

IPRAA National Delegates Meeting

FEBRUARY 26TH & 27TH 2016

Mantra Tullamarine Hotel, tradePark Drive, Tullamarine.

Attendees: Garry Mennell (N/A); Leigh Forrest (TAS); Scott Willing (Vic); Steve Jagger (NSW); Drew Lawrence (QLD); Rodney Jessop (NT); Simon Moyle (SA); Steve Cherry (WA) and Lyn Starkey (minutes)

Minutes

1 Opening and Introduction

Garry welcomed everyone and noted the new delegates attending, and also thanked all delegates for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the face to face meeting with CAMS on Friday.

2 Confirmation of minutes

- No Items of business arising from the previous minutes. *Minutes accepted LF, seconded SC*

3 Auction items outstanding

- GM went through list of items still needing attention and suggested some may be sorted over the weekend others to be followed up if not finalised. (list attached)

Item Reference	Action	Responsibility
IPRA Mission statement to be updated	Out standing	All
Rule 1.1 wording update	Out standing	GM
Confirm proposed wording regarding Traction/Stability Control	Out standing	All
Obtain either sample of drawing of restrictor size checker	awaiting	GM
WA to submit recommended wording to allow 6/7spd g/box to be used as 5spd	Submitted	WA
States to discuss IP progression and adding of vehicles to approval list	Out standing	All
Rule 16.2 wording update	Out standing	GM
Inclusion of Wheel & Tyre chart into 3J	Out standing	GM
Draft of proposal for freedom in fitting of Pedal Boxes	submitted	Qld
Include wording to regs for all cars to run "L" indicating LM	Out standing	All
Cosmo Approval	awaiting	All

- All discussed the setting up a IPRA National website with link to all states, IP Nationals, CAMS, IP Bathurst etc. Useful tool for IP competitors and sponsors. Funding to come out of IPRAA account.
- A "starter pack" was also discussed and deemed to be important and useful for people wanting to get into the sport, could be tied into the new website.
- A motion was put to go ahead with web site. *Moved by SM & SW*
- SW & SM to work together to quote on a starter pack and get web site set up time line, confirm costs etc with Vic web site creator *ACTION SW*

4 IPRA Financial Report

- GM tabled 2016 statement; Balance of \$15,001cr + Vic cap fees to be added
- There was discussion on club memberships and possible upcoming expenses (second del meeting, IPRAA web site, CAMS w/shop). Bank balance could be greatly diminished.
- A proposal to have an increase in capitation fees of \$5 to \$15 / member. *Moved SC & SW*

- Motion carried to increase Capitation Fees from 2016 **ACTION GM**
- Same general discussion with good ideas from around the table on possible ways of generating income with web site through sponsors ie; Yokohama, Donut King etc
- SW offered to draft a formal letter/ template document to be used in any future contracts with IP sponsorship **ACTION SW**
- Suggestion was to ask CAMS if there was any possible opportunity for them to assist in promoting IPRA as a category. **ACTION GM**

5 State by state overview

GM asked each state to give a rundown of how things are going in each state with some general discussion taking place by all

SA

- Reasonably stable with around 20- 25 cars running at each event in 2015
- Some new competitors ,
- Rd 1 2016 had 23 cars entered
- Total of 4 state rounds in 2016, bonus points system to encourage more competitors to run
- Room for more growth

NT

- IPRANT now affiliated with CAMS. New committee formed.
- Have strong support in NT for IP to be its own club.
- IPRANT no intention to run events, NAMSC still the club to run events at HV
- Car numbers are increasing look at around 25 cars
- More O2L cars, Some old C/cup cars being up graded to IP
- U2L mainly older cars, low numbers
- 4 state rounds in 2016
- Looking at future big events to be held in NT

TAS

- Numbers are poor with very small fields
- Maximum was 6 cars at 2 rounds
- Combined grids with SS & HTC
- Run a total of 6 rounds in c'ship
- Need more cars/ competitors

