



**AKA NKC MEETING  
MINUTES  
12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April 2008  
Venue: Novotel, Brighton Beach,  
Sydney NSW**

ATTENDANCE:

AKA PRESIDENT  
AKA VICE PRESIDENT  
AKA TREASURER  
AKA SECRETARY

RICHARD ERDMANN  
SIMON WHITING  
MAX LAYBUTT  
PAM ARNETT

DELEGATES:

QUEENSLAND  
NEW SOUTH WALES  
VICTORIA  
TASMANIA  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
NORTHERN TERRITORY

MARK HOGAN  
BOB GALLAGHER  
DAVID MURRAY  
STEPH PETERS  
BRIAN SPARROW  
GARY LIGHT  
JOHN GATT

CO DELEGATES:

QUEENSLAND  
NEW SOUTH WALES  
TASMANIA  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
NORTHERN TERRITORY

JOHN McCLEVERTY  
TREVOR WHITE  
MARK CLOSE  
IAN MOONEY  
MICHELLE LINO  
PAUL RIGGS

STATE TECHNICAL OFFICERS:

QUEENSLAND  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

RALPH van DOORN  
KEN SEEBER

OBSERVERS:

Ian Black – IKD  
Chris Dell – St George Kart Centre  
Les May – Dunlop  
George Turton – Drew Price Engineering



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1- Opening remarks by the Chairman – Mr Richard Erdmann

2- Meeting Open to Observers

Motion: To allow observers of the meeting, however for in-camera discussions they will be asked to leave the room.

Moved:VIC

Second:NT

UNANIMOUS

3- Minute procedure – acceptance of digital recorder as an official recording for the purpose of minute taking by the minute secretary.

Moved:VIC

Second:TAS

UNANIMOUS

4- Accept minutes from previous meeting.

5- Business arising from those minutes.

6- Moved WA

That all pecuniary interests be declared by AKA Secretariat, NKC delegates/Co delegates and observers

Second: SA.

UNANIMOUS

All present declared their pecuniary interest to the meeting.

7- National Events Coordinator

Discussion on State Championship dates.

(Document attached)

AKANSW and AKAWA both have listed their state championship on the same weekend would like to ask if the NKC and the states are happy with the situation.

AKANSW and AKAWA believe that due to the distance holding the events on the same weekend will not affect their state championships.

8. NSW Item

Upgrade of the S80 to SW80

(Correspondence attached)

General discussion on the change over cost to competitors.

- 9- AKAWA Item  
Report from National Stewards Coordinator regarding investigation into incidents that took place at Tasmania State Championships (investigation and reporting on items as directed by NKC).

The Incident was investigated by the Officials coordinator and he forwarded Dianne's report to the Secretariat. The documents were not forwarded to the NKC for their perusal or comments.

AKAWA thought that the NKC would have seen the report and state coordinators. AKAWA would like to ensure that in future all state coordinators are included in the reports and then forwarded to the National office for transmission to the NKC.

- 10- AKAWA Item  
Stewards School Format – Requirement to Modify how these are conducted.

After discussion with other States it was found that they were not running under the format of the CD and handbook and just doing their own thing. It is clear that we need to look at the current format of training officials and revamp it so that it will keep the officials interested in the school.

Moved WA:

Ask the officials panel to look into a new format for teaching officials and a new DVD. Put forward to the committee's conference. The AKA and official's coordinator to look into online renewals for grade 1 & 2 stewards.

Second: TAS

For: QLD, WA, TAS, NT, NSW, VIC, SA  
CARRIED

- 11 - AKAWA Item  
Exemption request to Rule 19.14(e)  
We have a query regarding Rule 19.14(e). In WA our Series have over 12 classes. We have different clubs racing 2-day events or 1-day event (the clubs determine what they want to run). We now have added the restricted classes thus giving some events 15 classes but only 13 groups going out in one day.

Moved:NSW

That we remove rule 19.14(e) from the manual.

