



Australian Karting Association (NSW) Inc

Annual General Meeting & State Karting Council Meeting Agenda

Saturday 19th July 2008

Panthers World of Entertainment,
Mulgoa Road, Penrith
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Item 1 - Confirmation of attendance, proxies and apologies

Motion: That the proxies, attendance and apologies be accepted.

Proxies

Carried By

Attendance

Apologies

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 2 - Acceptance of digital recorder

Motion: That the digital recorder is accepted to assist with recording the minutes.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 3 - Open meeting to observers

Motion: That the meeting be open to observers except where it relates to legal matters.

Moved
Seconded
Voting

Motion

Item 4 - Confirmation of Minutes

Item 4a - Confirmation of August 2007 AGM/SKC Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes be accepted.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 4b - Confirmation of March 2008 SKC Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes be accepted.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 5 - REPORTS

Item 5a - President – Richard Erdmann

Item 5b – Vice-President & NKC Delegate – Bob Gallagher

The past year has seen some ups and downs in our state karting. Probably the biggest reaction I have seen for a long time were the changes made to the engine specifications for the Midget class, with the expiration of the Comer S at the end of 2008 with specification changes to try and control the engine technically against cheating and the enlarging of the restrictor allowed on the J engine. The Comer S engine's demise was predictable with the cease of manufacture over 2 years ago. In an effort to try and achieve parity of the Comer S, SW & Yamaha J is where it all seemed to go wrong and it seemed to be the change of restrictor in the J that is the problem. This has most definitely caused a down turn in our numbers this year to date. After many appeals to the NKC on behalf of NSW karters some changes were achieved at our last meeting April 2008 but in my opinion not nearly enough has been done and the future will reveal whether I am right or wrong. The big problem in this class is 3 engines and this will always prove to be very difficult to achieve parity. This class is still high on the agenda with the NKC.

The problems with the J Max class during 2007 and into this year have to me been a great disappointment. The blame for these problems does not belong to one entity but a number of areas that just can't seem find resolution. Hopefully the meeting in June will bring some good news. I can only apologise to those Juniors and their families for the delay but I think in the end the class will better

because of taking the time to get it right for the long term.

On the up and more positive side, the introduction of the 125 restricted class has proved to be a great success and will only continue to grow as a major class for entry level competitors in the future.

Bam Media the AKA media company have certainly taken karting to the masses with much more exposure, both in and out of general motor sport media and this I hope will be represented in a growth of licence holders in the years to come.

The implementation of new technologies in licencing, event management and technical control are slowly coming into the sport and the future looks very exciting, Max Laybutt has put a lot of effort into this and should be remembered for this. Well done Max.

To my fellow Executive Members, coordinators, office staff Karen, Debbie & Deb and all those in this state that continue to make this sport what it is, thank you for help and support over the past year.

Regards
Bob Gallagher

Item 5c - Treasurer – Max Laybutt

What a great effort to have a full set of Audited accounts ready for acceptance in less than 19 days after year's end. A real credit to our Auditors, Berger Piepers, However they could not have done it without the Hard and Dedicated work of our Office staff who now have a total understanding, and far better control of our accounts.

From Me personally, and I am sure all of you, to all the Office staff, THANKS, Great team Work.

Now down to business;

Our Budget for this year was for a small surplus of \$18.60

The Audited accounts show a loss for the year of \$10,082.00.

There are several reasons for this and some are as follows;

- 1) The cost of Postage was increased dramatically by our decision to include the manual into the licence mail out, it caused a huge rise of approx \$7.25 per licence a possible total of \$15225. This to our overall expenses.
- 2) Some mistakes in the original budget with regards to the correct placement of GST supplied.
- 3) The costs of some Computer Replacements and adjustments of the new accounts package necessitated some added amounts.
- 4) Generally while the official / scrutineering schools are working in really well, there needs to be a little more effort and consideration to the

consolidation of some of these events to enable the costs to be kept to a minimum.

