



Australian Karting Association (NSW) Inc

Annual General Meeting & State Karting Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday 25th July 2009

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

AKA NSW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Item 1 - Confirmation of attendance, proxies and apologies

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

Proxies

Forbes Kart Club
Grafton Sporting Car Club
Griffith Kart Club
Gunnedah Kart Club
Manning Valley Kart Club
Sapphire Coast Kart Club

Carried By

Orange Kart Club
Lismore Kart Club
Wagga & District Kart Racing Club
Tamworth Kart Club
Newcastle Kart Racing Club
Chairman

Attendance

Canberra Kart Racing Club
Central Coast Speedway Kart Club
Coffs Harbour Kart Racing Club
Combined District Kart Club

Dubbo Kart Club
Goulburn Kart Club

Grenfell Kart Club
Lismore Kart Club
Newcastle Kart Racing Club

North Shore Kart Club
NSW Speedway Kart Club

Orange Kart Club
Port Macquarie Kart Racing Club

Garry Pluis
Trish Maastricht
John Martin
Bob Blackman
Graeme Abbott
Arthur Mortimer
Chris Tidyman
Len Williamson
George Thompson
Allan Fry
Tony D'Annibale
Phil Naughton
Howard Whitehouse
Tony Johnson
Kim Freer
Tony Agland
Tracy Stewart

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Sydney Kart Racing Club	Robert Brown
	Bob Baker
Tamworth Kart Racing Club	Barry Waters
	Paul Hull
The Endurance Karting Association	Max Thornhill
	Brian Trinder
Vintage and Historic Karts Australia	Allan Savins
Wagga & District Kart Racing Club	Gayle Murphy
Wollongong Kart Racing Club	Tony Taylor
President	Richard Erdmann
Vice President & NKC Delegate	Bob Gallagher
Treasurer	Max Laybutt
Committee Member Metro	Simon Whiting
Committee Member Country	Russell Grimson
State Secretary	Karen Newton
Committee Industry Member	Chris Dell
Stewards Coordinator	Judy Preen
State Technical Advisor	Les Allen
Assistant Committee Member Country	Derek Ferry
Clerk of Course Coordinator	Steve King
Assistant Clerk of Course Coordinator	Kim Freer
Tribunal Registrar	Ron Harradine
State Track Inspector	Tom Nipperess
Junior Development Officer Position 2	Tim Pauling

Apologies

Eastern Creek Karts Pty Ltd	
Junior Development Officer Position 3	Jason Varley
Publicity Officer	Position Vacant
Assistant Technical Advisor	Position Vacant
Competitor Relations Officer	Position Vacant
Officials Publicity Officer	Warren Henry
Raleigh Sprint Kart Racing Club	
Speedway Track Inspector	Jeff Burton
Western Zone Track Inspector	Dick Catford
Ulladulla Districts Kart Club	

Observers

Terry Conlon
Jennifer Nipperess

Moved Wagga
Seconded North Shore
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 Sydney
Seconded Port Macquarie
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Meeting closed. Observers and co-delegates asked to leave the room so legal matters could be discussed in camera.

Meeting reopened.

Item 3 - Open meeting to observers

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

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

Item 4 - Confirmation of July 2008 AGM/SKC Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes be accepted.

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

Item 5 - REPORTS

Item 5a - President – Richard Erdmann

Verbal Report

The past twelve months have been a trying time both economically and the other matters that you are aware of. We as a state have moved forward and are holding up well.

The standards for most events have improved and the success of our Junior Development Camp and being able to recoup money from National has worked exceptionally well. I thank those who take part in the events.

Speedway ran their title event and it went fantastically well and I'm very pleased for them.

Financially we have done reasonably well, bearing in mind there are associated costs for the smart card system and the legal situation.

I would like to thank the State Karting Council for their efforts throughout the year and how well they have worked together and also the Executive team.

Today is election day and I wish nominees well regardless of what position they are going for.

Les Allen has taken over from Trevor White. I would like to thank Trevor for all the effort that he has put in over the years. He has stood down from the National position as well but will still be involved with technical. As a consequence of that we will need to call again for nominations for the Assistant Technical Position, because it has changed in the thirty day period.

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

Verbal Report

My position is mainly NKC Delegate and representing this state on the National Karting Council and I'm also the representative for AKA NSW on the MVSLAC for NSW S&R. This year has been intense with NSW Sport and Recreation.

With the NKC there have been some difficult decisions to be made. Probably one of the most contentious was the clutches. Also through the year we have been reviewing Governance.

Another issue is the inclusion of NT on the rotation for the National Championships. Whether it is going to be implemented is yet to be decided.

One of the things that concern me is the amount of legal challenges. Both myself, the other delegates and this Executive are becoming exposed to. We do it for the love of the sport and to the best of our ability unfortunately it does have a rather large risk.

As far as good outcomes from the NKC this year. I took a proposal to the NKC for National to finance Junior Development in this state, an amount of \$20,000.00 would go to each state per annum for Junior Development and I think it is a fantastic win for this association to get that support.

Another proposal that I put forward was for the provision of a school based licence, to see the sport prosper from the school level. I would like to congratulate Canberra for their support of Canberra Grammar and we hope that it spreads nation wide. My dream is one day we will have an interschool challenge series.

I would like to thank the Executive members, the office staff, the officials and all the volunteers. I do call on a number of you at times for advice and knowledge on what is happening in particular areas so that I'm well equipped to be able to carry out the position that I have.

