

Minutes of Meeting
The Southern Region S.A.M.
held on 25/8/1987.

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The meeting was held at The S.E.C. Energy Business Centre , North Rd , Caulfield South.

The items of discussion were as those notified in the Southern Region Bulletin delivered to 51 financial members of S.A.M. who reside in Victoria.

The Area Director of Victoria Mr. Trevor Boundy opened the meeting at 8.00 pm. Nineteen members were in attendance. The agenda items were not discussed in the order that was presented in the bulletin.

Mr. Boundy opened the first item for discussion and handed over to Warwick Bates to explain.

1. V.M.A.A. Old Timer Rules Sub-Committee.

Mr. Bates outlined that as the V.M.A.A. had incorporated, all aspects of the hobby would be looked after by Sub-Committees for each respective aspect. He noted that no such Sub-Committee was in existence for Old Timer. He asked that 6 members from the Southern Region volunteer their services to serve on an Old Timer Sub-Committee with the ruling (from the V.M.A.A.) that each member be from a different V.M.A.A. affiliated Club. The following names and the Clubs they represent are as follows:

Chairman	W. Bates	N.O.T.A.M. (Nagambie)
	M. Pettigrew	L.D.M.F.A. (Lilydale)
	D. Cameron	G.M.A.C. Inc. (Geelong)
	W. Crowther	C.A.M.S. Inc. (Croydon)
	T. Boundy	P.D.A.R.C.S. (Pakenham)
	G. Sinclair	B.A.R.A.C. (Bendigo)

NOTE: It is to be noted that this Sub-Committee will only be instrumental with regard to a descision on rules sought by the V.M.A.A. or a request or clarification from the M.A.A.A. with respect to Old Timer activities.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee was elected by the 6 members at the conclusion of the meeting.

2. THE 1988 CHAMPS.

Mr. Bates asked of the meeting if any members who had attended the 1987 Champs had any suggestion regarding improving any aspect of the Easter weekend. The following is the response from the floor:

(a) Mr. A McDonald asked if the processing could be done on only the Place-getting models in an effort to save time on the Friday.

(b) A suggestion from the floor that the Protest Committee members be from different States.

(c) A suggestion that the Saturday night Dinner be dropped (or put back to Sunday) or a B.B.Q be arranged for the Sunday night. The reason was that after the long days flying in the Texaco event time and tiredness is a problem. The Sunday night after Duration would seem to be better.

(d) A request that the 1/2A and 2c.c. events be scheduled on different days if possible. ②

(e) 4th and 5th place trophies. Maybe these could be minor prizes sponsored from the trade in the way of the 1987 Champs. Small goodies and money vouchers were provided and these could be utilised as place getting prizes. This would save S.A.M. from buying extra trophies.

(f) A suggestion that all contestants be supplied with some sort of remembrance of attending the Champs. As in 1986 a patch was supplied to all contestants free. If necessary increased entrance fee may allow this.

3. N.O.T.A.M.

Mr. Bates outlined the happenings to date with respect to the setting up of the Club. The Club is affiliated with the V.M.A.A. and is contemplating its first competition (Duration) in September. Further competitions will be held in November and the first Victorian State Champs Old Timer are being sought for in February 1988. It was decided that the events that would be run in the State Champs would be Texaco, Duration and 2 c.c. Old Timer.

4. S.A.M. AUST. Recent issue of Duration Times.

Mr. Boundy opened the discussion regarding the article of Guidelines in the newsletter. He stated that this was the main reason for the calling of the meeting following several letters and phone calls from very concerned members whose models had been declared illegal for S.A.M. comps.

After discussion from the floor Mr. A. Kennedy moved the following motion for the consideration of the Australian Executive:

Moved A. Kennedy
Second M. Tyrrell

That: No individual writings giving any interpretations or explanations of the rules may be printed in the newsletter unless it emanates from a full consultation of the Rules Committee after discussion by all delegates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Further discussion followed with the following motion being moved by Monty Tyrrell.

Moved M. Tyrrell
Second G. Sinclair

That: The Rules Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, each from a different State of Australia.

CARRIED

With the above motion carried Mr. A. Kennedy moved the following:

Moved A. Kennedy
Second W. Crowther

That: The above motion by M. Tyrrell and G. Sinclair be put into effect immediately.

CARRIED

After further discussion on the matter Mr. G. Lawson moved a no confidence motion with respect to J. Quigley being on the Rules Committee. This motion was seconded by A. Kennedy and discussion took place. (3)

Mr. Lawson cited that the article as published had caused severe concern to the newer members of the Society and the result has been that some members had resigned because their models had been deemed illegal for use in S.A.M. competitions.