- 5) We have purchased, and still have rather large stocks of saleable items such as, Restrictor Plates, Engine Seals, (3.5K Imported) chassis tags etc, these are still on hand due to the amounts needed to be purchased, these will aid next year's figures for we will not need to purchase some items for a long time.
- 6) Clubs need to get a little more organised with their requests for Meeting approvals, and then the reporting of same back to the Office for there has been some very "Seat of the Pants" approvals due to club "Slackness" in some instances.

This year licences were up by a total of 14 at 2197, while the participation rate also rose a total of 1241, from 14243 last year to 15484 this year

With due regard to all the above we have prepared a Budget for the coming year, and to maintain a stable situation some increase in basic costing will be required, we must realise that while the interest on our investments have kept us viable, we should not rely on that for general revenue into the future.

Facts are that this year with a 10K loss, and an extra estimated 12K for postage we need to increase our income if we are to continue to supply the clubs with the service from the office that they are now enjoying.

For that reason the presented budget contains an increase in Licence fees of \$7.00, and an increase in Race Entry Fees of \$1.50.

Licences have been decreased in costs over the past few years, and it is not unreasonable to assume that they must now be increased to accommodate all our rising costs.

Likewise Race Entry Fees at most clubs have been increased over the last few years while we have not needed to make any adjustments to our charge from head office, and so it is time to adjust our revenue thoughts accordingly.

I would conclude by also offering a very sincere thanks to all the staff for their major assistance in getting the new plastic licence card to a point where it is close to being a reality, our office has played a major role in setting the parameters required, and testing of the cards to ensure their success.

Item 5d – Metro Committee Member – Simon Whiting

Item 5e – Country Committee Member – Wayne Robinson

Item 5f – Industry Member – Chris Dell

Item 5g –Stewards Coordinator – Judy Preen

Item 5h – Clerk of Course Coordinator – Steve King

Item 5i –Technical Officer – Trevor White

This year has been a very eventful year for the NSW Technical Team with the team making a great effort to service mostly the country clubs which hasn't happened for a few years. The response from the clubs has been outstanding with attendances at the scrutineering schools.

The team has also had members invited to the National Championships and the Queensland State Championships. Which goes to show that the efforts put in by members of the team has not gone unnoticed by the national body as well as other states. This shows that NSW is the leading state when they want our people to help run there events.

The flying squad members have also been active throughout the state with some mixed results. A few initiatives by members of the team have been implemented and in time will come to fruition.

Again thanks to all the team members for their efforts in supporting both Les and myself this year, it is very much appreciated. To Karen and both Deb's in the office a big thank you for your support through out the year which makes the job so much easier.

Regards
Trevor White

Item 5j – State Track Inspector – Tom Nipperess

First I would like to thank the members of the S.K.C. for their assistance and cooperation during my time in this office.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all clubs that it is your responsibility to maintain your ongoing track licence. We can do your track inspection and coordinate with NSW Sport and Recreation; however you are required to assist by ensuring the local police tender their report to NSW Sport. The problem that has persisted over the past few years, is that clubs are getting to the conclusion of their annual track licence and then find that the necessary paper work has not been forwarded to NSW Sport and Recreation. This creates unnecessary extra work of the state office.

A big thank you also to the majority of clubs for their cooperation in getting the inspections done. It is not an easy task for the track inspector to ask for what must appear to be trivial at times, however we do have the safety of the karters as our paramount consideration.

Regards
Tom Nipperess

Item 5k –Tribunal Registrar – Ron Harradine

Item 5l – Junior Development Officers – Russell Grimson & Troy Hunt

The past year has been an on going progression in the Junior Development Program with 2 successful training events and on going popularity.

The first camp held over 2 days in January with 86 kids from all over the state was highly successful and the kids and their parents having a great time and hopefully learning from the experience.

The second training day held in July with 30 kids from the northern zone area was also successful.

We have in train a change and improvement to the overall program for the 2009 with new subjects including a segment on sports rage.