In particular Derek Ferry has been a great asset since he has come on board, not only helping Russell with his work while he is recovering from his illness but Derek has taken on other areas such as the come and try trailer, he is very proactive.

Thank you everybody.

Item 5c - Treasurer – Max Laybutt

AUSTRALIAN KARTING ASSOCIATION (NSW) INCORPORATED.
TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE STATE KARTING COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 25TH JULY 2009.

Delegates,

Another year is over, and I am sure on behalf of all the NSW clubs, I have got to say an extremely BIG THANK YOU to the all girls that operate our office. I certainly have found that there is very little they won't tackle for you and their professional attitude and attention to detail is a major benefit to All Karter's, and NSW Karting clubs.

I would have to add that the development of our new "Card" system has been a very real work load not just for my-self but the entire "Card Crew", and without the Total support of the Girls it would have been a nightmare. Their input to the system has just been invaluable and I know you are all now enjoying the benefit of being taken into the next generation of administration and race management, and soon, Very soon, race timing!!!.

Now down to business, we have finished the year with a small margin of \$812.00 however into that we can see an expenditure of almost \$30K on legal fees associated with the ACCC matter.

So to examine last year submitted Budget against actual the following applies;

Income: Budget of \$676700: Actual income \$684756: Variation \$8056.
(Extra)

Expenditure, Budget of \$657798: Actual was \$683944: Variation \$26146.
(Extra legal costs)

Margin. Budget of \$18902: Actual was \$812: Variation.
(Down by \$18090)

From the attached financial report you can see the following paid a major role in the above figures.

On the income side;

- 1) Our Yearly arm wrestle with the DSR maintained the \$10K grant from them.
- 2) Despite a tremendous drop in interest rates we were still able to accumulate better than \$11K in interest on our investment.
- 3) And we have recouped better than 24K from the National purse in reimbursement for our junior development camps, and official schools, clothing distribution etc.

- 4) Our little adjustment to licence fees (\$9K) and Permit fees (\$24K) produced in total an extra 33K towards the overall income.

On the outward side;

- 1) Legal fees for the ACCC have amounted so far to almost \$30K
- 2) The smart card costs are reflected in two areas, an actual cost of approx \$4.3k for training of our state clubs etc, and some extra wages (\$13K although some of this is a result of the state titles see below) where our girls have been specifically required to utilise the two systems which has been a little difficult at times. However I have yet to meet anybody who is not impressed with the overall smart card exercise.
- 3) We were able to avoid, to a degree, that frightening expense POSTAGE! We went in with a Budget of \$22K and finished the year at \$13.4K well done to the girls!! Who have been extremely prudent in this area of expenditure.

2009 / 2010 Budget;

Next year's Budget is a little difficult to frame correctly, and the one we propose is attached for your perusal.

Factors that will be a major influence that we have a problem in pegging down exactly are as follows.

- 1) We are not sure what the end result of the ACCC matter will be.
- 2) The legal costs associated with the above will need to be considered.
- 3) However to offset the above an insurance claim should see some recoup of the above.
- 4) With the Paper licence being discontinued in September costs associated in that area, e.g. Postage, Wages, Stationary etc should be substantially reduced.
- 5) Let's hope we get some turn around in interest rates?
- 6) And DSR stay amicable?

Apart from the above we feel confident that we are near the mark.

Generally,

If you inspect all the figures you will, I am sure, realise that a normal margin of \$30K is about where we are at, and Given that we recouped \$10K from DSR, \$11K from Interest, and \$24K from National we are still subsidising our NSW Karters to the tune of approx \$15K and while currently we are able to accommodate this, we need to consider some adjustments may be required into the near future.

On some other issues,

The "Card" has been readily accepted by almost all of the clubs and for that we thank you, a decision by all the state office girls to discontinue the "Paper" licence as at the end of September 2009 will see the administration side of the system fully operational.

The Race Entry side of the system is still under development, however as the "Fix this please" are becoming less and less and I am confident that near perfection on this front is close.

We are currently completing the "Timing" tender, and to settle some current "Rumours" The Card Committee, requested an approval from the National Karting Council to supply ALL Clubs with the required track equipment FREE OF CHARGE, and that has been agreed to.

Transponders will be available to clubs at a greatly reduced rate.

With the initial work from Vic, and Trish Maastricht on an online stewards approval scheme this will be added to the "Card" in the near future which will mean you will be able to do your yearly "Official exam" online a huge saving in Time and Cost should be the end result.

The On Line "Apply for a Licence" is now operational which means that karters can now, apply for, or renew their licences on line Just go to the National Web Site and press the "APPLY FOR A LICENCE" Button and Hay Presto you are there!!!!

State Titles:

Last year was the first year that our State titles were run by the State Karting Council, while in most areas it was extremely successful, from a financial aspect it produced some very real questions.

As mentioned above, a BIG portion of the amount of extra wages we have paid this year (13K) can be attributed to the state titles, this work has now been shifted onto our office staff and needs to be considered as a charge against the running of this event.

I know that the Port Macquarie Club will expand on this matter; however it is sufficient for me to say that the current State Policy for this venture needs major consideration and some recommendations to effect some policy changes that are required.

Finally,

I have enjoyed the progress we have made through this year, with both the Financial, and Card side of the administration. Your support has been appreciated through the past, and I have again nominated for another term as your treasurer as apart from enjoying the task, I would like the opportunity of completing the Card and getting it totally operational.

For your support I thank you.

