



**Australian Karting Association (NSW) Inc
State Karting Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday 6th February 2010**

**Panthers World of Entertainment,
Mulgoa Road, Penrith
Commencing at 9.00am**

Item 1 - Confirmation of attendance, proxies and apologies

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

Proxies

Sapphire Coast Kart Club
The Endurance Karting Association

Carried By

Port Macquarie Kart Racing Club
Newcastle Kart Racing Club

Attendance

Canberra Kart Racing Club

Garry Pluis

Bruce Otter

Central Coast Speedway Kart Club

Trish Maastricht

Victor Maastricht

Coffs Harbour Kart Racing Club

John Martin

Combined District Kart Club

Lilian Stones

Paul Giuntini

Dubbo Kart Club

Arthur Mortimer

Forbes Kart Club

Kevin Tough

Goulburn Kart Club

Chris Tidyman

Grafton Sporting Car Club

Don Whitton

Grenfell Kart Club

George Thompson

Ryan Galvin

Griffith Kart Club

Kathy Spry

Gunnedah Kart Club

Max Thornhill

Lismore Kart Club

Allan Fry

Manning Valley Kart Club

Ross Robertson

Newcastle Kart Racing Club

Tony D'Annibale

North Shore Kart Club

Howard Whitehouse

NSW Speedway Kart Club

Tony Johnson

Orange Kart Club

Tony Agland

Colin Jones

Port Macquarie Kart Racing Club

Tracy Stewart

Luke Horton

Sydney Kart Racing Club

Peter O'Neill

Bob Blackman

Peter O'Neil

Tamworth Kart Racing Club

Paul Hull

Vintage and Historic Karts Australia
Wagga & District Kart Racing Club
Wollongong Kart Racing Club

President
State Office
State Office
Vice President & NKC Delegate
Treasurer
Committee Member Metro
Committee Member Country
State Secretary
Assistant Committee Member Country
Clerk of Course Coordinator
Stewards Coordinator
State Technical Advisor
Tribunal Registrar
Committee Industry Member
Junior Development Officer Position 2

Tom Sanderson
Allan Savins
Stuart Lanham
Tony Taylor
Scott Sunderland
Simon Whiting
Debbie Hutt
Donna Mahony
Bob Gallagher
Max Laybutt
Position Vacant
Russell Grimson
Karen Newton
Derek Ferry
Steve King
Judy Preen
Les Allen
Ron Harradine
Chris Dell
Tim Pauling

Observers

Graeme Abbott - Combined Districts Kart Club
Marta Laybutt - Sydney Kart Racing Club
Graeme Barwick – Vintage and Historic Karts Australia
John Horsburgh – Combined District Kart Club
Lawrie Sandona – Combined Districts Kart Club
Richard Erdmann
Graham Card – Life Member

Apologies

Speedway Track Inspector
Officials Publicity Officer
Junior Development Officer Position 3
Assistant Clerk of Course Coordinator
Assistant Technical Advisor
State Track Inspector
Western Zone Track Inspector
Eastern Creek Karts Pty Ltd
Competitor Relations Officer

Jeff Burton
Warren Henry
Jason Varley
Kim Freer
Josh Tomlins
Tom Nipperess
Dick Catford
Position Vacant

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Sydney
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 2 - Acceptance of digital recorder

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

Moved Canberra
Seconded Lismore
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 3 - Open meeting to observers

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

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Sydney
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Agenda Item

Motion: That the SKC general meeting be adjourned, the Special General Meeting to be convened immediately. Following the Special General Meeting the General Meeting will be recommenced.

Moved North Shore Kart Club
Seconded Sydney Kart Racing Club
Voting 12-3-9

Recount of motion.

Moved North Shore Kart Club
Seconded Sydney Kart Racing Club
Voting 13-2-9
Motion Carried

SKC Meeting reconvened at 11.17am

Steve King introduced the nominees appointed as Executive Members:

Steve King – President
Peter O’Neil – Metro Member
Tony Agland – Country Member
Max Laybutt – Treasurer

Motion: Move directly to item 5g

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Lismore
Motion Carried

Item 4 - Confirmation Minutes

Item 4a - Confirmation of July 2009 AGM/SKC Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes be accepted.

Moved Sydney
Seconded Goulburn
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 4b - Confirmation of October 2009 SKC Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes be accepted.

