SPRITE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: General Meeting
Date: Monday, 12 October 2026
Time Opened: 7:30 pm
Time Closed: 8:20 pm
Venue: Fullarton Park Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton SA

1. Attendance

Grant Stephenson, President, chaired the meeting.

Members Present: [NUMBER] members in attendance.

Apologies: Gordon Boyce, Peter Oborn, Angela Wicks, Phil Keyes, Spencer Beckworth, Barry Edson.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

A member noted that the September minutes gave the start time of this meeting as 8:00 pm. The meeting opened at 7:30 pm. The Secretary accepted responsibility for the error.

3. Correspondence

Inward:

- MG Motoring magazine, available for a member to claim.
- AHSDC Goblin's Gazette, available for a member to claim.
- Invitation from the South Australian Government to apply for the next round of car club grants. Secretary Robin outlined the three streams: program equipment and operational grants, infrastructure grants, and events and activities grants. Eligible activity projects include rallies, race meets, festivals, conferences, exhibitions, and car and motorcycle shows. The estimated application time for an activity grant was two hours.

Outward:

- None reported.

Discussion on grants:

- The previous grant had largely been spent. The club now held first aid kits, defibrillators and UHF radios, and four members (not the six planned) completed first aid training.
- The Chair advised that an events grant could cover a display day. Another club had used a grant to buy marquees for stalls at its show.
- Robin Dunk noted that the club held one display day a year and that the grant was usually offset by a small Federation grant, so a different idea would be needed.
- A member proposed a fully enclosed trailer to carry and store club equipment and to promote the club at events. Storage was raised as the obstacle. The proposal was to be discussed further after the meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

Kerry Fisher, Treasurer, presented a corrected statement for August 2026, the statement for September 2026, and the audited accounts for the 2024/25 financial year.

Fisher advised that the August statement presented at the September meeting contained an addition error in one line total, shown as $674.20 when the correct figure was $524.00. The closing balance was unchanged at $26,146.05.

September 2026 summary:

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Opening Balance	26,146.05
Total Income	1,510.00
Total Expenditure	5,910.97
Closing Balance	**21,745.08**

Term Deposit: $13,093.19, maturing 2 December 2026.

The 2024/25 accounts had been audited and signed off by a certified accountant. Fisher made the accounts, bank statements and monthly records available to members for inspection.

Fisher asked the member concerned to provide bank details so that first aid course fees could be reimbursed.

The Chair advised that he was seeking an auditor for next year. Melissa King had said she could not act, because a family member had been actively involved in the nationals, on which the club spent a significant sum.

The report was presented and accepted.

5. Reports

5.1 Competition Report

Pat, Competition Secretary, was unable to attend. Grant Stephenson reported on his behalf.

- The Chair had no details of any MSCA [CONFIRM full name] sprint since the previous meeting, and no information on the MSCA committee position.
- The Chair entered the Grand Prix re-enactment at Port Elliot about three weeks earlier, driving his Escort rather than his Sprite. On the Saturday, about 60 cars ran up Brickyard Road in wet conditions, and even the oldest cars had wheelspin.
- On the Sunday, entrants met at the Victor Harbor foreshore for a display and driver briefing, then drove to the Port Elliot oval. The cars ran in three groups, with a police escort front and rear and roundabouts closed, and made about three runs through Port Elliot.
- The Chair has written an article on the event, which will appear on the club website.

Peter Stanley reported on the hill climb held the week after:

- About 55 competitors took part, and a number of entered cars did not arrive. The morning was misty and the track was the slipperiest he had experienced.
- Few Sprites attended, although there were many MGs. He encouraged members to enter events of this kind, which he expected to grow.
- The event was part of a ten-day program that also used the old circuits at Lobethal, Woodside and Nairne, and included an hour-long black and white film at the Victor Harbor Cinema on the Friday before ($10 entry).
- At a Woodside event on the following Sunday, with no time limits and no hill climb, about 65 cars lapped the square. Five Sprites attended, including a yellow Sprite built in Melbourne. Its owner was encouraged to join the club and said he might in the new year.
- Peter intended to enter next year. Miles Jackson was considering the same.

5.2 Federation Report

Don reported on behalf of the Federation. The next Federation meeting was due the following Saturday, so he had nothing to report and would report at the next meeting.

5.3 ClubbiesSA Report

Sean reported:

- The first Sunday of the month gathering was reasonably well attended. Rain was forecast, so most members did not bring their clubbies, but there was coffee and conversation and the rain held off until people left.
- The Sunday 18 October gathering would meet from 8:00 am, just up from the Bowling Club on Anzac Highway, as it had for the last 25 years. Sprites, clubbies and others were welcome.
- A second run was planned for Climb to the Eagle two weeks later, meeting at the Duthy Cafe, Dudley Street, from 7:00 am (details under Coming Events).