Second:NT

For: NT, TAS, WA, NSW, VIC

Against: QLD, SA

CARRIED

Moved: VIC

Rule to be removed immediately (addendum required)

Second: NSW

For: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, WA, NSW

Against: QLD

CARRIED

12. Secretariat Item  
Administrative procedure A6 National Technical Coordinator  
Proposed new wording  
a) attend all meetings of the council and be included in any telephone conference hook up that pertains to or leads to a technical decision or attend as required by the Council or President;

This will be dealt with in the procedures of the committee's document.

- 13- AKANSW Item  
Midget Class and the decision on its future.

Deferred to the June NKC meeting

- 14- AKAQLD Item  
NKC to explain why there has been a delay in reducing the cost of tyres as per the tyre contract.

Simon explained to the NKC the tyre situation at present. And ask the NKC if they wish to continue down the path we are currently is in process or the AKA at their discretion may wavier or suspend the right.

Moved QLD that the AKA continue on to arbitration  
Second: No seconder  
LAPSED

Moved: NSW that we persist in any action except for what is in the tender document and the price will be fixed in Australian dollars.  
Second: SA  
For: VIC, SA, VIC, TAS, NT, WA, NSW  
Against: QLD  
CARRIED.

- 5- AKAQLD Item  
Allocation of Budget for National Technical Toolkit.

National Technical coordinator explained that a tool kit is required to

Moved: QLD to set a budget for \$4,500 for a National tool kit. National coordinator to supply a list of tools required.  
Second: SA  
For: QLD, SA, WA, NT, TAS, VIC, NSW  
CARRIED

- 16- AKAQLD Item  
Allocation of National Training Budget for Technical - Officials - Track Inspectors schools in each Member State.

Technical/officials/track committees to come up with a budget for these schools and forward to the National office. Also to work with the official's coordinator to produce a training DVD as well and bring back to the NKC meeting in June.

17- AKAQLD Item

Graeme Hancock and Max Laybutt be authorised to immediately instruct Rick Barry to:

1. Obtain the missing candidate material, preferably by at least telephone interview as that will assist Rick get a feel for the person;

2. When the material is complete, report to Graeme and Max on whether the candidates meet the qualification criteria and, where there is more than one candidate for a position, rank them.

That job is to be completed by the June committee's conference weekend so that the report can be discussed at the NKC meeting held in conjunction. That will not be the election date as there may be some follow up required.

Reason:

This is going nowhere. Come July, it will be 5 years since Coogee 1. We were told in October we were looking at an election in April.

On 8 January, all Max bothered to say was Graeme Hancock had somehow done something underhanded by sounding out his brother in law, Warwick Barry, a highly qualified (Masters degree) HR consultant, on how we rank and rate the contenders, when Max knew Rick was 'related' to Graeme and agreed to consult Rick. Graeme is not a board candidate and does nothing for the Association except give up a lot of his spare time to help this project. All that can be gained from consulting Rick Barry is the benefit of us knowing there is an association and a confidence that he can do the job properly.

Rick gave the answers on rating and ranking the contenders; what we want is simply part of an HR consultant's job. What Rick was more concerned with when he was provided all the expressions of interest, was the candidates who hadn't given enough back ground material. Graeme and Max discussed this and agreed the best person to get any further information was the man doing the assessment. That is only sensible.

On 18 February, Richard said Pam was looking for a previous document about this but we think he was confusing this with something else because no one has ever gone down the HR track before Graeme and Max started it in September 2007.

Discussion:

NKC were all united that Governance was to be put in place ASAP. This has stalled too long and there seems to be nothing done to progress its commencement.

Discussion on the current HR person who was put in by Graeme Hancock – Max believed that the cost per hour for Rick Barry was too high and that he was also told to charge this amount? Max has a sought costing from other HR companies and they were at least \$50.00 cheaper per hour.

There was some concerns in regards to the current list of people and that it has been a long time and there situations may have changed. In this time – request that we seek out others as they may have not put in before due to other commitments but may wish to now. HR company to see if the ones that we have are still interested in leaving their application in the system.