WA

- Membership is expected to around 48 mid year
- Some new cars coming in – Ex saloon cars
- Had around 25 cars competing in 2015
- Have a total of 7 state rounds in 2016

Vic

- Approx 75 unique competitors in 2015
- Winton rounds a bit low, other tracks around 40 cars
- Club membership was 122 in 2015
- Island Magic big event with lots of interstate cars
- Older members now just social m'ship
- Retained some ex racers as social members
- Generally membership stable
- Expecting big IP Nationals in Nov at PI

Qld

- Averaged about 26 -28 cars at rounds in 2015

- Most events held at MP
- Signs of increase in interest with people wanting to run in IP
- 6 points scoring event
- One event at Lakeside this year

NSW

- Membership is down slightly 111 in 2015
- NSW feels they need to get younger people competing in newer cars.
- New committee voted in at end of 2015, working to encourage more cars to get out on the track
- Numbers generally down in both U2L and O2L; 2014 average 38/round, 2015 average 28/round
- Have secured 2016 club sponsorship
- Total of 6 state C'ship events. 4 at EC with forced to combine races
- Pressure on promoter to provide track time for 11 state category's
- Need to build numbers back up to around 40 cars total, 20 - U2L & 20 - O2L
- Maybe looking to encourage more cars from interstate to run in NSW

6 IP Nationals review NT & Vic update on 2016 event

- JS outlined that generally NT IP group was very happy with the event and with the number of competitors that travelled to HV.
- Good timing weather wise, not too hot for drivers.
- GM commented on the event seemed to be well run and locals very accommodating. Racing was generally trouble free with some close battles in all heats.
- GM noted that from an eligibility point of view there seemed a variation of interpretation from state to state and noted this needs to be addressed at a national level to have conformity across all states.

- SW informed board that a 2016 Nationals Race committee has been formed, & he is on it.
- Venue is PI Nov 26/27 at the Island Magic event
- Expecting to have over 100 entry's. Track limit is 100 cars.
- Unders & overs to be combined heats and qualifying. Subject to numbers may have a separate final.
- Top 10 shoot out, heats etc as per IP Nationals format
- Sat night function to be held Venue to be confirmed. Expecting 300 to 400 people attending
- Committee to work out best system to handle entry's due to possibly oversubscribed. Fair & equitable
- Will advise everyone which method is decided to be used
- SW asked when Yokohama funds would be available – advised late August

GM was asked what the order was of the Nationals and advise as follows
Vic, WA, SA, Tas, Qld, NSW, NT

7 Yokohama Tyres

- Some discussion on how things were going with current control tyre
- Note was given that with a change in tyre set up (start pressure) tyres seemed to handle high loads on heavier vehicles. This was due to results of a test done at PI in late 2015.
- Request for a statement from Yokohama Aust on results of that test be made available. **ACTION GM**

8 Roll Cage compliance state/national level

- General discussion on an issue that came from Bathurst IP event. This was brought to the attention of CAMS at the face to face meeting held on Friday afternoon.
- CAMS advised the board that there was some minor rewording required to best describe the intent of the schedule J ruling on State and National level cage structures. CAMS to advise via Vince C.

9 Review constitution and requirements at national and state level

- There was brief discussion on state regs and have some uniformity across all states.

- GM then put forward the idea of having a national IP eligibility committee to deal with the inconsistency in competitor's cars and what is deemed eligible in one state and not eligible in another. GM pointed out the current situation with ABS being seen as legal to run in 3 states and not in others.
- General discussion took place and some ideas were floated. All could see merit in the idea but needed some details to be worked out. SC to assist GM in putting a working paper together and send out the IP Eligibility Officers Job description document.
- Suggested that IPRA maintain an EO adjudication register, so interpretations can be tracked and made consistent, including recording who was consulted in process. This would also provide traceability in the future, instead of "it was decided" with no documentation to support the claims. Discussion around interpretations requiring sign off by two EOs, to minimise variations in interpretation. **ACTION GM & SC**