I do have some concerns what has transpired within the midget class over the last year or so and as Junior Development Officer I am concerned by the trends from some parents of making it a championship class. I remind parents and club officials that the midget class was introduced as a introduction to karting and learning experience for young drivers to learn the principles of karting not a class where the parents can live there own fantasy's through their kids. Come on give the kids a chance lets not burn them out early, we need to keep them long after their careers as juniors. They have plenty of time as there are many drivers within our sport approaching seventy years and still enjoying karting.

Some clubs have introduced programs and events for our juniors which is becoming popular and it is great to see clubs have taken up the challenge. I pay tribute to them for their efforts. But to ensure our programs are successful we need to coordinate all of our efforts and again I need all clubs who have a Junior Development Officer to please advise the state office of who is the JDO so we can all work together. I have requested this information for the past 3 years.

I remind Country clubs that we wish conduct **2** regional training days one in the northern zone in the July school holidays and one in the southern zone in the spring school holidays or on a weekend in the spring term. Therefore please program your dates into the 2009 state race calendar so we can all work together for on going progression and further junior development.

Finally I would like to thank all those people and clubs who have worked and assisted with the Junior Development Program over the past twelve months, with out your assistance our program would not be as successful as it is. On behalf of all the kids who has benefited we all say thank you.

Russell Grimson

Item 5m – Publicity Officer – Rob Gallagher

Motion: Acceptance of all reports

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 6 – Presentations

Item 6a – AKA NSW Live Membership Presentations

Graham Card
Dave Greenshields

Item 6b – Industry Appreciation Presentations for Come and Try Trailer

Item 7 – ELECTION OF POSITIONS

Item 7a – Appointment of Scrutineers

Motion:

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 7b – Election of Executive Positions

Executive Positions	Nominee	Nominating Club	Result
Vice President	Bob Gallagher Bob Gallagher Bob Gallagher	Wollongong Goulburn Port Macquarie	
Country Member	Russell Grimson Russell Grimson Wayne Robinson Tracy Stewart Russell Grimson Derek Ferry	Goulburn Combined Orange Port Macquarie Coffs Harbour Manning Valley	
Industry Member	Chris Dell	Wollongong	

Chris Dell
Chris Dell

Goulburn
Port Macquarie

Item 7c – Election of State Positions

Official Position	Nominee	Nominating Club	Result
Assistant Stewards Coordinator	Russell Grimson	WKRC	
	Trish Maastricht	CCSKC	
	Trish Maastricht	PMKRC	
	Trish Maastricht	Goulburn	
Clerk of Course Coordinator	Steve King	WKRC	
	Steve King	CCSKC	
	Steve King	CDKC	
	Steve King	NSWSKC	
	Steve King	PMKRC	
	Steve King	Goulburn	
State Technical Officer	Trevor White	WKRC	
	Trevor White	CCSKC	
	Trevor White	PMKRC	
	Trevor White	Goulburn	
State Track Inspector	Tom Nipperess	WKRC	
	Tom Nipperess	PMKRC	
	Tom Nipperess	Goulburn	
Junior Development Officer Position 1	Russell Grimson	WKRC	
	Ron Harradine	CCSKC	
	Russell Grimson	CDKC	
	Russell Grimson	PMKRC	
	Russell Grimson	Goulburn	
Competitor Relations Officer	Terry Conlon	WKRC	
	Terry Conlon	PMKRC	
	Terry Conlon	Goulburn	
Publicity Officer	Rob Gallagher	CCSKC	
	Russell Grimson	Grenfell	
	Rob Gallagher	PMKRC	
	Russell Grimson	Goulburn	
State Tribunal Registrar	Ron Harradine	WKRC	
	Ron Harradine	CCSKC	
	Ron Harradine	CDKC	
	Ron Harradine	PMKRC	
	Ron Harradine	Goulburn	

Motion: Accept all election results.