Moved Orange
Seconded Newcastle
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 4c – Previous Minutes

Any matters arising from July and October 2009 Minutes.

Nil.

Item 5 - REPORTS

Item 5a – Acting President – Simon Whiting

Steve King advised the SKC that being new to the position; he is unable to table a comprehensive report.

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

As vice president I don't have much to say as we have been somewhat in limbo for a period of time, with resignations, particularly with the resignation of Richard Erdmann which I believe is a great loss to this organisation. Simon the same, he was unfortunately not re nominated for the President position, but he is happily going to perform his duties at National level as vice president. I am very disheartened; there were discussions on how the meeting was going to be structured for particular reasons. The SKC decided to do differently to that. I think the SKC would have been better off hearing from Richard Erdmann for the reasons that he resigned. I had some very important information to let you know before that election.

I am uncomfortable in the position I'm in at the moment because I believe there is dissent in my position as NKC Delegate, I would like to ask the question now if there anybody here that does not have confidence in me as the NKC Delegate?

It distresses me greatly but as of this moment I'm standing down from all positions.

The Vice President and NKC Delegate advised that he is standing down from all duties; it is now up to the council to decide if they accept or reject that.

Motion: That we accept the standing down of the Vice-President on the grounds as discussed.

Moved Sydney
Seconded Combined

Amended Motion: That we accept the standing down of the Vice-President and NKC Delegate on the grounds as discussed and that this matter be voted on after the Vice-President and NKC Delegate addresses the meeting.

Moved North Shore
Seconded Goulburn

Motion Carried

Motion: The meeting moved to in camera.

Moved Canberra

Seconded NSW Speedway

Motion Carried

Meeting closed. Observers and co-delegates asked to leave the room so discussion could take place in camera.

Motion: That we accept the standing down of the Vice-President on the grounds as discussed.

Moved Sydney

Seconded Combined

Motion Carried

Meeting reopened.

Item 5c - Treasurer – Max Laybutt

The financials are included in the agenda and I recommend that you read it through, you can see that the current participation rate is a bit below 2007 but it is higher than last year. Membership is good.

I would like to highlight a point which we need to do a lot of work on. Currently we have a year to date loss of \$34,234.00, once we get the money back from the insurance that will turn around. However we had a budget that said we are going to finish the year with \$12,000.00 surplus, I want to mention that we have lost SKRC and last year they put approximately \$27,000.00 in the kitty. So if you look at that in straight figures we are now going to lose \$15,000.00. People have said to me it's not a worry that karters will duck over the NSKC and if that happens then NSKC would have race meetings with 400 entries and that isn't going to happen. Somebody said that WKRC is starting back up again; they only have eight meetings so that means they need to do better than 250-300 entries for it to balance. How that is going to affect the overall I don't know but I'll certainly be looking at that.

Discussion held on Transponders.

Item 5d – Metro Committee Member – Position Vacant

As Peter has just filled the position we will move on.

Item 5e – Country Committee Member – Russell Grimson Country Committee Member's Assistant – Derek Ferry

Junior Development Officer Report

Firstly I would like to pay tribute to Karen Newton for her valuable assistance in the organising of all the state run junior days etc. In the last twelve months we have conducted three separate instruction days at Tamworth, Wagga and Lithgow. All have been successful due to Karen, the team and the enthusiasm of the clubs who

have been involved. Over the three days we instructed over 100 kids which I hope will contribute to better junior karting.

On a sour note there is an element because of what we are achieving and due to our success; clubs want to pinch the event for no other reason than their clubs financial so called gain, not **the benefit of the kids**. I did it for the kids, as you may not be aware I have been the NSW junior development officer for over ten years. When I took on the position and no one wanted the position and there was no formal policy for junior development, I had to format it and the SKC clubs ignored the policy for four years and it sat on the table until the state executive with Max's help pushed it through then CDKC.

Ron Harradine and I organised the first camp with the capable assistance of Bob Baker. The reason we chose Lithgow City Kart Raceway is because it is central to the karting population and everybody and has all the right facilities like wise so does Wagga and Tamworth that's why we chose them (many clubs do not realise that for the first 2 years CDKC coped a financial loss from the junior camps).

Please don't allow this to become a political foot ball the looser will be our kids we do have a reputation of running the successful enjoyable junior days in the country so don't spoil what we have achieved.