- HR Company is to do research on the applicants in regards to:
1. Has the nominator previously been a company director of a bankrupt company.
  2. Have they ever been a declared bankrupt.
  3. Do they have a criminal record.
  4. Has the nominator been charged with child related issues.

These are a must to be researched.

Moved QLD that item 16 be moved in its entirety with the Max and Graeme to continue with the HR Company to process the governance forward ASAP.

Second:

Amendment to the motion:

That item 16 is moved in its entirety with an alteration to read the current committee is authorized to continue working with a suitable HR company to process the governance forward ASAP.

Second: VIC

For: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, QLD, WA, NSW

CARRIED

Motion QLD

That item 16 is moved in its entirety and the committee be authorized to continue working with a suitable HR company to process the governance forward ASAP.

Second: WA

For: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, QLD, WA, NSW

CARRIED

18 Midget Class Parity testing results

National Technical coordinator presented a document on parity testing done in QLD. Discussion on the testing in regards to fuel used and the weight.

Moved: VIC

That the Yamaha J is to have a 5 kg increase in weight difference. i.e. 90kg for comer and 95kg for Yamaha J engines in the midget class with a review at the next NKC meeting. Effective from 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Second: NSW

For: SA, VIC, TAS, NSW, WA

Against: QLD

Abstained: NT

CARRIED

NSW and VIC delegate to draft a press release and bring back to meeting.

PRESS RELEASE:

Weight changes – Midgets

Competitors using the Yamaha 100J restricted engine in the Midget class will have a minimum weight of 95kg. The NKC have made this decision after receiving data from recent parity testing between the Comer S - Comer SW and Yamaha J engines. This rule change to be effective from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

This change will be closely monitored to make sure that parity of the 3 engines is achieved.

Press release draft accepted by the NKC

19- Outstanding Technical Items

Application belt drive clutch housing (variance to Strike SSS)

Moved WA: Application is accepted.

Second NT:

For: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, QLD, WA, NSW

CARRIED

Leopard Carby 45.18 (Rule changes - documents pending)

Moved WA

Leopard clarification accepted

Second:SA

For: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, QLD, WA, NSW

CARRIED

1- Leopard Header pipe rule variation (Document pending)

Moved: TAS 25.42 rule changes accepted

Second: QLD

For: SA, VIC, TAS, QLD, WA, NSW, NT

CARRIED

Drawing stage 1 Restricted 125 drawings/sizing, Restrictor No Go Gauge.

Restrictor gauge shown to delegates that has been made.

Moved: NT

No Go gauge restrictor for all restrictor plates be accepted and supplied to all the clubs and states the AKA to supply the gauges at no cost as a one of basis.

Second: VIC

For: SA, VIC, NT, QLD, WA, NSW

Against: TAS

CARRIED

Moved NT

That the old double ended restrictor plate gauge for Rookie and midgets be obsolete once the new gauge set is distributed to all clubs and states.,

Second: NSW

For: SA, VIC, NSW, WA, TAS, QLD, NT

CARRIED

2- Other Technical Items not currently processed for consideration

3- Phoenix Karts – Chassis Homologation Stealth 28/30, formal acceptance by the NKC.

Moved: VIC to accept chassis homologation of the Phoenix Stealth 28/30

Seconded: SA

For: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, QLD, NSW, WA

CARRIED

4- Colin Rule - Jnr 3000GT Go Kart Homologation query.