Regards

Max Laybutt

Treasurer NSW AKA

Item 5d – Metro Committee Member – Simon Whiting

Verbal Report

This meeting is the perfect opportunity to reflect on some of the achievements and disappointments of this year. Without going over what has already been

said the economic climate comes on the back of drought and it is not a particularly easy time for a lot of clubs. I was impressed extensively by one of the fellows I was talking to from a club that his optimism, his passion and commitment and his resolve was strong as if things were running fairly smooth and well. We can dwell on the negatives but round in the metro, Wollongong has had a hard time in the last twelve months but the upside is they have been embraced by Sydney, numbers are up and they are looking outside the square and they are really moving on with it. It's really terrific to see.

We look at our official's panel, what we have achieved this year. We were in a training session last Saturday and you couldn't fit another person in. There was a good vibe about it, people were moving about positively and I think that is something that we need to acknowledge. I was at the National conference when a presentation was done on online training, I would suggest to you that the expertise has come out of NSW.

The licence system is one of the biggest transformations and one of the things that is going to impact on us and take us into the next decade and is one of the greatest innovation areas that has happened to the sport in years other than competition itself.

You can dwell on some of the short falls, some of the decision making that we make or have made and we fall a little bit short, I think as a council, and it's this council here that ministers the sport in NSW I think we have a lot to focus on but we have a lot to acknowledge and be pleased with in what we look at. Numbers aren't quite right but economically like we said it's hit the heart land we a predominantly a junior run sport, seniors fit in but of course economically it is the parents that are going to pay for it.

The Coordinators I thank them for their effort, they have run each department within the administration of karting in NSW.

The big thing that I would like to do today is to acknowledge the state office, how the girls do what they do is a testament to their ability.

In closing, it's been around nine years that I have been coming here either as a club delegate or on the Executive. To see speedway so involved in the officialdom within sprint karting and vice versa, years gone by I think that wouldn't have happened. But everyone now has thought of the bigger picture. We now look at the greater picture and from my perspective for the last year I congratulate the SKC and the Delegates. Sometimes the unity is not hitting the nail on the head but it is unity. You have to make an effort and you have to get together as we have done, because the decision making and what we do happens here and it is by you to administer the sport and I'm sure that will continue.

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

Verbal report by Russell Grimson

I would like to thank everybody for their support over the last nine months as you know I have been ill and Derek stepped into my position to help me out. Since I have been back on deck again I have been lucky enough to be able to go to the Over 40's, the Bob Hinde Memorial meeting and am now starting to get back into the role and be involved with the sport.

Something that disappoints me a little is some people grumble that they would like to see changes to the rules and I say it all starts here. If clubs have an idea where they want to change something by all means put it to your clubs and then put it in as an SKC agenda item. I know personally over the years I have probably changed six or eight things in the rule book that we found were incorrect or not right. I urge you all to look at that situation; you have the ability to do it.

Verbal report by Derek Ferry

It has been quite a busy time in the country with a number of big meetings being held since the last time we met. The Coffs Harbour Over 40's was a great success. Lismore held the Young Guns and Forbes had their round of the Southern Zone and as Russell said Grenfell held the Bob Hinde Memorial and Port Macquarie had their Pacific Coast Titles and the third round of their very successful Junior Challenge. Dubbo has also tried something new and their three track challenge went very well. The most pleasing thing this year is the number of competitors that these meetings are drawing.

I am endeavoring to get to all the clubs to meet with committees but as you can appreciate there is a lot of ground to cover between you all.

In closing, my role at the moment is to assist the Country clubs, but for this to happen I need to be told what assistance you require. If you do require assistance please email Karen and she will pass it on to Russell and myself and we will get in touch with you.

Item 5f – Industry Member – Chris Dell

If any one had any fear that the Global Financial Crisis would effect karting they can rest assured that it has not. Across Australia the kart shops are reporting a change in karters spending trends but not in their participation. Karters are still racing. They may stretch their tyres an extra meeting or not replace their sticker kit but they have not stopped racing. The passion we all have for this sport is ever evident.

I have been very pleased to see the AKA's TaG Restricted class continue to go from strength to strength. I truly believe that this style of club level racing will become the back bone of the sport.

As I go into the second year of my term as industry member I truly say that I enjoy working with the SKC & the executive. I hope that over the next year we can continue to work together for the benefit and growth of the sport.

Item 5g –Stewards Coordinator – Judy Preen

Verbal Report

First of all I would like to thank the officials panel for running the officials schools. There will be a change in the near future in the way we train officials.

I would also like to thank the officials for the manner in the way they have carried out their duties and the girls in the state office.

Touching on the online training for officials; just before the committee's conference the national official's coordinator asked each state coordinator to write 10 questions which could be included in the system. He also gave us a run down on the capabilities of the system and it's absolutely fantastic. The implementation of the system has been put back a bit but hopefully by the end of the year it will be implemented.

I would still like to see some face to face meetings with Officials perhaps to update on the new rules at the beginning of the year and to give officials an opportunity to discuss any issues they may have.

I would like to thank Steve King who was the initial mover and shaker of the system.

The other thing I would like to touch on is the Stewards section of the race management program. We had a lengthy hookup with the programmer about the officials section and we discussed all the inclusions we would like to see. This area will take place of the paper licence, were we can give written warnings, endorsements and any penalties that are a result of a stewards hearing.

Once the race meeting is uploaded the information on what meetings the officials have attended and in what capacity will be available, it will also mean that they don't need to have their paper licences and obtain signatures.

Finally I would like to thank everybody for their support.