Moved
Seconded
Voting

Motion

Item 8 – Appoint an Auditor

Motion: Auditor for 2009 to be appointed. The Executive recommends the appointment of Berger Piepers Chartered Accountants.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 9 – Review of State Policies

Motion:

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 10 – Agenda Items

Item 10a – Temporary Affiliation Suspension Proposed by Executive

Club	Date	Reason
Port Macquarie Kart Racing Club	17/04/08-21/04/08	Prokart Event
Wagga & District Kart Racing Club	02/05/08-05/05/08	Stay Upright Motorcycle Techniques Event
Manning Valley Kart Club	04/07/08-07/07/08	Prokart Event

Motion: Dates noted by SKC.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 10b – Licence Discount for Active Officials Proposed by Officials Panel

Carried over from the March 2008 SKC Meeting (Item 6e)

The Officials Panel recommends that active officials receive a discount when they renew their competition licences.

Motion: Accept the recommendation from the Officials Panel.

Motion to be reworded to either a discount on race entry or a licence renewal discount of up to \$15.00. To be resubmitted by the Officials Panel at the next SKC meeting.

The Officials Panel has advised that no further action is required.

**Item 10c – Paperwork
Proposed by Executive**

Carried over from the March 2008 SKC Meeting (Item 7b)

Motion: The state policy states that you apply for your race permit and sup regs six weeks prior to meetings, which may be excessive. Please submit them within the calendar month.

Official's panel to amend the state policy to include a fine system to be implemented 1st May 2008. The amended state policy is to be distributed as a postal vote.

Race Permit and Office Procedures amended – Refer to State Policy Disk.

**Item 10d – Nominations for AKA National Officers – 2008 AGM
Proposed by Executive**

Official Position	Nominee
National President	
National Vice President	
National Treasurer	
National Secretary	
National Events Administrator	
National Technical Coordinator	
National Officials Coordinator	
National Track Safety Coordinator	
National Medical Officer	
National Tribune Registrar	
National Publicity Officer	
AKA Delegate and Co Delegate to CIK	
Members of IKC (3 – three)	

Motion:

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

**Item 10e – Clutches
Proposed by Coffs Harbour**

Correspondence to follow.

Motion:

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 11 – Discussion Items

Item 11a – Magazine Advertising

Proposed by Ron Harradine and Trevor White

Non conforming barrel recoating.

Item 11b – Karting Licences for Canberra Grammar School

Proposed by Executive

Hello Debbie

What I have in mind is to offer boys at Canberra Grammar School the chance to start karting under my wing. I have found that my school's parents lack the right background and time, so they aren't in the game when it comes to getting their kids started in motor sport. On the other hand I have had a lot of boys since 2000 get race licences and go on with it after school, including careers as race mechanics. My background is pretty well suited to leading them into the sport as I teach Physics and have a B grade licence (actually, as of now "had" is more correct, as I didn't renew in time during my illness) as well a lot of experience playing with sports card.

I plan to take 10 boys in the age range 12 to 17 for a school term (10 weeks), and to put them through a program incorporating 4 separate days at the local track, spread out over the ten weeks. In the past I have taken boys to the track for their first session when there were no other users, and followed that with sessions mixed with other local members. I plan to do the complete program twice per year, so I will be getting about 20 kids each year to the point where they might want to get a competition licence. The reason why I want to do it in 10 week blocks is that experience has shown me that this is about the time it takes for a boy to either be bitten by the desire to take it further, or to lose interest. Ten weeks four track visits is about right for me to keep all of them interested, and learning.

A sticking point is the cost of licences. I need to fully fund this through charges to each boy, and the licence fee component of around \$200 is very limiting for parents given the short nature of the program. I appreciate that insurance is a major part of the licence fee so I know there will remain a significant cost no matter what concessions can be offered, but the bottom line is that the cheaper I can be offered licences (in groups of ten, if need be) the more success I will have in delivering this program to boys. I don't have any idea what is possible, but the exposure to risk is very limited on these practice days, and I have never had an incident at practice leading to a claim. Over the past seven years the Canberra Grammar claims have been for one broken wrist at Wagga during a race meeting, and I believe I can maintain that record for practice safety. As a teacher, and a Housemaster at that, I am accustomed to keeping an eye on boys and adopting procedures to keep them safe.