I did have a few issues with some clubs this year regarding format and policy but it is nothing we can't sort out and further improve communications between the SKC and the clubs.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody whom showed concern for me over my recent illness.

We need the name of your clubs junior development officer. Please contact Karen Newton and advice her who your clubs junior development officer is by doing this it will help with our future planning.

Regards

R. A. Grimson

Country Delegate Report

We would like to take this opportunity and welcome all delegates to the first SKC of the year and we hope a prosperous year in 2010 to themselves and their club members.

2009 Wrap Up

Griffith has once again run three rounds of successful hot summer night's twilight meetings.

Wagga has run its first junior development camp for the southern zone and by all reports did a fantastic job and we are sure when they run their next camp it will be bigger and better in 2010 keep up the good work.

Special thanks to Garry Rapmund for all the effort he put in to make the camp successful.

November was a busy month in the country, first up we had the Sapphire Cup, then the South Pacific Titles at Orange followed by the Southern Zone final which was held at Dubbo, who in their usual fashion ran a very good meeting on the Saturday and then put on the presentation dinner that night. I am sure there were some very tired club members on Sunday.

To finish the year off Manning Valley Kart Club ran the third Dave Hamnett Memorial race, a good night was had by all and some excellent racing was on offer for the spectators, drivers and crews.

2010

Being as this SKC is so early in the year many clubs as yet have not started to race.

But be assured that won't last for long. On the 20/21 of February Dubbo will host the first round of Southern Zone, then on March 7 Port Macquarie will hold the first round of their Junior Challenge which grows in stature every year. On the same day Griffith will hold round two of the Southern Zone. To finish up March Tamworth will hold the first round of the Northern Challenge on the 14th of March.

To finish up as we have said in previous meetings if any club has a problem or question please do not hesitate to contact Russell or myself via the state office.

Yours in karting
Derek Ferry

Item 5f – Industry Member – Chris Dell

I have decided to resign from the Executive, I think it is time for me to go and someone new to come in and take the position I have held for almost three years.

I wish the new Executive all the best and hopefully everything that's done is for the best of karting and I'm sure it will be.

Thank you to the council for the opportunity to serve on the Executive.

Motion: Acceptance of the resignation.

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Orange
Motion Carried

The State Karting Council and Executive thanked Chris for his participation and support.

**Item 5g – ACCC – Simon Whiting - Ian Simpson
Compliance Program**

Simon Whiting discussed the insurance claim and AKA NSW's obligations. Karen Newton has been appointed as the compliance officer.

Ian Simpson the AKA NSW Solicitor addressed the SKC with respect to matters referred to in the Trade Practices Compliance Program document, followed by questions and answers.

Motion: Acceptance of the reports from Simon Whiting and Ian Simpson

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Sydney
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Motion: Acceptance of all reports

Moved Newcastle
Seconded Sydney
Motion Carried

Casual Vacancies

Election of Positions

Appointment of Scrutineers

Motion: Appoint Ron Harradine and Judy Preen as scrutineers.

Moved Newcastle
Seconded Coffs Harbour
Motion Carried

Position	Nominee	Nominating Club	Result
Vice President	Howard Whitehouse	Combined	
	Bob Baker	Sydney	
	Tracy Stewart	Lismore	Declined
	Derek Ferry	Dubbo	Duly Elected
	Trish Maastricht	Central Coast	
Clerk of Course Coordinator	Howard Whitehouse	Central Coast	Duly Elected
	Kim Freer	NSW Speedway	Declined

NKC Delegate Position

That we seek nominations for the AGM from suitable people who are qualified to undertake the position and in the interim that the President fills the position.

Moved North Shore
Seconded Grafton
Motion Carried

State Prosecutor Position

Motion: That that matter be dealt with by the Executive until the AGM.

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Sydney
Motion Carried

NKC Co delegate

Motion: That the Executive make the decision until the AGM.

Moved Sydney
Seconded Dubbo
Motion Carried

Ballot Papers

Motion: All ballot papers to be destroyed.

Moved Lismore
Seconded Grenfell
Motion Carried

Item 6 – Agenda Items

Item 6a – Come and Try Trailer – Draft State Policy Carried over from July 2009 AGM

1. EACH club will have use of the come and try trailer for a period of 3 weeks. The club is then responsible for the promotion and advertising of their come and try days in their local area.

