

SPRITE CLUB OF SA

GENERAL MEETING (held in the meeting rooms of the Sporting Car Club of SA)

3rd April 2017

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Welcome to** – James Smart, Helen and Sue Stephenson, Peter Stanley, John Whitburn, Curt Heinrich and Elaine, Luther Nunerley
2. **Apologies** – nil.
3. **Correspondence in** –
 - a. **Magazines etc.** – Goblins' Gazette
 - b. **Promotional** –Shannon's Auction catalogue, HMVC British Classics Tour 7/5/2017
 - c. **Australia Post** – Invoice \$129 – PO Box rental
 - d. **Subs** – 4 renewals, 1 new memberships

Correspondence out – letter to Fullarton Centre advising cancellation of booking for April meeting.

Motion to accept proposed by Di Low. Seconded by Elaine Cardone. Carried.

4. **Minutes of the previous two meetings** – Hard copy of 6 March minutes distributed prior to the meeting. Also available on the web-site.

Motion to accept 6 Feb 17 and 6 Mar 17 minutes proposed by Miles Jackson. Seconded by Pat Miller. Carried.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

SPRITE CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT MARCH 2017

INCOME

Brought Forward	2965.61	
Subscriptions	160.00	
Log Book Sales	5.00	
Regalia Sales	230.00	
Room Refund	72.00	
TOTAL INCOME		3432.61

EXPENDITURE

Purchase of Regalia	378.40	
PO Box Rent	124.00	
MSCA Affiliation	50.00	
Meeting Expenses	13.77	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		566.17
TOTAL		2866.44

TERM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AS AT 2 DEC 2016

Previous Amount	10650.74
Gross Interest	144.18
Total as at 2 Dec 2016	10794.92
Amount invested at 2.10% for 6 months. Interest as at 2 Jun 2017	113.04

Moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.

6. Social/Events Report

- a. **Sun 2 Apr** – David Dineen reported that 5 Sprites and a Magnette gathered at Serafino Winery for the McClaren Vale Vintage & Classic. Following the street parade, our group proceeded to Penny's Hill Winery for lunch. Good food and wine was enjoyed in the nice cool weather. Photo opportunity and a chat with Formula One champion Alan Jones made for a great day out.
- b. **Wed 29 Mar** – Refer to report on club web-site.

7. **Historic Registration** –Gordon Boyce advised that there was nothing further to report on the Historic Registration scheme. The next meeting of the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs will be held in April. Paul Doube advised that the Hot Rod community are expecting changes.

8. Competition Report

- Pat Miller reported that the recent round of Super sprints attracted 94 entries with 24 in Come and Try, including Barry Edson's daughter. Paul Doube advised that 7 members volunteered as flag marshals on behalf of the club.
- Michael McClaren manned flag point 4 at the recent Mt. Alma Hill Climb.
- Dean King is competing in an event in Port Lincoln on the Easter weekend.
- 6 Hour Regularity Relay takes place at Mallala on 7 May.

9. **Regalia** – Ken Dutch advised that instructions for ordering items are on the club website.

10. Other Business

Darrel Hanna reminded members that GST rules change on 1 July – there is no lower limit on overseas purchases; 10% GST is meant to be added.

11. **Featured Vehicles.** – Gordon Boyce thanked everyone who had assisted in putting together tonight's meeting and display.

- **Bugeye** – owned by Chris Brine. This vehicle had been restored in NSW in the late 90's and eventually came on the market from then owner Mike Schmidt in 2007. Chris had been interested in Sprites since his youth and decided a Bugeye was an easier option for maintenance when compared with a Clubman. He has competed in Sprints at Mallala (best time 1.32), Hill climbs and the memorable Legend of the Lakes. The vehicle has undergone some body and engine and gear-box work but basically it is the same as when it rolled out of the factory 60 years ago. Chris was interviewed by Gordon Boyce
- **Bugatti (Type 57)** – restored by Gerard Miller, Marque Restorations. Gerard's interest in cars stems from childhood hobbies with brother Pat and all things mechanical. He has no particular favourite car but loves the simple design of the Sprite and also the MGA. The HK Holden and 50's and 60's era Mercedes are really well made. The car on display wasn't in very good condition but showed potential after a standard service and tune. It had lots of issues and has now had major chassis, engine and gearbox work. Gerard has number of current projects; his work is often more like an artist; "tricky little bits can take a long time". Gerard was interviewed by Gordon Boyce.
- **Sprite Mark 2** – owned by Peter Stanley. This green Sprite with distinctive bright gold striping often features in competitions. Peter's interest in cars started by observing his father, a keen motor-bike racer, build race cars. Peter's first car was a British made Ford Anglia. He always liked Sprites and almost bought one as a cash-strapped 19-year-old. His dream was finally realized 40 years later when he acquired his "classic oil leaker". This car was assembled in Sydney and was originally Monza red. It is fairly standard throughout and underwent an engine rebuild last year. Peter enjoys hill climbs and has achieved 41.11 at Collingrove. Peter was interviewed by Michael McClaren.
- **Bugeye** – owned by Don Cardone. Growing up in an agricultural area in Italy, where horse-drawn carts were common, Don recalled seeing an American car when he was about 7 years old. He migrated to Australia in 1954 and had a nice Mark 1 in the 1970's which gave way to kids and a mortgage. He always held hope of owning a Bugeye, and with this rust-ridden "shed find" he embarked on a 6-year project of meticulous restoration. The bonnet came from another car and mechanical components were sourced from a 1966 MG Midget. Gordon Boyce assisted with wiring loom fitting and Ken Dutch with dashboard re-trimming. The gearbox was built by Tony Benetto in one day. It was very difficult to find original materials. Every component has been re-built or is new. The effort has been worthwhile as the Bugeye was winner of the Concourse and awarded Best Bugeye at the 2016 Sprite National Challenge. Don was interviewed by Michael McClaren.