

**Mini Se7en Racing Club  
Annual Technical Discussion  
17<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**Location :** The Daventry Hotel

**Start :** 13:00

**Minutes**

1. Introduction

Approximately 50 people in attendance at the start of the meeting (47 members voted). Nick Cooke (NC) opened the meeting, introduced the agenda and committee members. NC gave thanks to the Committee, with special thanks to Mike and Alan Jackson, Alan Dawkins, Pat & Steve King, Sharon Smith, Steve Prior, Steve Burns, Roy Sisley, Mark Wanstall, Paul Vickers, Steve Whitely.

Prior apologies received from Steve Burns and Sarah Munns

2. Presentation of Piper Fastest Lap and BMH Pole Position awards

NC announced the awards plus the Spax improver award would be available at the end of the meeting

3. Committee update

a. 2007 Objectives review

Colin Peacock (CP) presented a review of the 'Hits' and 'Misses' for the M7RC during the 2007 season. The positives include good press coverage (approx. value £25k), an increase of 1% on entry levels, free TV coverage from Donington, good driving standards, supporters club attracted 64 new members. The misses included Entry on Time point / Championship tables, still only 1 car in Miglia S-Class, Brands entry fee of £200, 3 day Oulton Park event, fantasy league, lost 50 previous members.

Additional issues raised from the floor were the Oulton Park and Pembrey podium ceremony and paddock entry to Thruxton.

**Action** – Investigate ways of organising our own podium ceremonies and confirm with organisers paddock opening / closing times.

There was a question concerning the Donington televised race and when it was screened.

**Action** – Confirm when the race was televised.

Issues with the start of two seven races; race 1 at Combe and race 2 at Pembrey.

b. 2008 Plans

CP presented proposed plans for the 2008 season. These included;

Additional non-championship race events, such as Power nights, winter series etc. Andy Ruthven (AR) has compiled a questionnaire concerning circuits, race events, social events etc. for members to complete and return as soon as possible. AR has also produced a paddock plan form to be completed by the AGM.

Owen Hall (OH) has agreed to help out with scrutineering in 2008 and work with Steve Prior to share the load.

Graeme Davies (GD) will take over compiling the Championship table for 2008.

Steve Whitely (SW) will be refreshing the website and working on the issues with membership sign up.

Mark Simms has been working on 'Match day Sponsors' at £1000 per meeting and found 4 so far. There were a couple of pledges from the floor for additional sponsors. Bill Sollis (BS) mentioned the need to ensure it is administered properly to ensure programme entries are changed for each meeting for each 'Match day' sponsor. Discussion on how and what to spend the additional money on, e.g. all prize money, 50% prize money 50% club benefit, race winner or pick out of hat for the prize recipient. To be reviewed by the committee.

When discussing S Class, GD suggested to separate the competition numbers so nationals run 1 to 90, S Class run 91-99.

There was a discussion on how to increase membership, retain membership, why old members didn't rejoin.

**Action** – Mike Jackson to supply numbers for members who didn't re-join in 2007 to GD. GD will then contact all to find out why they didn't re-join.  
Discussion on how to improve paddock presence and improve podium ceremony, with ideas for considerations.

#### 4. 2008 Racing calendar

BS presented progress on arrangements for the 2008 calendar. The season will start late April, and end near the end of September. The format is 10 races over 9 meetings, including Rockingham, Thruxton, Brands Indy, Pembrey (Double header). Awaiting confirmation of 9<sup>th</sup> race meeting, likely to be Oulton Park (1 day). Longest gap will be 5 weeks, shortest gap will be 2 weeks. It hasn't been possible to find a new circuit (Anglesea or Cadwell). No Spa, due to FIA compliant cars required. The Great and British will run on less dates and we will be at all of them. It is likely Saturday morning testing won't be part of the race meeting timetable in 2008. The majority feeling in the room was to support the Oulton Park date to confirm the 9 dates with BARC and also to request 'number of laps' races rather than 'timed'.

**Action** – Bill to confirm Oulton Park with BARC and request 'laps' races.

#### 5. Proposals for new &/or changes to the regulations

##### Proposal 1 (proposed by the committee)

To modify SR 1.6.3 by removing the current phrase -

*All drivers appearing in the official race results and declared by the organising club as entered by the closing date will have 1 point added to their race score.*

Seconded - Nick Cooke

For - 32

Against - 13

##### Proposal 2 (proposed by the committee)

To modify TR 5.17.4.3 to read –

*One Spax decal on each side of the car*

Seconded - Nick Cooke

For - 34

Against - 4

**Action** – NC to call Spax and inform of members decision concerning positioning of logos, but hope to still be able to offer Spax alternative benefits

##### Proposal 3 (proposed by the committee)

To modify TR 5.17.4.2, 5.17.4.4, 5.17.4.5, 5.17.4.6, 5.17.4.7 by removing the current phrase - *'not on the doors'*

Seconded - Nick Cooke

For - 42

Against - 1

##### Proposal 4 (proposed by the committee)

To modify SR 6.2.2.2 by replacing 'Mini World' with 'Mini Magazine'

Seconded - Nick Cooke

For - 45

Against - 0

##### Proposal 5 (proposed by the committee, at the request of the MSA)

To modify TR 5.9.2.4 by adding the following definition for a windage tray - *(any device /deflector plate between the engine and gearbox)*

Seconded - Nick Cooke

For - 40

Against - 3

##### Proposal 6 (proposed by the committee, at the request of the C of C's)

To add SR 3.7.5 to cover the use of a safety car (wording to be provided by Clerks)

Seconded - Nick Cooke

For - 44

Against – 0

Proposal 7 (proposed by Dave Wells)

To modify 5.9.1.3 ii) to read

*Mini Seven; Gear ratios (maximum 4) are free. A 14 tooth pinion & a 63 tooth crown wheel (4.5:1 final drive) is mandatory. 1:1 ratio drop gears are mandatory*

Seconded – Paul Thompson

For - 17

Against - 24

Proposal 8 (proposed by Stuart Hunt)

To delete TR 5.7.1.7 xiv (with effect from 2009)

For information, Omega have re-designated the original part number of 3781 to become 3780F.

Seconded – Nick Cooke

For - 42

Against - 0