The club that is about to use the trailer needs to make arrangements with the club holding the trailer to collect it.

2. The club should have no more than 20 people per come and try day. By only having 20 people per day each person will be able to have more track time and the club will have more time to sell our product and increase their club membership.
3. In the past any repair bills for the trailer and karts have been paid for by AKA NSW with the help of some generous trade suppliers.

This situation is not fair for the clubs who do not use the trailer. Therefore a fee of \$20.00 per person per day will be charged and is payable to AKA NSW. This money will then be used for the up keep of the trailer and karts.

4. In the trailer there is a sign on sign off book so each time the trailer and karts are passed on to the next club, the club who has just finished with the equipment and the club is receiving the equipment will both sign the book indicating the equipment they are handing over or receiving is in good order and all there.

It is then the responsibility of each club to then post / fax or email the forms to the state office within 7 days.

5. If any breakages or damage does occur to any of the equipment it is the responsibility of the club in possession of the come and try trailer to immediately inform the state office of what parts are required so that they may be obtained and sent to the club so the parts may be fitted before the trailer leaves for the next club.

6. If any club does not follow the rules correctly a monetary fine or a suspension banning the use of the trailer for a period of time may apply.

This decision would be referred to the State Karting Council.

7. It is extremely important that the clubs realize the value of the come and try trailer to the growth of their clubs membership growth which in the future will determine a clubs survival.

Point 3 to be amended.

Remove point 2.

Insurance Booklet

State office to seek approval from National to charge fees for Come and Try Days.

Policy to be redrafted and distributed by postal vote.

Item 6b – Travel Expenses

Proposed by Lismore - Carried over from July 2009 SKC

That the AKA assist in travel for its members to attend SKC meetings based on a 100km ring of Sydney.

Covered by Item 6f.

Item 6c – Sportsman Class

Proposed by Dubbo

At the recent Meeting of the Dubbo Kart Club Inc. it was determined to request the AKA (NSW) Inc., at the next SKC Meeting, to amend the “State Policy - Sportsman Class Rules” so that 125cc engines, including “Restricted” versions, can be utilised for this Class.

Item held over

Item 6d – AKA NSW Chaplin – Draft State Policy

Carried over from October 2009 SKC

AKA (NSW) CHAPLIN

The role of the AKA (NSW) Chaplin is to offer support in the case of any incident at a race meeting resulting in injury or suffering to any participants (competitor or official) or to relatives of such.

Whilst it is not possible for the Chaplin to be at every race meeting, he will be available to all NSW Clubs (on request) should a need arise.

At all times the Chaplin will be sensitive to the religious beliefs and practices of those involved.

The Chaplin may recommend further professional help to those he is dealing with if and when he deems it appropriate. Of course, it is the decision of that person if he/she wants to proceed with such help.

When attending a race meeting the Chaplin is to inform the Chief Steward of his presence.

Item held over

**Item 6e – 2010 Closed NSW State Championships
Proposed by Newcastle**

That the members of the NSW SKC consider a proposal by The Coffs Harbour Kart Racing Club, Manning Valley Kart Club and Newcastle Kart Racing Club to jointly host the 2010 NSW Closed State Championships to be held on the 23rd, 24th and 25th July 2010 at the Raleigh International Raceway.

Motion: That the members of the NSW SKC agree to a proposal by The Coffs Harbour Kart Racing Club, Manning Valley Kart Club and Newcastle Kart Racing Club to jointly host the 2010 NSW State Closed Sprint Titles to be held on the 23rd, 24th and 25th July 2010 at the Raleigh International Raceway.

Moved Newcastle
Seconded Coffs Harbour
Motion Carried

**Item 6f – Reimbursement Policy on Delegates attending SKC Meetings
Proposed by Dubbo**

The Dubbo Kart Club, at a recent Club Meeting, determined to submit the following for discussion and determination at the next SKC Meeting.

That the AKA (NSW) Inc. have a Policy on the reimbursement to Member Clubs in respect to their Delegate's attendance at SKC meetings held at Penrith.
No Club is to be reimbursed when represented at an SKC meeting by a Proxy.

Clubs to be reimbursed a token amount when they are represented by their Delegate (OR Alternate Delegate) at an SKC Meeting held at Penrith. These token amounts to be as follows and represent assistance to Clubs that are more than 100 kms from Penrith. These token amounts are determined by deducting 100 kms from the APPROXIMATE distance the Clubs are from Penrith and multiplying the result by 25 cents.