- 5- Airbox – Query re spring insert on original application. NKC agreed at one of the previous meetings to accept insert without the spring.  
Modification to Rule 25.24 Part 1 – Specific: (insert after Resa classes,) and all classes derived from the proceeding classes ie Sportsman and Speedway etc,  
Moved: TAS  
Seconded: VIC  
FOR: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, QLD, WA, NSW  
CARRIED

Implementation to be immediately  
MOVED: NT  
Seconded: TAS  
FOR: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, QLD, WA, NSW  
CARRIED

- 6- JMAX Homologation  
Technical Committee recommends the homologation of the JMAX engine for the Formula JMA class be accepted.  
Moved: TAS to accept the homologation  
Seconded: NT  
For: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, QLD, NSW, WA  
CARRIED

20. VKA Item  
Rotax 125 Cylinders inconsistency  
Following a recent tribunal in Victoria the tribune member have recommended that the AKA take action to solve the problem in regards to the inconsistency of the Rotax 125 cylinders.

Discussion on the tribunal held and the findings in regards to the cylinders and the inconsistency that has been reported to the NKC in 2007. Rotax has been told of the problems in Australia at a meeting with the AKA.

Action:

Ian Black (rotax importer) to bring back to the NKC in June his findings in regards to how he will regulate and control the problems that we have with cylinders in the senior Rotax class. i.e. by measurements and or gauges

Ralph to forward to Ian a list of problems that the AKA currently have to assist hi in the above request.

21- Outstanding Items

- 1- Item 9 – Heat Gun (from January 08 NKC teleconference)

Brian Sparrow to contact each State officials coordinator and report back to NKC.  
Officials Coordinator to report back with committee's response.

This was sent out to the state official's co-coordinators. Out of the 7 states, 3 responded wanting the rule to be left as is.

Rule to be left as worded in Manual

- 2- AKA14 Pipe (from 18 February 08 NKC teleconference)  
National Technical Coordinator to chase up Powermac and report back to NKC.

Moved:NT

Add to Rule:25.22

d) An "R" endcap for the AKA39 control pipe is not permitted to be fitted to an AKA14 'J' body and an 'R' endcap for the AKA14 cannot be fitted to a AKA39 'S' body.

Second:VIC

For:NSW,WA,QLD,NT,WA,TAS,VIC,SA

CARRIED

Effective immediately – addendum required

- 3- 2008 CIK Series (from 18 February 08 NKC teleconference)  
Ongoing update.

Round dates:

Newcastle: June 14/15<sup>th</sup>

Ipswich: July (mid) (need to speak to club

GKCV: September 13/14<sup>th</sup>

Port Macquarie October 3/4/5<sup>th</sup>

Toowoomba November 15/16<sup>th</sup> TBA

Teams: 11 teams - 7 teams have signed the contracts.

### **2008 CIK Championship**

#### **Teams**

ExtremeRacingMaranello)

Kosmic

PCR

CRG

VanSpeed

IKD

RedSpeed

Azzurro

Zanardi

Zedtec

Sponsorship: Transwest has sponsored the event for \$5,000.

Bam media - Bob Gallagher has been working with closely with them in regards to sponsorship and they have come up with a great sponsorship deal but we are unable to unveil this at present. Once all has been finalized a press release will be put out into the karting community.

SA co delegate – questioned the purchase of the motors for the CIK series who ordered them and under who's authority was this given as it has been given without the authority of the NKC? They would like to have the minutes and some factual information of accountability.

Victorian delegate - has just spoken to Remo Luciani and the motors were ordered in October 2007 on an official AKA letterhead.

WA delegate – went through the process on the past discussions in regards to the purchase of the engines.

TAS delegate –asked the question on what if we don't get the four outstanding teams that haven't signed as yet don't sign up?

SA Co delegate expressed his concerns that although we know Richard Erdmann has a great passion for the high level of the sport has taken it on to get the CIK series up and going and has yes ordered the engines but our state believes that he has stepped over his authority in regards to the AKA secretariats authority.

Ralph Van Doorn stated as an ex IKC Member

"That at no time did the IKC committee request or authorise the ordering of the engines for the CIK series".

QLD Delegate - also expressed their concerns in regards to Richards authority on engines purchased.

Moved QLD That Richard be sanctioned  
Second:

Discussion on finding out the facts first from NKC.