Item 5h – Clerk of Course Coordinator – Steve King

Verbal Report

Over the last twelve months we have moved forward on several fronts, obviously the online training has been one of the major ones and the other is the implementation of random inspections which have been carried out at

metropolitan and country clubs. It is pleasing to report that at those random inspections there have only been minor things that we have come across. The manner in which the meetings are being conducted whether it was in the country or metropolitan have been of very high standards and the officials are doing their job in a very competent manner. There has only been in the last twelve months two issues where we have had to lodge an appeal to correct the original hearings.

Another pleasing thing that has been a long time coming; we now have Raleigh back in the fold. The first race meeting will be the Pro Tour round & CIK. The implementation of a promoters meeting from the officials point of view has been very successful coupling with the CIK and hopefully the numbers will continue to grow with the CIK. With the Rotax Pro Tour from an official's point of view we haven't had any problems.

The computer training that Judy and Max touched on I would like to thank Tony D'Annibale, he assisted me with training and did an excellent job. The one disappointing thing with the computer training is the clubs that aren't applying for supplementary regulations online. It is a problem that is still out there, to apply for your permit for a race meeting on the Monday before the meeting applies tremendous pressure to the girls in the office. You are not doing yourself a favour and you certainly aren't doing the state office any favours. We ask that you use the computer that's supplied, the format is easy to lodge online. Of course the tricky bit is the computer won't allow you to lodge it on line if you apply within thirty days. It takes a lot of stress off everybody and it ensures that your race meeting is going ahead, because there will come a day where we won't issue a permit and the only one to blame will be the clubs themselves. This is not the first time I have spoken on the issue, so can you please report back to your clubs that they need to apply online using the facilities that you have; it makes it so much easier for us.

The complaints that we have dealt with, especially the complaints in relations to officials have been reduced, we still get the odd one or two that come along but in general that has been a very low order.

The licence grading of officials is still being maintained and is under constant review. Much to the disappointment of some they have been downgraded and we are constantly on the look out for those that we can upgrade and bring through to the more senior ranking.

I would like to thank the girls in the office and fellow members of the officials panel we are working well together and we have a focus on where we are going to move forward, ably assisted by our chairman Mr Whiting. My point of view is it has been a very successful year and we still have a lot more to come and we will keep working at it.

Item 5i – Technical Officer – Les Allen

As Les Allen was only appointed to the position in recent days a report was not required.

Item 5j – State Track Inspector – Tom Nipperess

Verbal Report

I would like to thank Karen for her assistance with administration and Bob Gallagher for his assistance with the licencing board. As most people know the system in NSW is that we have to have a police inspection at the same time as our track inspection, without the police inspection we don't get a licence from NSW S&R. A problem that has been happening for some years is the police are reluctant to do their track inspection because they fear retaliation through the courts if something goes wrong. I think we can get around that problem by clubs ensuring that the police are there when the track inspectors come to do their inspection, in a lot of these cases we have to drive four or five hours to do an inspection. If the clubs can ensure that there is a police officer from the local police station there to do their inspection, we can guide them through it and tell them what is expected of them.

I would like to thank Tracy Stewart the Northern Zone track inspector and Dick Catford the Western Zone track inspector. It is a big state and I think we have more tracks in this state than any other state in Australia. It is good to see that Raleigh is back on deck again.

I wish everybody well in what they do for the AKA, it is important to the karters that we keep doing it.

Item 5k – Tribunal Registrar – Ron Harradine

Verbal Report.

As Steve mentioned we had a couple of minor matters in the last couple of weeks to deal with stewards hearings that weren't run to procedure. I would like to mention that at the 2005 national championships we had two appeals that went all the way to AMSAC, we lost one and won one. Through the decisions of AMSAC on these there are a couple of rules that have been changed because of the events that happened at those championships.

I would like to thank my fellow officials panel members as Steve said we move ahead and try to right things that are wrong out there and a lot of work goes into it. Also I would like to thank Karen.

Item 5l – Junior Development Officer – Russell Grimson

Even though I have been out of action for the past nine months we have still carried on with our Junior Development Program and I congratulate the people that successfully ran the camp in January this year, we had seventy nine kids for

that particular camp and we have a similar one in Tamworth and it is our intention to run one more this year in Wagga and I would like to thank the team that has helped me. I have been involved in the Junior Development program for ten years, we have come a long way. I would also like to thank Bob Gallagher on behalf of all the kids in the states for his efforts on the funding from National.

Item 5m – Publicity Officer – Position Vacant

Motion: Acceptance of all reports

Dubbo's Delegate advised that he was disappointed that not all Executive members submitted a written report.

Discussion was then held regarding written reports; the verbal reports are included in the minutes of the meeting.

Digital recordings of SKC meetings are available to the clubs upon request.

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

Item 6 – ELECTION OF POSITIONS

Item 6a – Appointment of Scrutineers

Motion: Chief Scrutineer – Karen Newton Scrutineers - Diana Trinder & Jennifer Nipperess

Moved Lismore
Seconded Coffs Harbour
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Bob Gallagher Chaired the meeting for Elections.

All people standing were requested to stand aside and leave the room until the completion of elections, unless they are requested to address the SKC.

Item 6b – Election of Executive Positions

Executive Positions	Nominee	Nominating Club	Result
President	Richard Erdmann Len Williamson	Wollongong-Duly Goulburn	Elected

Treasurer Max Laybutt Wollongong-Duly Elected
Nick Crawshay Goulburn
Nicholas Crawshay – Did not attend the meeting, no apology received.