Canberra KRC - \$47.50.	Coffs Harbour KRC - \$112.50
Dubbo KC - - \$77.50.	Forbes KC - - \$72.50.
Goulburn KC - \$25.00.	Grafton SCC - \$132.50.
Grenfell KC - \$65.00.	Griffith KC - \$125.00.
Gunnedah KC - \$75.00.	Lismore KC - \$167.50.
Manning Valley KC - \$55.00.	Newcastle KRC - \$12.50.
Orange KRC - \$40.00.	Port Macquarie KRC - \$75.00.

Raleigh SKRC - \$107.50. Sapphire Coast KC - \$82.50.
Tamworth KRC - \$77.50. Ulladulla KC - \$32.50.
Wagga and District KRC - \$92.50.

This Policy to take effect immediately and to be payable in respect to Delegate's attendance at the SKC Meeting on the 6th February, 2010.

Note that if all Clubs' Delegates are in attendance the total reimbursement amounts to \$1475.00.

Motion not moved

Steve King advise the SKC that he was quite clear in his policy document is that he wants the clubs to be represented, he wants better representation from the karter. Clear and transparent processes and with the time constraints we have today I believe we need to look at this when we are not pressured to get it right. The Treasurer to do a complete costing on what it will impact on the budget and to come back with a complete package that best represents what we are doing and to make sure we can afford to do that. The whole basis of the system is to have all clubs present at the SKC so we get that representation that people do have an input. I believe that if we try to do it today were not going to give it justice. I put to you today to allow us to prepare a document to send out to the clubs for further discussion that you can send back in writing to the Executive. So at the next SKC we can give you a complete package that you can vote on.

Motion: The Executive to prepare a budget to be submitted to the SKC and be back dated to include the 6th February 2010.

Moved Coffs Harbour
Seconded North Shore
Motion Carried

Item 6g – Change to 2010 Calendar Proposed by Orange

Motion: When Orange Kart Club applied for race dates for 2010, we inadvertently missed applying for a race date in August.

We now apply to have a race date on Sunday 22nd August 2010.

There are no race meetings set down for clubs within close proximity to us for this date.

We await your favorable reply.

Moved Orange
Seconded Wagga
Motion Carried

Item 7 – Discussion Items

Item 7a – Club Membership

Carried over from October 2009 SKC

Discussion held on club membership being included in licence fees. The membership would then be remitted back to the clubs.

Reason: So the licence application can be done completely on line.

Each club to forward their membership structures to the State Office and Max will enter them on a spreadsheet which will be distributed to the clubs for their consideration of a common system.

Clubs to look at accepting that club membership is done in conjunction with licence renewals.

Item held over

Item 7b – Steve King Presidential Policy

Proposed by Newcastle Kart Racing Club

1. That the term of office for Executive positions be limited to two terms in that position (4 years).

Explanation: This will ensure that fresh ideas and new people will be afforded the opportunity to further the aims and objectives of the association.

2. All State Karting Council agenda items are to be displayed on the AKANSW website.

Explanation: This allows all karters to view the agenda items coming before the State Karting Council and attend their respective club meetings and give their input into that particular agenda item. This will result in more informed decisions being made by the State Karting Council.

3. Late agenda items at the State karting Council that are of significance will be referred back to the clubs for discussion and an electronic postal vote taken.

Explanation: This will allow the karter to give their views and input at their respective club meetings and will result in a more informed decision being made by the State Karting Council.

4. Executive members of the State Karting Council must stand down when elected to the Executive of the National Karting Council.

Explanation: This will remove any perceived conflict of interest between State and National and uphold the propriety of the respective offices.

5. The National Karting Council delegate must vote as directed by the State Karting Council and where no direction is given will supply a written report to

the State Karting Council as to circumstances and the manner in which he voted.

Explanation: This will provide the State Karting Council and its member clubs with clear and concise information to take back to the karters and reduce the misinformation that can be spread.

6. The State Karting Council meetings are taken to the Southern, Northern and Metropolitan zones on rotation.

Explanation: This will assist the members clubs in cost of travel and spread this cost evenly across the whole of the membership. It will also give the members clubs the opportunity to bring observers from their respective clubs to see the policy/decision making process. This will assist in taking some of the mystery of the State Karting Council and will again result in a better decision making process.