10 Action items from 2015 recap

Floor mounted pedal box

- DL gave an update on the progress of a draft of the word for the proposal.
- There was some discussion and it was generally agreed that this had merit and DL to follow it up and get a formal draft of the proposed wording out to each delegate. **ACTION DL**

Re-write/format of 3j regs

- SW advised that he had started on work on this. Asked if they could get a soft copy to assist with the reformatting. SC is still able to assist SW. GM to get soft copy from CAMS **ACTION GM**

IPRA Mission/Vision Statement

- Some lengthy worthwhile discussion took place on just what was deemed necessary to be in the mission statement. Discussion centred on and around just who, what and where IPRA is currently. It was also decided that a statement for the future of IP should also be drafted and both documents forwarded on to CAMS in light of the face to face meeting held on the Friday prior. Possible short term and long term goals. Insure both current and future competitors and not disadvantaged. Possible ways of improving avenues for more modern cars to compete.
- GM gave each state a few minutes each to list what they considered to be of greater importance with the view of the future for IP in mind. All delegates contributed which resulted in number of dot points being listed that were considered important to the drafting of both those documents.
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Mission Statement (What are we now)

- State level
- "CAMS"
- Touring Cars
- Amateur level
- We allow modifications
- We reward effort
- Diversity in both vehicles and competitors
- Stability is valued
- Affordability
- Competitive racing
- We embrace technology to improve performance
- Pride in belonging to IP (Loyal)
- Strong social network across all states
- Willingness to help/support fellow members
- Encourage close, hard but fair racing

Vision Statement (What is in the future)

- Growth of more competitors
- Largest state level (goal)
- Ensure we attract the most diverse range of vehicle possible

- To evolve our technical regulations to maintain our “mission” (IP Brand)
 - Communicate more clearly with our membership and target audience (be transparent)
 - Promote a united IP entity (Strength in numbers)
 - Target to have high rate of conversion of prospective competitors into members
 - Provide an entity that people want to be part of and one to be proud to belong to
 - Existing competitors retained and provide pathways for them to evolve with the class
 - We acknowledge the value and strive to protect the interest of our existing members
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- The above points were to be used in the drafting of both statements formally and then be sent on to CAMS
 - Also both documents are to be available to all clubs and their members and posted on club web sites for viewing
 - Noted by several delegates that we need to look at short term changes
 - All states asked to put to their members the priorities for change with the view to effect an increase in competitor numbers (2 or 3 items) This needs to be done with the next 4 weeks or so. **ACTION ALL**
 - It was agreed that all parties need to understand the process for submissions and to confirm that CAMS endorse and acknowledge those processes
 - SW offered to formalise and facilitate such process as communication and documentation which includes our current system(to include some level of QA) (flow chart 2012). DL to assist **ACTION SW & DL**
 - GM to confirm with CAMS their preferred course of action and time line for action items for possible change within 3Jb or working towards 3Jc in the way of any working documents/ submissions etc.
 - It was noted from the face to face that both IPRAA and CAMS are united on working together for the future benefits of IPRA nationally. **ACTION GM**

GM thanked all for their time and attendance and for their input. Believed the face to face and the last two days was very productive and asked that we keep the line of communication open.

GM advised that there would be a teleconference and also a 2nd board meeting planned for later this year

Meeting closed 3pm

Action items

Note; outstanding items from 2015 are also to be followed up

Starter pack quote and Web site confirm time frame, cost etc	SW
Notification of capitation fee increase	GM
Draft a template document for future IP contracts	SW
Seek from CAMS the opportunity to assist promotion of IP	GM
Yokohama 2015 test result summary	GM
Possible structure of IP National E/O Register on rules queries	SC & GM
Finalising of Pedal Box proposal	DL
Obtain soft copy of 3J regs	GM
State members to list their priority of changes 2/3 key items	All
Formalization of IPRAA protocols & systems	SW & DL
Confirm course of action from a follow up of F to F	GM