Metro Member Simon Whiting Wollongong-Duly Elected

Item 6c – Election of State Positions

Official Position	Nominee	Nominating Club	Result
Stewards Coordinator	Judy Preen	Orange-Duly	Elected
Assistant Clerk of Course Coordinator	Kim Freer	NSW Speedway-Central Coast	Duly Elected Speedway
Assistant Technical Officer	Les Allen	Wollongong Newcastle	
Assistant Technical Officer nominations to be re-circulated as Les Allen has been appointed State Technical Officer			
Western Track Inspector	Dick Catford	Wollongong-Duly	Elected
Northern Track Inspector	Tracy Stewart	Wollongong-Duly	Elected
Speedway Track Inspector	Jeff Burton Greg Paul	NSW Speedway-Central Coast	Duly Elected Speedway
OLT Coordinator	Ron Harradine Howard Whitehouse	Wollongong-Duly Newcastle North Shore	Elected

Motion: Accept both nominations from the floor for Junior Development Officer – Position 2 as Junior Development Officers 2 and 3.

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

Tim Pauling duly elected as Junior Development Officer – Position 2

Jason Varley duly elected as Junior Development Officer – Position 3

Motion: Destroy the ballot papers.

Moved Sydney
Seconded Port Macquarie
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Motion: Accept all election results.

Moved Combined
Seconded Wagga
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 7 – Appoint an Auditor

Motion: Auditor for 2010 to be appointed. The Executive recommends the appointment of Berger Piepers Chartered Accountants.

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Port Macquarie
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Annual General Meeting closed 12.30pm

AKA NSW STATE KARTING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

State Karting Council Meeting opened 12.31pm

Item 1 - Confirmation of attendance, proxies and apologies

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

Same as the AGM meeting.

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

Item 4 - Confirmation of 18th April 2009 Extraordinary Meeting of the SKC Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes be accepted.

Moved NSW Speedway
Seconded Dubbo
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 5 – Agenda Items

Item 5a – Review of State Policies

Current State Policies distributed on CD to clubs by post on 17th June 2009.

Sydney Kart Racing Club to review and report back to the State Office. Clubs can put forward amendments for the next SKC meeting.

Agenda item remains open.

Item 5b – Patron of Karting Proposed by SKC

The following delegates were nominated for the special sub committee with the responsibility of identifying and approaching a prominent person (preferably with a motor sport background or at least involvement) with the view to nominating this person to a position of Patron of the sport of karting in NSW and on a National basis:

Tracy Stewart – PMKRC
Garry Pluis – CKRC
Paul Giuntini - CDKC

Motion: Accept the nominations for the Patron of Karting special sub committee.

Moved Sydney
Seconded Coffs Harbour
Voting 24-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 5c – Inclusion of NT in the National's Rotation Proposed by Executive

Motion: AKA NSW supports the inclusion of Northern Territory in the National Championship rotation.

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Gunnedah
Voting 20-4-0
Motion Carried

Item 5d – 2008 State Championship Financials
Proposed by Port Macquarie

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Copy of email to Richard Erdmann
Date: 02/06/2009

Dear Richard

After the running of the 2008 NSW State Championships at Port Macquarie and now that the dust has settled we are requesting that the money held in profit by AKA (NSW) be distributed. The distribution of this money that was detailed by the AKA (NSW) treasurer has allocated \$4200.00 to Port Macquarie Kart Club Inc. and \$233.34 to be distributed to the other 27 affiliated clubs whilst some of the funds were to be left in for the club that are running the 2009 State Championships.

With all this said we are now requesting that because this club were the first to hold a State Championship under the new format and because we were offered the help of others that did not eventuate the club was left with more expenses than originally expected. The club was also given incorrect information as to the number of people who would buy the shirts. Consequently we have been left with some major accounts that are still to be paid.

As well as this we have just run our major meeting of the year, the Pacific Coast Titles and it was

not a great success owing to the fact that the postponed Victorian State Titles were held on the same weekend without any consideration for this club who have run our Titles at the same time for the past 13 years. We as a club lost in excess of 60 entrants which would have included some of those Victorians.

In closing we are asking to be considered for more of the financial benefits because of the financial

predicament we find ourselves in as well as leaving some \$2000.00 in an account this year's club to work with.

TM Stewart
President

AKA NSW AGM & SKC Minutes – 25th July 2009

Port Macquarie Kart Racing Club Inc.

Motion: Disburse the balance of the funds from the 2008 State Championships to PMKRC. \$2,000 to remain as a float in the State Championship account.

Moved Gunnedah
Seconded Sydney
Voting 17-2-3
Motion Carried

**Item 5e – Inclusion of NT in the National’s Rotation
Proposed by Executive**

Duplication of Item 5c

Item 6 – Discussion Items

**Item 6a – Insurance Presentation
Proposed by NSW Speedway Kart Club at the Feb SKC Meeting.**

**Item 6b – Self Scrutineering
Proposed by Executive**

Definition needs to be constructed by the Executive.

A competitor self scrutineers their own kart it doesn't take the onus from us the AKA to scrutineer the kart in saying that the competitor fills out the form, signs it and says my go kart complies. At some point during the course of the day you have got to check that it actually complies. When you do that you are scrutineering the kart. The easiest methodology is to continue doing what you have done for years, people come up to scrutineer in the morning hand the form in and they will have a quick cursory glance over the go kart to make sure nothing is falling off, that person can choose to ask the competitor to pull on the brake pedal if they wish, but at least they will see that they have gloves, boots, a race suit and helmet

Scrutineering in its basic form even if it is a cursory glance at the kart and check they have the right apparel before they race. If you don't like what somebody has on their go kart because you feel it doesn't comply then don't let them go out. They can take the matter up with the Stewards and if the Stewards sign off then let them go.

