

SPRITE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: General Meeting

Date: Monday, 1 June 2026

Time Opened: 7:31 pm

Time Closed: 7:54 pm

Venue: Fullarton Park Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton SA

1. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: [NUMBER] members in attendance.

Apologies:

- Robin Dunk
- Judith Schmarr, Peter Oborn, Phillip Kies, Spencer Beckworth, Chris Brine

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May 2026 General Meeting, as uploaded to the website, were accepted.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Inward:

- MG Motoring Newsletter
- Goblins Gazette
- SA Labor Party Flyer

Outward:

- Nil

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial statement for May 2026 was presented by Kerry Fisher, Treasurer, and accepted.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Competition Report

Pat reported:

- Results for the 6-hour event are expected to be known on 21 June 2026.
- A Come-and-Try day is scheduled at Collingrove on 21 June 2026; ladies are encouraged to enter.
- The next Mallala event is scheduled for 6 August 2026.
- Uncertainty remains regarding the use of Dorian Timing versus MyLaps at Mallala.
- The Plymouth coolant issues are ongoing; the car again failed at the Winton event.
- Grant Stephenson and Garry Dodd attended the Collingrove Hill Climb. Conditions were wet and blustery. The car completed six successful runs before a clutch cable failure ended the day.

5.2 Webmaster Report

The Webmaster was not present. Gordon Boyce provided an update on his behalf:

- A show of hands indicated approximately half of those present were receiving email notifications from the website. Members not receiving notifications were asked to check their spam folder.
- The club website had been experiencing higher than usual traffic, attributed to members following up the post-Nationals event, and strong interest in the 5-speed gearbox group buy. This resulted in intermittent downtime.
- Members are now downloading meeting minutes from the website.

5.3 Regalia

Janice Walker reported:

- A limited number of National garments remain available.
- Work is continuing on reviewing regalia stocks and pricing.

5.4 Magazine

Grant Stephenson again raised the need for a member to take on editorial ownership of Sprouting Forth. He noted that production is currently managed by members holding other roles, representing an unreasonable workload.

Glen Donhardt suggested that new members could be invited to submit an article as part of the joining process, as content generation is a significant component of the production effort. Grant added that while not all members are computer literate, most have a phone capable of taking photos and sending emails, which could provide stories for the magazine.

Discussion was held regarding printed versus electronic production. Kerry Fisher provided a cost reference from the Volks Enthusiasts Club, which had received a quote of approximately \$8,000 for printed production.

5.5 Library

Miles Jackson advised that a new book, Sprites & Midgets, had been purchased for the club library. He also noted that the book had already been loaned out.

5.6 Federation / Conditional Registration

Don reported on behalf of the Federation:

- No Federation meeting had been held; nil to report.

- One MR334 was issued on the night; nil issued for May 2026.
- No new log books were issued or stamped.
- Two financial members recorded.

5.7 Social Report

The July 2026 meeting will be held as a Wine and Cheese Night, commencing at 7:00 pm. Members are asked to bring wine or alternative beverages; the club will provide cheese.

5.8 ClubbiesSA Report

Sean reported on the most recent 3rd Sunday meet:

- A strong threat of rain was forecast, resulting in light attendance.
- No rain fell on the day.

5.9 National Challenge Update

Gordon Boyce advised that the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge Committee has one further meeting scheduled to close out the accounts and document the event as a guide — How to Run a Sprite Nationals Event — for future host states.

The event was extremely well received. Queensland, as the next host state for the 2028 event, has expressed keen interest in drawing on the knowledge and experience of the SA committee.

6. CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE / WANTED

Gordon Boyce put out a request on behalf of Chris Brine, who is seeking a 1½" SU carburettor. A member present on the night indicated they may be able to assist.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A member raised that the club website still displays 8:00 pm as the general meeting start time on the front page. Gordon Boyce undertook to correct this.
- Gordon Boyce provided details of several organisations and collections that will receive 2026 Nationals badges. [Details to be confirmed — Gordon Boyce.]

ACTION — Gordon Boyce: Correct the meeting start time displayed on the club website front page.

ACTION — Gordon Boyce: Confirm details of 2026 Nationals badge recipients for inclusion in the minutes.

8. COMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
21 Jun	Come-and-Try Day	Collingrove Hillclimb — ladies encouraged to enter
6 Aug	Mallala Motorplex	Club competition event

7 Jul	July General Meeting — Wine & Cheese Night	Fullarton Park Centre — 7:00 pm start
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9. GUEST SPEAKERS

Chris Brine and Peter Dineen presented a Show-and-Tell on their experience fitting a Barratt Engineering 5-speed Jimmy gearbox conversion kit into a Sprite. Members had the opportunity to inspect the work firsthand and appreciated the quality of the conversion.

Key points raised during the presentation:

- Gear ratios are similar to the standard gearbox.
- First gear is fitted with a synchromesh.
- A fifth gear is included.
- The cost is comparable to repairing a failed 4-speed box.
- No chassis modifications are required.

Chris Brine is currently gathering expressions of interest for the next bulk order. Members wishing to participate should contact Chris directly.

Further information: <https://barrattingengineering.co.uk/gearbox-conversion-kits/>

10. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was declared closed at 7:54 pm, followed by the guest speaker presentation.

Next Meeting: Monday, 6 July 2026 — 7:00 pm (Wine & Cheese Night), Fullarton Park Centre.

Minutes recorded by: Glen Dohnart, Acting Secretary

Date prepared: 13 June 2026