I believe I have sketched in the bones of what I want to do, but please feel free to ask me questions either through email or by phone.

Cheers
Terry Werner
Canberra Grammar

Item 12 – Late Agenda Items

Item 12a – National (AKA) Speedway Kart Titles Proposed by NSW Speedway Kart Club

To:
Members of NSW State Karting Council
Members of National Karting Council

Subject:
Application to introduce and conduct the inaugural National (AKA) Speedway Kart Titles

History:
The NSW Speedway Kart Club Inc was formed in 1991 and affiliated to the AKA (NSW) in 1992.

In the 18 seasons since formation, speedway karting has grown to be a formidable division of karting, with in excess of 150 (AKA) licensed members in NSW. At present, NSW is the only State where speedway karting is conducted under AKA licensing and control.

There are 2 AKA affiliated clubs in NSW that are involved with speedway karting, these being NSW Speedway Kart Club and Central Coast Speedway Kart Club.

There is a growing band of speedway karting participants in other states, but as these currently race as support to “main stream” speedway meetings (and are not the promoting club) they race primarily under NASR control.

There are speedway karting clubs / groups that race in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, Northern Territory and a new group formed in Western Australia this year.

Speedway karting is recognized as a very important training ground for the future of main stream speedway, and maintains a high media profile in support of this. In NSW alone we have many drivers who learned their track craft with NSWSKC and have since gone on to be the new stars of speedway seen regularly at Parramatta City Raceway in V8 Sprintcars, Speedcars and Litresprintcars in particular.

In 1992 the NSW Speedway Kart Club introduced the NSW Speedway Kart Titles, and this has seen growing participation each year. The event is now promoted alternate years between the 2 NSW speedway kart clubs (NSWSKC & CCSKC).

Proposal:
The NSW Speedway Kart Club strongly believes it is timely to introduce an **AKA Australian Speedway Kart Title** to the calendar of events, and formally request support

from NSW State Council and National Karting Council for this to commence in 2009 and be promoted by NSW Speedway Kart Club Inc.

There has been a NASR Australian Speedway Kart Title held each year since 2000, but not one specifically for AKA licensed members (or promoting all AKA Speedway Karting Classes).

The NSWSKC have the strength in membership and infrastructure to successfully promote and conduct this event.

NSWSKC race at Nepean Raceway, which is owned and controlled by Nepean Motorsport Club.

Such is the support received from Nepean Motorsport Club, that two years ago, two new tracks were constructed primarily for speedway karting and these tracks are professionally prepared and maintained for each NSWSKC race meeting.

2009 is the 50th Anniversary of Nepean Raceway, so the introduction of the inaugural AKA Australian Speedway Kart Title in this year of celebration will add greatly to the promotion of the venue and those of us who share the facility.

The Executive Board Members of Nepean Motorsport Club fully endorse this proposal by NSWSKC with June long weekend 2009 already reserved as event date in the calendar.

The NSW Speedway Kart Club look forward to your favourable response to this request, so that we can further promote and develop our division of karting to all AKA licensed drivers.

Wayne Baines - President NSW Speedway Kart Club Inc.

Kim Freer – VP NSW Speedway Kart Club Inc. / AKANSW Assistant Clerk of Course Coordinator

Tony Johnson – Life Member NSW Speedway Kart Club Inc. / AKA Delegate

Jeff Burton – Life Member NSW Speedway Kart Club Inc. / AKANSW Speedway Track Inspector

Motion: Forward correspondence to National for the next NKC Meeting.

Moved

Seconded

Voting

Motion

Item 12b – Flag Requirements

Proposed by NSW Speedway Kart Club

Clarification required for Flag Day prior to race requirements under Addendum No. 15.

Next SKC Meeting 18th October 2008.

Meeting closed