5.4 Webmaster Report

Gordon Boyce, Webmaster, was unable to attend. Robin Dunk reported on his behalf. Website traffic had again been high enough to set off internet alarms, but the site had not been shut down and was working.

5.5 Club Registration / Conditional Registration

Don reported:

- It was a quiet month. No MR334 reports or new logbooks were issued, and no logbooks were stamped.
- The membership year ends on 31 December. Members with vehicles on Conditional Registration were urged to renew early and have their logbooks stamped through Gordon Boyce or Don, to avoid a last-minute rush.
- A member who is not financial by 1 January, and whose logbook has not been updated, has an invalid registration.

5.8 Social Report

Robin Dunk reported on the annual display day, with Don adding detail:

- The display day will be held on Sunday 1 November at Wheatley Reserve, in conjunction with the Big Healeys (about a dozen expected). The categories are Sprites and MG Midgets, associate cars, and Big Healeys.
- The President will be overseas for the display day and the Annual General Meeting.
- Council requirements this year include hazard warning lights on while a vehicle moves through the park. Vehicles without hazard lights should use headlights. A person at the gate will hand out registration forms and give the reminder.
- Volunteers are needed to help move equipment, from members with vehicles larger than a Sprite or Midget.
- A first aider is needed, as Angela, who has filled the role every year, will be in China. Peter Lanier indicated he might help.
- Mike Nelson and Gary Clark volunteered as fire wardens. Two traffic marshals are still needed from members who hold the course.
- No coffee van was invited this year. Council permits cost nearly $300, and most clubs cannot generate enough profit to cover that. Members can buy coffee and cake from the bakery across the road.

6. Cars and Parts For Sale / Wanted

None advised.

7. General Business

- **Sprouting Forth:** Annabel reported that articles had been received to populate the magazine and more were welcome, technical articles in particular. Contributions can be given to any member for forwarding to the editor. Approaches to a few possible writers were under consideration.
- **Midweek run:** The run was changed to Strathalbyn because the pub originally booked advised it did not have room. The run is on Thursday 22 October, leaving at 10:15 am.
- **Federation Motorfest events:** Don had entered two events and asked whether other members had entered so they could travel together.
- **Annual General Meeting:** The November meeting is the Annual General Meeting. A quorum of at least 20 per cent of members is required. In November last year there was no quorum and the AGM was held the following month. There was no quorum at this meeting. All positions are open, and Robin Dunk will coordinate with Grant Stephenson on whether he will re-stand. Robin will not hold both the webmaster and secretary roles next year, and one must be filled by another member. The Chair urged members to consider taking a role rather than re-nominating the same people, and noted he will be overseas at the time. Glen [SURNAME] agreed to stand in as Chair at the next meeting and will join by Zoom from Bangkok if required.
- The Chair apologised that there was no guest speaker.

8. Coming Events

Date	Event	Details
16 to 18 Oct	Adelaide Rally	Friday to Sunday
Sun 18 Oct	Auto Italia	For Italian car enthusiasts
Sun 18 Oct	Bay to Birdwood and ClubbiesSA gathering	Clubbies meet from 8:00 am, Anzac Highway, just up from the Bowling Club, right-hand side heading to the bay
Thu 22 Oct	Midweek run to Strathalbyn	Leave 10:15 am [CONFIRM meeting point]
Sun 1 Nov	Annual Display Day	Wheatley Reserve, with the Big Healeys
Mon 2 Nov	Annual General Meeting	Fullarton Park Centre
Fri 6 Nov	Climb to the Eagle	Meet from 7:00 am at the Duthy Cafe, Dudley Street. About 8:00 am to Victoria Park (entered cars queue with stickers; others view the cars). Cars leave at 9:00 am for Hahndorf, coffee at the last shop leaving town, then the Northern Run and bakery stop

9. Meeting Closed

The meeting was declared closed at 8:20 pm and was followed by tea and coffee.

Next Meeting: Monday, 2 November 2026, 7:30pm, Fullarton Park Centre with the Annual General Meeting to follow immediately after.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Dunk, Secretary
Date prepared: 15 October 2026

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 2026

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INCOME	
Brought Forward	26,146.05
Annual dinner	1,260.00
Annual dinner raffle	130.00
Annual membership	60.00
Log books	40.00
Regalia	20.00
TOTAL INCOME (excluding brought forward)	**1,510.00**
EXPENDITURE	
Hall hire, September meeting	87.75
Hyde Park Tavern deposit	550.00
Hyde Park Tavern balance (42 attendees)	3,180.00
Hall hire, October meeting	87.75
Display day, Wheatley Reserve	350.00
Insurance	1,655.47
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**5,910.97**
TOTAL IN BANK	**21,745.08**

Term Deposit: $13,093.19, maturing 2 December 2026.

Sprite Club of South Australia, Treasurer: Kerry Fisher, September 2026