

SPRITE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: General Meeting

Date: Monday, 3 August 2026

Time Opened: 7:30 pm

Time Closed: 8:30 pm

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

1. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: 32 members in attendance. Some members arrived after the meeting opened.

Apologies: Matt Ford, Sue Stevenson, Peter Stanley, Janice Walker.

Guests: David (guest of the club, Rover Club) — his friend's daughter owns an Austin Healey Sprite Mk3A that she is working to return to the road; she was encouraged to join the club.

New Members: Two members joined during July. [PLACEHOLDER — names not clearly captured in the raw notes; please confirm.]

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Inward

- Vehicle registration renewal notice, received via Australia Post Express and held in the PO Box for approximately three weeks before collection; referred to Gordon Boyce for action.
- Email from the SA state government requesting an update on expenditure of the club's grant funding (see General Business — Two-Way Radios).

Outward

- Nil.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Report presented by Kerry Fisher, Treasurer, for July 2026. Report presented and accepted.

Opening Balance (1 July 2026)	\$25,605.25
Income	
Wine raffle	\$54.00
Membership fees (2 renewals)	\$120.00
Regalia sales	\$55.00
Raffle / lottery sales	\$10.00
Total Income	\$239.00
Expenditure	

July room hire	\$87.75
August room hire (paid in advance)	\$80.75
First aid course	\$195.00
Wine & cheese night	\$291.07
Name tags / sheets	\$12.00
Total Expenditure	\$647.20
Closing Balance — Operating Account	\$25,107.05

Note: the itemised expenditure lines above sum to \$666.57, which does not reconcile with the Treasurer's stated total of \$647.20 — please verify against the bank statement before publishing.

Term Deposit: \$13,092.19 as at 2 June 2026, maturing 2 December 2026; accrued interest to date \$225.76.

Robin Dunk, Secretary, proposed moving \$10,000 from the operating account into a new term deposit, offset by three months against the existing deposit so that a term deposit matures every three months rather than every six, maximising interest (currently 3.5%) while retaining liquidity. The motion was passed unanimously by a show of hands, with no objections.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Competition Report

Pat reported on the weekend's sprint event. Wet weather affected proceedings, and there were ongoing issues with the timing system, which caused difficulty for some competitors; many entrants also had trouble with a new event-entry website. [PLACEHOLDER — some entrant/crew figures in the raw notes were unclear and have been omitted; please confirm before publishing.]

Pat raised significant concerns about the future of the Marque Sports Car Association (MSCA). Its president has been diagnosed with a serious illness and several long-serving committee members, including its secretary of 26 years, also intend to retire. If the MSCA were to close, members could lose access to affordable sprint events — currently five per year — and to licensing through Motor Sport Australia. The next MSCA meetings are scheduled for 21 September and 8 November.

5.2 Federation Report

Don, Federation Officer, was unable to attend; John reported on his behalf. The next Federation meeting is scheduled for the 15th [PLACEHOLDER — month not confirmed in raw notes]. John advised that the Code of Practice was updated last month: [PLACEHOLDER — organisation name unclear in raw notes, heard as "the South Australian Optical Association"] is now recognised as a separate body within the Code, drawing its logo from the Federation, with its contact details now included in the Code. At club level, two new registration forms and two new logbooks were issued during the period. [PLACEHOLDER — form/logbook types unclear in raw notes; please confirm.]

5.3 ClubbiesSA Report

Sean reported that he had been unable to attend the last couple of ClubbiesSA events. Robin added that a recent run had a good turnout of around 13 club members, a mix of Sprites and other cars, and fine weather. [PLACEHOLDER — specific event and date unclear in raw notes; please confirm.]

5.4 Webmaster Report

Robin reported that the club website exceeded its 50GB monthly data allowance by 12% in July, the largest overage to date, with the "About" page recording the most hits; whether this reflects genuine interest or automated/bot activity is not yet confirmed. Robin is currently locked out of the site's Kinetics management dashboard, which is needed to investigate further, and will contact the hosting helpdesk to restore access. Robin will also seek advice from a club member who runs an IT company, rather than attempting a DIY fix.

