



**SPEEDWAY SEDANS QUEENSLAND (QSCA Inc.)**  
**GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES**  
**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022**

**Gympie Bowls Club, 16 Bowlers Drive, Gympie**

Meeting Opened at 10.30am following Morning Tea

1. Welcome and Opening Address by State President – meeting commenced with a Minutes Silence to reflect on our members and family members who had passed away during the previous 12 months.

During the past racing season again, every track saw great numbers of SSA and SSQ registered cars in attendance right across Queensland.

In the upcoming season there is the anticipation that there will be a shortage of racing tyres for Modified Sedans and Super Sedans – this is a work in progress on the part on the part of the importers and resellers to work through this issue as best they can.

The calendar is full so this will keep the many volunteers that make the wheels go round (pardon the pun) at race tracks very busy and in great demand. Speedway is fast becoming a professional sport run by volunteers. There is multiple full-time businesses who rely heavily on our sport – constructors, resellers etc.

Over the years the times have changed – everyone wants immediate responses which has seen a lot of processes moved to become electronic in a bid to speed up the services to the competitors.

With so many third-party businesses making a healthy income from our sport the administration remains to be little more than a volunteer organisation with reimbursement for expenses incurred. Our sport has nearly outgrown the 'hobby' tag.

2. Introduction of Delegates and Apologies

Allan Jennings – SSQ President	Jim Cowley – Sunshine Coast Delegate
Donna O'Keeffe – SSQ Vice President	Mark Littlehales – Sunshine Coast Delegate
Pam Franz – Acting Secretary and Treasurer	Brendan Cowley – Sunshine Coast Observer
Doug Rigby - SSA Qld Technical Rep	Paul Swindells – Maryborough Delegate
Max Marshall - SSA Qld Assistant Technical Rep	Alan Stewart – Maryborough Delegate
Trish Writer – SSQ Sth Zone Rep	Paul Gannon – Gympie Delegate
Bill Peall – SSQ Central Zone Rep	Murray Yarrow – Gympie Delegate
Graham Shallcross – Bundaberg Delegate	Rachel Maree – Maryborough Observer
Kerry McIntosh – Bundaberg Delegate	Tanya Barron – South Burnett Delegate
Robin Wells – Bundaberg Observer	Kyron Clegg – South Burnett Delegate
Laurie Storer – Rockhampton Delegate	Terri-Anne Cornelissen – Caboolture Delegate
Sue Storer – Rockhampton Delegate	Trevor Allan – Super Sedans Delegate
Sarah Franz – Brisbane Delegate	Michael Roza – Super Sedans Delegate

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous General Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
 Moved: Brisbane                      Seconded: Sunshine Coast                      CARRIED

Business Arising

Moved: Maryborough                      Seconded: Caboolture                      CARRIED

CTAC Positions – chairman positions are due for re-appointment by SSA

Discussion on if SSQ would be calling for EOI from persons or continuing – decision to continue with the current persons appointed to represent the classes as there is a review being undertaken by SSA as to the viability of the CTAC process going forward.

Appointed CTAC state reps are responsible for onforwarding the feedback from the drivers to the relevant CTAC chairperson – whether or not they personally agree or not.

Qlders tend to phone personnel outside our state rather than contacting state elected/appointed personnel to get the help and support they are looking for, regardless of whether the answer would be the same or not.

National 4 – Standard Class – to be introduced 1 July 2023 – using SSA Junior Sedan specification in full. To compete in the overall group of National 4's until such time as there is sufficient to have their own heat races and eventually their own Final each night.

Gympie is willing to run the Standard National 4's on their own in the 22/23 season with a minimum of 6 cars – other nights they will race with the overall class.

Needs to be a catchy name for the 2 different classes of National 4's so the public can differentiate between the two classes. Example – Sprints and Pro's

#### Containment Seats

Be aware that containment seats must be mounted with 4 bolts in the seat base – allowance has been accepted to reduce the seat washer size to 30mm.

There are some third-party seats available that do not meet the SSA requirements due to the mounting method of those seats. Caveat emptor = let the buyer beware.

Technical Meeting for Qld scrutineers is needed to attempt to get all scrutineers on the same page and applying the specification equally. The racing season is very full with racing every weekend and may not be able to be programmed until the end of the racing season.

Super Sedan Rev Limits – cars using the CT525 engines have a maximum of 7000RPM – this is to be checked going forward from 1 July 2023 – there is a Rev Limiter checker that will be purchased for use by the State scrutineers. The Super Sedan Association have already purchase 2 units and are offering to donate them to SSQ for this purchase. The Rev Limit units needs to be set up by a master program which the SSA have purchased and these units will be sent away for calibrating.

#### SSA Junior Sedan prizemoney v gift vouchers

It was clarified that gift vouchers can be awarded to Junior competition and this does not compromise the rule where Juniors are not to be paid prizemoney. Juniors can not be paid money (cash) but it is acceptable to award tool kits/fuel vouchers etc.

Charging for transpondering services for non SSA classes – did not go any further as after speaking with several clubs they said they would just pay what was required – this was not proposed to be an impost on our affiliated clubs so took no further.

