratefully received.
- Mike said perhaps we could give \$100 per meeting in the form of gift vouchers, Super Cheap, petrol etc.
- Bazza said they like badges for their overalls.
- Kev wondered if we should do some club T shirts etc
- Mike said we've done that and it took 7 years to shift them.
- Lloyd said it's cheap to get them made.
- Gerard suggested we get some made, and if they don't sell we can give them to the marshals.
- Gerard went to the IRC AGM and one topic that come up was the use of fire proof under wear, these garments need to meet the safety requirements that MNZ state and need to have the relevant tags so scrutineers can see them. It is likely that Hans devices will become a requirement in the near future as well.

## **Potential Dates**

There are many promoters that haven't firmed up their dates, so we can't confirm meetings at present.

However, at this stage, meetings that we are looking at are:

- MG Classic Manfield, mid November
- Hampton Downs, late November
- Hampton Downs, late January
- Manfield Car Club, Feb Taupo, March
- Taupo HRC, April

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Meeting Closed at 3.22