Mr. A. Kennedy added that the article was one mans interpretation that was being forced upon the membership. By stating that the guidlines would be enforced at the 1988 Champs the article suggests that they were in fact rules and as such had not been put up to the membership for voting.

The following people also spoke for the motion:

Mr. L. Ford, Mr. W. Crowther, Mr. G. Sinclair, Mr. M. Tyrrell.

Mr. M. Pettigrew , speaking against the motion , suggested to the meeting that this was not the way to resolve the problem at hand. He agreed that the article was improperly presented and stated that the above motions as carried should in all accounts provide a remedy. In addition he said that Mr. Quigley was trying to do a difficult job to the best of his ability. Mr. Pettigrew also said that the good name of the Southern Region would be dragged down by the action of passing this motion of no confidence.

Mr. G. McDonald (also speaking against the motion) noted , with a copy of Bulletin 30 in hand , that, in a reply to a letter regarding fuels, Mr. Quigley had answered that he was trying to supply the members with suggestions received by travelling around and talking to as many members as possible. By doing this he could guage reaction by the amount of correspondence received, either good or bad. Mr. McDonald agreed with Mr. Pettigrew that John was trying to do a difficult job to the best of his ability.

Mr. W. Bates reminded the members that , as Mr. Pettigrew had already stated , the above motions should remedy any further situations of the like in the future. He stated that (under the Constitution) as a member of the Management Committee, Mr. Quigley, as well as the two other Executive Members, has the right to refer any descision of the Rules Committee back to that Committee for further consideration, provided that the reasons warrant the action; before the Rule / Rules are published.

Mr. G. Ray reminded the meeting of a similar action that was almost taken in 1985 with regard to a published article that cast serious doubt on the founding Committee of Management of the Australian Chapter. He asked the members to think carefully and allow common sense to prevail.

This being the conclusion of discussions both for and against, a vote was taken.

THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED

At this point in the meeting Mr. M. Tyrrell explained that, (as some members had known that he had resigned from

the Society) with prior consultation with the Federal Secretary by phone, and a written letter withdrawing his resignation to the Secretary sent prior to the meeting, all motions either moved or seconded by him were legal. The Secretary confirmed that indeed Mr. Tyrrell was financial. ④

5. General Bussiness

Mr. Boundy asked if any members had any information to pass on and the following was presented.

(a) Monty Tyrrell outlined the Old Timer control line stunt day that is going to be held at the Knox field on September 6th. Both he and Darryl Cope have been asked to be on an advisory Copmmittee of the Knox Club to aid in the formulation of Rules to be used. He stated that at present the Ryde / Epping - Hunter Valley rules would be enforced for this particular event with the exceptions that Overseas designs cut-off date would be Dec. 1950 whereas Australian designs to Dec. 1960 will be allowed.

(b) Mr. M. Pettigrew asked of the possibility of a change in the Constitution in the way of Annual Elections for Office Bearers instead of Bi-Annual Elections. Also in an effort to aid the Management Committee the possibility of having a delegate to be put up on the Management Committee from States with a large amount of members.

(c) A querie from M. Tyrrell regarding N.O.T.A.M. asking whether it was a specialist Club or a normal Club that any one could join. The answer was given that it was a normal club. The advertisement that was given out stipulating S.A.M. members only was put up by the Secretary so that he could spend some time with his family. All applications would be attended to.

(d) The U.S. affiliation fee was discussed with regard to "Do we really need the Sam Speaks". The argument was that the news was not topical to Australia and the extra money could be put to a better quality production of the Australian Duration Times. Mr. Bates outlined that it was past policy to recieve the Sam Speaks and the cost of a better quality Duration Times would far exceed the affiliation fee. He also said that it was not just the newsletter we were getting but an affiliation to the U.S. group of S.A.M. A vote of members present was taken and 7 out of 19 voted against Sam Speaks.

With that in mind the members present asked if it was not possible to re-negotiate (lower) the affiliation fee with regard to the U.S. Mr. Bates suggested that maybe the Americans may wish to increase the affiliation fee to U.S.\$8.00 and thus put this Chapter to more cost.

(e) Mr. A. Kennedy informed the meeting that personalised rubber stamps of Old Timer aircraft are available for stationary from the U.S. The designs so far in production are the Playboy, Powerhouse and a few more. Any one interested in these items can contact him for the details.

This being all the general bussiness the meeting was closed by Mr. Boundy at 11.00 pm.

END OF MINUTES.