#### 4. Acceptance of Committee of Management Meetings, Phone and Teams Meetings

Moved: Gympie                      Seconded: South Burnett                      CARRIED

That the reports be accepted as presented.

#### 5. Acceptance of Committee of Management Reports – as published in the Annual Report

Moved: South Burnett                      Seconded: Brisbane                      CARRIED

6. Presentation of Financial Report

Annual Financial report included in the Annual Report document – discussion invited and questions answered

Acceptance of Financial Report for the 2021/22 season

Moved: Pam Franz Treasurer                      Seconded: Caboolture                      CARRIED

7. Acceptance of receipt of SSA Board Meeting Minutes – May 2021 – for discussion purposes

Moved: South Burnett                      Seconded: Caboolture                      CARRIED

Discussion Points

Super 6 Series proposal inclusive of self-scrutineering – delegates present not in favour of this going forward – questions asked in regards to endorsing of the log book – scrutineers present not accepting of the requirement to endorse the log book without inspecting the car – what penalties would apply if a car was found non-compliant after the event?

Junior Sedan speed limiting – nothing further on this matter at this time

The practice of wearing smart watches whilst competing – NOT PERMITTED - will be an inclusion in the rule book going forward – could be used as a communication device to and/or from the driver.

Change to the promotional business of Ash Media – has joined forces with Clay Per View – coverage will be more extensive and a wider range of cover will be available with a new website and apps. Going forward tracks would be able to profit share in the income generated from screening live events.

8. Speedway Australia Update

The annual Expo and Awards Night was held in Melbourne at the Showgrounds – it is a great opportunity to showcase what's available within the industry. Several Qld stallholders made the trip to Melbourne with substantial amounts of their wares.

SSA/SSQ affiliated clubs are only permitted to approve licences for their members for SSA and SSQ Sedans. No authority to approve licences for other classes eg Rockhampton Super Stockers are a Rockhampton club class only and licences can only be approved by Rockhampton club, F500's by F500's.

SSA registered officials need an SSA Officials card – this is not a Speedway Australia officials' card. SSA officials apply via a paper-based form. SSA officials are issued with a card that is valid for 3 years – however all the components required MUST be kept up to date for the card to be valid. Example – Speedway Australia licence, Working with Children Blue Card, Speedway Australia accreditation.

Competition licences – it is a requirement at this time that the class you compete in on any race night must be visible during the pre-race check for the class you plan on competing in on that night. Class must be specific – driving a SSA Street Stock requires this showing on the licence, driving a SSA Production Sedan requires this showing on the licence etc etc. The system will only display 3 at a time so you may need to phone the Speedway Australia office to ensure your licence is correct if racing in a number of classes during the season.

9. SSA Junior Sedan Licence Age going forward – this change has been brought about to prevent nearly 18-year-olds from being still competing in Junior Sedans. An interim decision has been made to allow those Juniors that are 16 years of age to obtain a Junior Sedan licence and race until the day prior to their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Note: shortly after this meeting the decision was arrived at to adopt the process for Junior Sedan licence holders going forward that they would be able to compete until the day prior to their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Parent/Guardian sheet – to be signed by competitors and parents/guardians on race nights. Is it necessary for competitors who have already moved into a senior class and therefore hold a senior licence to sign this sheet? Seek clarification.

10. Technical Reports – including CTAC

No reports from any CTAC state representative to hand

State Tech Reps – Doug and Max present and gave a verbal report

CDS Roll cage material explained – both roll cage materials and designs are in the current specification books – cages must be either one or the other – no mixing and matching materials and designs.

Question asked - Production Sedans – are double coil stacker springs permitted? To be clarified.

11. Agenda Items

a. Bundaberg Speedway Sedan Club – progress/findings from roll cage material sample provided by the BSSC at last year's AGM – material was inspected but no further feedback from SSA. Doug to ask if there was any more information.

b. Super Sedan Association – season 22/23 Supplementary Regulations have been submitted – FYI to this meeting - for consideration by the State Executive

12. General Business

Super Sedans – want more checks on cars throughout a race night not just pre and post race – this depends on the event and availability of the required volunteers to complete these checks

Sunshine Coast – is there any validity to the story circulating in regards the SSA taking over the states and being just one national organisation? This needs to be an affiliated club decision not just made by the Executive or Committee if this were to be the case.

Sunshine Coast – keen to see a scrutineers meeting in the first half of the 22/23 season

Rockhampton – scrutineers are missing the get togethers to share information – annual face to face to education was a valued part of being a volunteer scrutineer

Vice President Donna – what insurances do our clubs hold? Other than public liability by tracks that promote a race track – directors' indemnity, cover for push cars/tilt trays that are provided by third party persons for a race meeting, etc, etc, etc – do our clubs have an understanding of what is required?

Licencing Secretary Pam – Log Books – there are large year dates on the front of log books to try to ensure that the current log book is presented at scrutineering yet there are still quite a few incorrect log books being presented on a race night – important that the pre-race checking includes ensuring that the car is registered for the current season not just compliant to the specification.

13. Next Meeting – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 – Gympie Bowls Club, 16 Bowlers Drive, GYMPIE

14. Meeting Closed: 3.30pm