7. The position of Country and Metropolitan delegate on the State Executive be co joined and have Executive North and Executive South.

Explanation: Currently the Country Delegate is responsible for 18 Clubs and the Metropolitan delegate is responsible for 6 clubs. By dividing the State into North and South this will result in the member clubs receiving a more efficient and effective representation. It allows the Executive members to visit clubs and give assistance.

8. That Race Permits be allowed to be transferred to other clubs.

Explanation: This will give those clubs who hand in permits the opportunity to receive a financial benefit.

9. When elected to the Executive of the State Karting Council, those Executive members must stand down from any Executive position at a club level.

Explanation: This will remove any perceived conflict of interest between State and the club, and uphold the propriety of the respective offices.

10. A review of the Race calendar be undertaken and race dates be allocated on a basis that is fair to all clubs.

Explanation: The calendar dates often clash to neighboring clubs and in some cases there are 3 to 5 meetings held on the same day with 2 to 3 hours travel of each other. The calendar needs to be drafted so as time and distance between the meetings is fair to all and offers the karter variety.

11. Executive meetings will be notified to all clubs and a point form bulletin of matters dealt with issued within 48 hours of the meeting.

Explanation: This will allow the clubs to have urgent matters heard and also by issuing a bulletin keep the clubs informed of decisions the Executive have made or are considering.

12. That the Executive and the Club Delegates of the State Karting Council formulate a 5 and 10 year plan for the future of karting in New South Wales.

Explanation: This plan will give much needed stability to karting and give the State Karting Council a blueprint to follow. This plan will assist in insuring the promotional and financial success of the AKA NSW.

13. That the State provide training to Club Executive members in various fields such as financial planning, meeting procedures, facilities management, etc.

Explanation: Training is available through the Department of Sport and Recreation and this will assist the clubs in managing assets and volunteers, resulting in stronger clubs.

14. That a Junior Development program be introduced, the position of Junior Development Coordinator be established.

Explanation: The Junior Development Coordinator will establish a club based program that will provide training and develop skills of young drivers.

15. All State Karting Council Executive members are to attend a minimum of 8 race meetings in a calendar year and be available to discuss matters on a personal or club basis.

Explanation: The Executive members attendance at race meetings will give them a clear insight into the problems faced by karters and clubs in the management of meetings and facilities. It also give the Karter face to face contact with the Executive to ask their questions.

16. That the executive attend on invitation, club meetings (where time and distance permit) to answer questions to Club meetings.

Explanation: This will give club members the opportunity to ask questions of the Executive. This will also encourage members to attend their respective club meetings to discuss issue's that affect them.

Item held over

Item 7c – Constitution Proposed by Executive

SKC to discuss the possibility of changing the following Executive Names:

Change Metro Member to Executive Member 1

Change Country Member to Executive Member 2

Discussion was held regarding on:

1. At the moment the Country Delegate looks after 18 clubs and covers the distance of 1,500kms from Lismore down to Sapphire and Wagga. By making it Executive 1 and Executive 2 the clubs could be split in half so each Delegate has 12 clubs to look after and the distance would be shorter.
2. Look at increasing the Executive by two more so we have four Executive members and we split the state back into the four zones it was split into many years ago which was north, South, West and Metro.

Motion: The Executive look into it and come back to the SKC.

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Sydney
Motion Carried

Item 7d – Licence System and Transponders Proposed by Executive

Motion: That the State Office to hold a box of 40 transponders and we can send them out to the clubs upon their order on a 14 day payment term at the current price list.

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Wagga
Motion Carried

Item 7e – Discussion on any matters arising from the Executive reports Proposed by Executive

Nil

Item 7f – Address by Richard Erdmann Proposed by North Shore

North Shore Kart Club committee is of the understanding that Mr Richard Erdmann is privy to matters of interest to the State Karting Council. Our understanding is that these matters have to do with Richard's recent resignation as President of AKA (NSW).

We believe these matters should be heard prior to any election of Officers at the Special General Meeting to be held on 6th February 2010.

Accordingly, we request that Mr Erdmann be invited to the Special General Meeting to inform the delegates of the matters of interest.

Agenda item withdrawn.