Gordon Boyce added that of last month's website traffic, 109 views came from Australia and 33 from the United States, with a notable number from overseas — including Hong Kong (9), Singapore (8), and Serbia (3), plus single views from Belgium, Germany, England, Pakistan and China — which may indicate bot activity.

A separate issue was raised with the events calendar on the website only displaying events up to three months ahead. Robin advised the calendar needs to be manually refreshed to show further out, and asked to be told if the issue persists.

5.6 Regalia

Janice Walker was absent. Gordon reported that regalia — including National Challenge badges, 50th anniversary badges, stickers and hats — was available for members to view, and that club jackets can be ordered for a small commission.

5.7 Library

Miles Jackson reported little to note this month, aside from two long-overdue books being returned.

5.8 Social Report

Glenn (Vice President) reported on upcoming events. The Pizza Mystery Tour is set for Sunday 16 August, departing the Reserve at 11:00 am on a run to Glenn and Jody's for a wood-fired pizza lunch; RSVPs are open, with around 15 received so far, and a \$10 donation is requested.

Glenn also outlined arrangements for the Annual Dinner on Saturday 12 September at the Hyde Park Hotel, with a private upstairs room booked including its own bar and dance floor. Arrival is from 6:30 pm for a 7:00 pm start, with a three-course meal (entrée of croustade or stuffed mushroom; main of Scotch fillet, pan-roasted barramundi, or Moroccan chicken; dessert of apple crumble or peach and mango cheesecake) subsidised by the club to \$60 per person. Members are asked to pay Kerry Fisher via the club bank account, referencing "Annual Dinner [Name]."

6. CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE / WANTED

Nil.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Using the remaining balance of a state government grant, the club purchased four two-way radios (24-hour battery life) to assist with communication between the front and back of club runs and for coordination in areas of poor mobile phone reception, including alongside the club's defibrillators. A protocol for centralised charging and storage is yet to be established.
- Grant thanked Pat for his recently published magazine article, and Robin for the preceding article on a visit to Brooklands. Members were encouraged to keep submitting articles on personal interests, not necessarily car-related.
- Bruno and Annabel will progress production of the club magazine together, with support from the Secretary.
- Membership currently sits at approximately 115–130 members [PLACEHOLDER — figure unclear in raw notes], with two new members joining in July and some existing members renewing.
- The Sporting Car Club of SA has Grand Prix re-enactment events planned for late September/early October, including sprint and hillclimb events at Port Elliot and in the Barossa. Entries had technically closed but late entries are still being accepted; eligible vehicles must be model year 1972 or earlier. Interested members were encouraged to check the Sporting Car Club website.
- Perpetual trophies are to be returned ahead of the Annual Dinner.

8. COMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
Wed 12 Aug	Climb to the Eagle — entries open	Entries open 12:00 pm for the 41st annual event; run from Victoria Park up the old road to the Eagle on the Hill for morning tea. Bacon breakfast at Sean's beforehand.
Sun 16 Aug	Pizza Mystery Tour	Depart the Reserve 11:00 am; run ends at Glenn and Jody's for wood-fired pizza. RSVP required; \$10 donation requested.
Sat 12 Sep	Annual Dinner	Hyde Park Hotel, King William Road, Hyde Park. Arrival 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm dinner. \$60 per person, payable to Kerry Fisher via the club bank account (reference "Annual Dinner [Name]").
21 Sep	MSCA Meeting	Next scheduled MSCA competition meeting.
Sun 1 Nov	Annual Display Day	Holdfast Bay — booking confirmed.
8 Nov	MSCA Meeting	Further scheduled MSCA competition meeting.

9. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was declared closed at 8:30 pm for tea, coffee and cake, with regalia items available to view at the back of the room.

Next Meeting: Monday, 7 September 2026 — 7:30 pm, Fullarton Park Centre.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Dunk, Secretary

Date prepared: 9 August 2026