After discussions with the Technical Team we have decided to make accreditation of a club scrutineer easier and we will formulate a policy but we have come to a decision providing you are happy with it that for club level scrutineers all they do is put their names down to be put on the reporting paperwork to be sent to the state office so it is recorded that that person is doing scrutineering and if they do it on a continuing basis and we don't have any problems relating to that person nothing will happen but if there are problems

coming out of that club then we have someone to identify and we can go back too.

Essentially they can use the no go gauge that each club has and check that the restrictors are legal.

**Item 6c - Restricted 125 Class Event at Dubbo Kart Club
Proposed by Dubbo**

Item 7a from the April 2009 Minutes has been withdrawn by Dubbo Kart Club.

Dubbo Kart Club Inc.

PO Box 1592, Dubbo, NSW, 2830.

Secretary:- Arthur Mortimer.

Telephone:- 02 6882 2381 or 0418 281 133.

Australian Karting Association (NSW) Inc.,
PO Box 495.
St Marys, NSW, 1790.

20th April, 2009.

Dear People,

Further to discussions at the SKC Meeting of the 18th April, 2009 and discussions at the Dubbo Kart Club's Race Meeting on the 19th April, 2009 we herewith WITHDRAW our letter of the 16th April, 2009 in respect to a request that steps should be taken to permit B Grade Licence Holders to compete in any Restricted 125 Class Event.

Kindest regards,
Arthur Mortimer.
Secretary of the Dubbo Kart Club.

**Item 6d – Terry Conlon
Proposed by Executive**

Terry Conlon was awarded AKA NSW life membership.

Terry has put in a huge effort over the years; his passion has always been for this sport to continue and to move forward. He has had to make the difficult decision to stand down from various activities he does for the sport due to health reasons. The Executive took it upon themselves to award a life membership to AKA NSW for all the work he has done over the years and we wish him the best

in the future and hope that he continues to soldier on and make it to as many events as he can because he loves the sport.

Item 6e – VKHA

Proposed by Executive

The Delegates discussed the possibility of VKHA being excluded from the minimum of 10 competition licence holders in the previous financial year to vote.

Delegates to discuss with their clubs.

Item 6f – School Licences – Correspondence from Canberra Grammar School

Proposed by Derek Ferry

Derek

I have attached three documents to share at the meeting. The "Karting Report for Derek Ferry" (it is an early version of the school's end of year magazine report) may be printed off and given to anyone interested, and I have included a "sport description for parents and boys" which I used to explain the sport so new families would know what they were signing up for.

Just for interest I have added a shortened version of the letter I sent to Alan Evans, a NRMA Director, to open discussion about how they might play a part. If they show interest in Canberra Grammar School it is only a short step to a greater involvement beyond just my school. (No word yet, I hope they are thinking about it!). I don't mind if you tell people about this contact I have made, but probably better not to show them the letter just yet, even in this abridged form.

I hope the meeting is a good one

Cheers

Terry

Karting (DRAFT for 2009 Canberran)

In Term 2 the Canberra Grammar School karting program recommenced in a new format. The Australian Karting Association has made it possible for boys to try the sport for a school term through the issue of a special "school's licence", rather than a more costly yearly licence. This opened up the possibilities to give many of our boys the chance to get a start in motor sport, and Term 2 saw ten keen aspiring drivers learn about the sport. At the time of writing, we are about to get underway with the Term 3 intake.

The aim of the program is for boys to learn the basics of driving a race kart on full-sized kart race tracks. We emphasize that discipline and focus are as important as on the road, and boys learned the basics of vehicle maintenance and optimum set up through work on karts. The participants in Term 2 responded very well to the call to show good teamwork, and were very adept at the skills of pit crewing for one another by the time the term had ended.

A highlight for many who felt ready for this step was the race meeting held on 14 June in Canberra, at which seven of our boys took the leap into becoming race drivers. They all found the experience to be suitably challenging, as in each race there were expert drivers mixed in with our beginners. As expected for a first race none challenged the front runners but all were safe on the track at racing speeds, and showed that they had the potential to go on with the sport. Srikar Jha, Sam Lees, Jack Thompson and Joshua Healey ran in the "Heavy" category of their engine class, and Dominic Dao, Joshua Fridgant and Oliver Tye ran in the "Light" division.

A further highlight was the subsequent granting of a full "P plate" race licence to Sam Lees, who is the first in this program to commit to a greater involvement in the sport. He ran very successfully in Grenfell over the holidays in a two day meeting, and clearly is set for greater things.

I need to acknowledge the support of many people in making this program a success. The Australian Karting Association has had the vision to support the school in an innovative approach to giving young people a start in a sport which is highly technical and in which the first step...the building of enough knowledge and skill to get to a race meeting as a "P" plater... is a large one. The school knows that this sport is just the right one for boys who aspire for careers related to Engineering, and even possibly as a professional driver (we like to point to Mark Webber's early days at the Canberra Kart Racing Club), and I am grateful to the many parents who willingly come to help lift and carry all manner of equipment and offer support to all the boys.