Item 8 – Late Agenda Items

Item 8a – Patron of Karting Carried over from October 2009 SKC

At the last SKC and in recent conversations there are clubs and Karters that are asking "Why do we need this position" so as the delegates this appears to be the first of the areas to identify. I believe we need to appraise this position on the following points.

- 1, What will this position be required to do, that our Association does not already cover?
- 2, Where will the person in this position be requested to appear or attend and how often?
- 3, What do we see as the benefits to Karting, that the AKA could not achieve through other means?
- 4, What is the tenure of the person accepted into this position? 3yrs, 5yrs, life etc.
- 5, What will this position cost the Karter, annually & longer term? Based on answers the above questions.

I think we should attempt to answer these questions before the final one, the hardest question of Who?

Names already mentioned are Sir Jack Brabham, Alan Jones, Mark Webber, Mark Skaife, Neil Crompton, Brad Jones, Craig Lowndes, and just about any senior V8 driver. It just depends on whether the nominator is Blue or Red.

The one major criterion here would be previous or present Karting involvement, else how can they represent and comment on Karting.

What do you think?

All feedback welcome please.

Item held over

**Item 8b – SKC Minutes
Proposed by Manning Valley Kart Racing Club**

Motion: That the SKC meeting minutes are to be circulated to Clubs and posted on the AKA(NSW) website within 30 days of any SKC meeting.

Item held over

**Item 8c – In Camera Meetings
Proposed by Manning Valley Kart Racing Club**

Motion: The only business to be conducted In Camera at SKC meeting should only be business relating to paid employee's of AKA(NSW) and matters in relation to contracts until the contracts are finalised, then full disclosure of the negotiation should be available to member Club's on request.

Item held over

Item 8d – Change to 2010 Calendar

Proposed by Port Macquarie Kart Racing Club

IKD have requested PMKRC to hold a round of the 2010 Pro Tour at PMKRC on the 31st April – 2nd May 2010. IKD have spent a lot of time looking at dates to make sure it doesn't clash with other clubs.

We are looking for your support.

Motion: The request be denied. PMKRC to speak with IKD regarding another date, which can then be distributed by postal vote.

Moved Lismore
Seconded Dubbo
Motion Carried

Item 8e – Nicole Franks

Proposed by Graham Card Life Member

Howard Whitehouse addressed the SKC on behalf of Graham Card. It is eight years today since the accident that claimed the life of Nicole Franks.

A minutes silence was held in respect of Nicole's memory.

Item 8f – Change to 2010 Calendar

Proposed by Tamworth Kart Racing Club

Motion: Tamworth Kart Racing Club would like to request our Xmas Meeting be changed from Sunday 12th December, 2010 to Twilight Meeting Saturday 11th December, 2010.

Moved Tamworth
Seconded Dubbo
Motion Carried

Item 8g – AKA Transponders and Race Management Policy 2010

Proposed by NSW Speedway Kart Club

I have been requested by the Executive and members of NSW Speedway Kart Club to outline serious concerns we have relating to the compulsory introduction of transponders as well as other issues relating to the race management programme and their relevance / impact on our somewhat unique division of karting.

We are particularly concerned that these major decisions have been made with no consultation with or regard to the needs of speedway karting.

(i) Timing Loops.

NSWSKC do not own our venue but currently lease on a meeting by meeting basis from Nepean Motorsport, therefore we cannot dictate to them what we must do at the track to meet these new AKA demands.

At Nepean Raceway we have two dedicated speedway tracks which are professionally prepared for each meeting, requiring the surface to be cut up and re-graded or new surface material added throughout the year.

These speedway tracks are also used by other speedway clubs (speedway bikes and sidecars) throughout the season.

Laying of the AMB underground loop is not deemed suitable due to the minimal depth required (potential to be dug up when re-grading and preparing the track). Despite communication and requests to AMB, they have been unable at this point in time to furnish us with a guaranteed alternative that will work for us in our environment.

At Nepean we also utilize various start and finish lines so we would need a minimum two timing loops.

The speedway race tracks themselves are set some 50 metres from the outside perimeter fence so access to power is another perceived issue.

At Nepean, we have a very narrow window of opportunity (January) to do any major track work as the venue is fully booked from February through to December.

Although the compulsory introduction of timing loops and transponders is set as July 1st 2010 that window of opportunity to install such system (even if suitable) has passed, therefore we now face the distinct possibility that speedway karting will cease with the AKA beyond July 2010 as we would not be able to meet the rules set out to be granted a permit.