I am indebted to the whole of the Canberra Kart Racing Club (<http://canberrakarts.com.au/club/>) which has been wonderfully helpful and supportive, as it has been over many years, in giving our boys a start in a sport which, for many, is the stuff of dreams.

The steady and generous presence of Mr Bob Alexander and Mr David Barbalet (an ex-Grammar karter) during Term 2 made the experience for the boys all the richer, and I thank them for that.

T Werner

MiC karting

KARTING

MiC Mr Terry Werner

The aims will be for boys to learn:

- the basics of driving through learning how to control a race kart on full-sized kart race tracks
- discipline and focus when in charge of a vehicle
- the basics of vehicle maintenance through work on karts, and how to make adjustments to the kart to optimize its performance
- basic racecraft, to the level where each boy can successfully experience one race meeting as a "P" plate race driver
- good teamwork, and the skills of pit crewing

Part of the aim will be to teach boys enough to allow a confident start in racing, if that is what they decide to do at the end of the course. The majority of boys will probably not intend to continue with racing, but the special licences granted to Canberra Grammar School by the NSW Karting Association will permit any boy who completes the course in an appropriately diligent manner to compete in one local race meeting as a fully fledged "P" plate race driver.

The sport provides a very good grounding for later study in areas such as Engineering as it provides a real "hands on" experience combined with a theoretical approach.

The boys will be required to do this during the term (either Term 2 or Term 3):

1. Attend one afternoon per week for a session of approximately two and a half hours for maintenance, instruction on set up, and driving instruction. (Parents or guardians are also welcome to attend these sessions).
2. Acquire a NSW Karting Association special practice licence, as granted to Canberra Grammar School. The NSW Karting Association is run under the umbrella of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS). Boys must attend a lecture to learn the basics of the Australian Karting Association rule book as it pertains to safety on the track, and then complete a theory exam satisfactorily (the exam is similar to the "L" plate exam, but refers to the race track environment). This is managed through the Canberra Kart Racing Club, but the school coordinates this. It takes place in one week-day evening session of approximately three hours duration.

3. Attend four full days of driving during the term.

There will be one day driving during the school week at the Canberra track (<http://canberrakarts.com.au/track/>). This will be followed by a Saturday at the Canberra track mixing with other club members as they practise, and tune their karts. For the third drive day we hope to be able to negotiate a trip to a regional NSW track (we have used Grenfell in the past, where we have arrived on Saturday afternoon to camp at the track ready for a full day on Sunday) to build miles in the driving seat and to practise race protocols, such as responding appropriately to flags. The boys will be assessed as to their suitability to gain a one-use "P" plate for the fourth drive day, a race meeting in Canberra. It is expected that with appropriate personal instruction each boy will meet that basic standard.

Parents or guardians are very welcome to attend any or all of the sessions and even to help out in the pits. Naturally, boys aspiring to strike out on their own and race after the term's course is completed will need to have their pit crew well trained.

4. As well as cleaning and maintaining karts all boys are expected to do their share of packing and unpacking, and to take their turn at pit crewing for others. This is a very busy and demanding sport, and it requires and nurtures a good attitude towards teamwork.

5. The boys will need to meet part of the costs. Racing karts are subtle and responsive and must be maintained well. Parts are replaced frequently, both from a safety and performance standpoint, and we need to keep the school's helmets, gloves, suits etc in good condition. There are also track hire charges; club membership fees; consumables such as fuel, oil, and tyres; transportation and towing costs ...etc.

The levy for the term covers all costs including the necessary licence and insurance. The weekend trip to regional NSW will attract a separate levy to cover food and transport (that additional levy will not apply if we remain in Canberra for that drive day).

There are no other costs, but boys need to have footwear that covers the ankles.

A word on the experience: This is a sport which has thrived since it began in around 1960 simply because driving a race kart is an experience not to be forgotten, including for those already used to driving on the road. The karts the boys use weigh less than half of the "indoor kart" and have twice the power. They can reach 90kph at the Canberra track, though the most common type of kart for senior drivers reaches 110 kph there (and considerably more on faster tracks). It feels faster than it is, probably due to the fact that the thin fibreglass seat is set 15 mm off the ground. The karts have high levels of grip, and they both reward good technique and punish poor driving very decisively.

However, exciting as it is, this sport has a serious educational intent and it demands commitment. It is not like going to an indoor track, driving for 10 minutes, then going home.

A brief comment on safety is warranted here. There is a risk associated with operating any vehicle. Practice sessions in karts are designed to promote the maximum performance from the kart, so there will be occasions when the driver will overstep the mark. These moments are valuable in finding the limits and are inevitable, but AKA sanctioned tracks (we use these exclusively) are carefully designed for this with the use of gravel traps, tyre barriers etc. Driving a race kart in a practice session is extremely safe so long as common-sense rules are adhered to...and there are officials at sessions to ensure that this is the case. Race meetings bring extra challenges because of the proximity of other drivers, but "P" plate drivers start from the rear of the grid and this lessens the potential for incidents. It is, however, proper motor racing with its attendant risks. Having said that, if the lessons of the term are attended to properly before embarking on this step, the sport is safe.

On the related matter of road safety, there is anecdotal evidence that guided experience in a kart can lead to the safer use of a motor vehicle on the public road. The right attitude of the driver is crucial in avoiding unsafe situations on the road, and we also know that drivers need the skills to handle inevitable emergencies. In teaching boys the sport of karting we emphasise disciplined driving within the rules, and we develop in boys the ability to handle tricky situations appropriately and calmly.

Item 7 – Late Agenda Items

Item 7a – History of the Sport

Proposed by Country Committee Member

I have taken the first step towards producing a book on 50 years of karting in NSW. My proposal is to have it for release at the 2011 state championship that is 50 years after the first one but I would like to become the official AKA biographer and I need a Dictaphone to record memories from blokes like Ron Herbert etc could you please support my endeavors and put as a motion at the SKC meeting.

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ATTENTION: Karen

TO: Australian Karting Association, NSW

EMAIL: administration@akansw.asn.au

RE: Quote for dictation equipment

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Regards.

Dean Lopaticki

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No motion needed, state office to arrange

Item 7b – Scrutineering

Proposed by State Technical Officer

Level 4 Club Scrutineers:

Motion 1: The club scrutineer need only have to recertify every 2 years from the date of their initial certification.

Reason: To ease the pressure on clubs not being able to get volunteers to complete the training course every year.

Motion: Not Moved

Into the State policies

Motion 2: That NSW will still conduct scrutineering prior to karts participating in any event.

Reason: It appears that scrutineering is not being conducted during the events as many of the club scrutineers are either not available for the meeting, are racing themselves or are committed to their family racing at the event.

On most occasions the scrutineering form is just being completed and the kart, apparel are not being inspected by either the karter or pit crew for compliance therefore Rule 12.01.(Red portion) is not being adhered to.

Refer to earlier discussion, policy to be constructed.

Item 7c – Premier State Cup Proposed Date Change

Proposed by Wollongong (previously distributed correspondence from Combined also included)

Wollongong Kart Racing Club wish to apply to the State Karting Council for a change of race date 24th and 25th October to the 31st October and 1st of November.

The reason for the change of dates is that our round of Premier State Cup clashes with the final round of the Pro Tour and CIK. At round 3 of Premier State Cup held at Oran Park even with increased registrations in the Rotax classes our Rotax numbers were down at Oran Park as round 2 of the Pro Tour was being held the following weekend at Todd Road in Melbourne.

If a date change is not allowed the losers will be the competitors who run in both series. We believe we will lose in excess of 30 plus competitors.

Thanking you
Wollongong Kart Racing Club

Correspondence received from Combined:

I am writing this in support from our club members and committee of Combined Districts Kart Club.

My name is Graeme Abbott and I took over as President of CDKC in June, 2009. Our club has been approached by the Premier State Cup (PSC) and asked could we swop the 31st October, 2009 and 1st November, 2009 back a week to the weekend of 24th/25th October, 2009 as this was to be the final round of PSC at Newcastle. The reason they want to change dates is that on 24th/25th this is also the final round of the Rotax Pro & CIK event in Ipswich, Qld. and they could lose karters from the final. I did ask the PSC could they contact the promoters of Rotax Pro & CIK if they could move to a date a week earlier, as no dates for this series are in the manual.

My point is that our dates like yours are set 12 months in advance which are printed in the AKA karting manual. Where are the Rotax Pro & CIK tour dates? A lot of karters use this manual to see where and when they will race throughout the year.

The reasons why CDKC are unable to move our race date is this is our major club meeting of the year:

1. 2 days for the prestigious Clyde Marshall Memorial Trophy.
2. People are already talking about it and 2 days of racing for all competitors.
3. Some of our members I've spoken to cannot come a week earlier due to other commitments, work etc.
4. Our canteen staff will be unavailable that weekend
5. Accommodation has been pre-booked.

In closing, our committee is against the change of dates because of the abovementioned reasons. If we move to a week earlier a great deal of our members & visitors will be unavailable. It's the members from all our club, they are who we have to look after, they keep us going.

Our committee would appreciate your support in not getting the dates changed if this matter is sent to SKC.

Kind regards,

Graeme Abbott,
President,
CDKC
10th July, 2009

Motion: Withdrawn by Wollongong

**Item 7d – Come and Try Trailer
Proposed by Derek Ferry**

As you are aware in recent times the come and try trailer is not being used in the spirit that was intended.

Therefore the following changes should be implemented if you all approve the changes.

1. EACH club will have use of the come and try trailer for a period of 4 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 collect the trailer from the previous club.
It is the 2 clubs involved to make suitable arrangements for transportation between clubs at their expense (at the end of the day they will profit from exposure to the local community)
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
I therefore suggest a fee of 20 dollars per person per day be charged.
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 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. ***(If clubs fail to cooperate the SKC may review the long term survival of the promotional trailer and all clubs may suffer)***
I will leave this decision to executive and the state karting council to make.
7. It is extremely important that the clubs realize value of the come and try trailer to the growth of their clubs membership growth which in the future will determine a clubs survival.

Make a final draft to be included in the state policies and distribute by email for a postal vote.

Item 8 – General Business

GB 1 – In Camera Discussion

Proposed by North Shore Kart Club

Discussion was held on in camera discussions.

GB 2 – Travel Expenses

Proposed by Lismore

Lismore to submit a proposal for assistance for clubs to attend SKC meetings i.e. Lismore, Grafton and Coffs Harbour.

GB 3 – Technical Equipment

Proposed by Bob Gallagher

Technical Team to arrange costing on a trailer for the NSW Technical Team

Accept the offer from CRG for a marquee.

Moved Port Macquarie

Seconded Combined

Voting 21-0-3

Motion Carried

GB 4 – National Committee Conference

Proposed by Canberra

Discussion was held regarding the Committee's Conference in Darwin.

State Karting Council Meeting closed 4.15pm