In past years NSWSKC traveled to many various speedway venues to promote our division of the sport (and may well plan to do again in the future) however the compulsory introduction of lap timing would prevent this as the facilities required would not be available at these other venues.

(ii) Transponders / Race Management Programme

Speedway (in all its forms) is quite different from bitumen racing, and does not rely on lap timing or qualifying.

The race surface for speedway changes dramatically throughout a meeting, so lap timing (whilst sometimes of interest) is not critical to the performance (or results) of drivers on the day.

We therefore see no direct benefit to our members by the compulsory introduction (and cost) of transponders.

(iii) Race Management Programme

For club championship events our race format is in true speedway style, with two rounds of heats (1st luck of draw, 2nd reverse grid), the 3rd round is based on pointscore from the first two heats with highest pointscorer to the front. The final ("Feature") is then raced with highest pointscorers to the rear.

The AKA race management programme does not accommodate this or the fact that NSWSKC also include a “passing points” calculation into our race meeting and club championship points system.

Manual calculations by lapscorers will still be required to determine grid positions for 3rd heat & feature as well as final and club championship results.

The question has to be asked – why should we be forced to change a pointscore system and format of racing that has proven to be successful for a number of years in order to meet the introduction of transponders and the race management system that is built around the needs of “bitumen” karting?

Motion: As a minimum we request that Speedway Karting be given extension in the compulsory introduction of these new rules beyond July 2010 to at least 2011 season.

Alternatively (and ideally) that Speedway Karting be granted full exemption from the compulsory introduction of timing loops and transponders.

Item held over to the next SKC. A meeting is to be held with the Treasurer, NSW Speedway Kart Club and Central Coast Speedway Kart Club to discuss and investigate.

Item 8h – Chapter 51 - TEKA Proposed by TEKA

Further to our telephone conversation, TEKA wish to have included in our chapter (51) of the AKA rule book the following.... and included as a late agenda item for the SKC meeting on the 6th of February.

Cadet practice division.

- 7 years - 12 years of age.
- The only engines allowed in the cadet division will be a single Honda GX200 or a single Briggs and Stratton Animal engine, no karts with twin engines will be allowed to practice in this division.
- Dunlop tyres as per chapter 51 of the AKA rule book are the only tyres allowed in the cadet division.

Junior practice division

- 12 - 16 years of age.
- The only engines allowed in the Junior division are twin Honda GX 200 or twin Briggs and Stratton Animal engines.
- Dunlop tyres as per chapter 51 of the AKA rule book are the only tyres allowed in the Junior division.

Motion: Refer to the National Karting Council.

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Lismore

Motion Carried

**Item 8i – Change to 2010 Calendar
Proposed by Dubbo**

Motion: The Dubbo Kart Club requests we be allowed to change the date of our April Race Meeting from the 18th April to the 25th April, 2010 due to the clash with the 3rd Round of the Southern Zone Series Meeting set down for Grenfell on the 18th April, 2010.

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Canberra
Motion Carried

**Item 8j – Grenfell Kart Club – Loan Application
Proposed by Grenfell**

See Correspondence No. 1, Page 1

Motion: Loan application will be looked at by the Treasurer, correspondence sent out via a postal vote to the clubs.

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Grenfell
Motion Carried

**Item 8k – Tamworth Kart Racing Club – Loan Application
Proposed by Tamworth**

See Correspondence No. 2, Page 18

Motion: Loan application will be looked at by the Treasurer, correspondence sent out via a postal vote to the clubs.

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Grenfell
Motion Carried

**Item 8l – Change to 2010 Calendar
Proposed by Canberra**

Motion: Canberra Club requests a race day move of one week from 27 June 2010 to 20 June 2010 to allow a greater attendance of our Karters to attend Grenfell for the Bob Hinde Memorial on July 3.

Moved Canberra
Seconded Grenfell
Motion Carried

**Item 8m – Change to 2010 Calendar
Proposed by Wagga**

Following a general meeting of the Wagga & District Kart Racing Club held last night 3rd Feb 2010 it was decided that the club would like to apply to host a Junior Development Camp to be held on the weekend of 16/17 October 2010.

Item held over

Motion: The remaining matters be held over and the President will look at some items being sent out as postal votes in the interim.

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Lismore
Motion Carried

Meeting Closed at 4.25pm