Moved QLD that the close of date for the teams signing up is the 30th April 2008 if we do not have the required teams then we just have a couple of demonstration events towards the end of the year and commence the series in 2009.

Second: NSW

For: NSW, WA, QLD, NT, TAS, SA,

Against: VIC

CARRIED

- 4- JMAX Barrels (from 18 February 08 NKC teleconference)  
VIC State Tech Officer to inspect barrels and report back to NKC.

Requirement that the barrels show evidence of cnc machining including at least 1 nick and no hand grinding. Rotax to supply profile gauge.

Moved QLD

The exchange barrels date to be advised

Second: WA

For: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, QLD, WA, NSW

CARRIED

Ian Black asked if he could run the JMAX at the Rotax Nationals?

Moved: NSW that the Jmax class is allowed to be run as a support class at the Rotax Nationals in 2008.

Second: VIC

For: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, NSW

Against: WA, QLD

CARRIED

- 5- AKANSW Item – Chpt 51 (from 18 February 08 NKC teleconference)  
Brian Sparrow & Pam Arnett to redraft rules on reflect junior classes participating in TEKA.

Leave as is as this is covered in the chapter.

22. Acceptance of August AGM venue  
Gold Coast – Palm Meadows 22/23/24<sup>th</sup> August 2008

23. 2008 AKA Nationals Report -Pam Arnett  
Meeting ran very well, the club did an excellent job through out the event. An issue after the meeting in regards to the payment of trophies but believe that this is sorted out.

Transponders – It is recommended that for the Nationals every competitor should have a transponder for the entire meeting and not to be handed back after each event.

Control of the seals – this I will speak to Ralph and have this dealt with in administration as competitors are not checking when they come into the grid and leaving parc Ferme and then finding out that their seal has been broken.

Officials clothing – disappointing that some State officials didn't have an AKA officials shirt to wear for the meeting.

AKA presentation of trophies after each final – recommendation that the AKA seek costings for a portable presentation dais, AKA flags and banners. This is to be transported to each Nationals.

Recommendation that all state/ Australian/AKA flags to be displayed at the circuit – AKA to get these.

The AKA needs to investigate the cost of purchasing shade tent to use as a promotion tent and have all the states brochure information for any spectators that require information on karting – this was lacking at the Nationals.

Tyre bar coding – we tried the new system but unfortunately there were a few bugs and plan B was put in place.

Bam media helped the club with some great publicity prior and during the event. They also worked on the AKA website updating with results throughout the weekend. AKA needs to meet with Bam and discuss issues that we have.

4 appeals from the event - Tribunals have been arranged in Victoria for the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008 using independent tribunes. AKATAS tribunal registrar will be in attendance.

NSW delegate asked why the appeals are being held in Victoria as they have a person from NSW that has to attend an appeals hearing. Why this tribunal can't be held in NSW to save cost to the competitor. Why can't the part be sent to be inspected by someone before the tribunal?

Discussion on previous minutes it says to revamp the process and get an independent tribune. Also on the process of dealing with non conforming parts to a tribunal as per the manual.

NSW delegate asked why the AKA National tribunal registrar doesn't know anything about these tribunals?

Reply:

The National tribunal registrar only has to approve the tribunal at this stage has nothing to do with them. When all documents are back in from the competitors then an approval request will be done.

24. June Committee Conferences - Sydney  
21/22<sup>nd</sup> June – NKC meeting as well

25. AKANSW Item  
Annexure to Chpt 51  
Moved: VIC to accept the engine scrutineers names for this chapter  
Second: TAS  
For: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, QLD, WA, NSW  
CARRIED

26. Gary Light presented the tyre bar coding system that he has been working on.

Moved: NSW that we approve the expenditure for \$2400.00 for the upgrading of the system.

Second: NT

For: SA, VIC, TAS, NT, QLD, WA, NSW  
CARRIED

27. QLD – General Business

Have asked if the AKA treasure could give a statement in regards to the AKA investments  
The smart card expense – is the NKC united with this so that it does not become stagnate.

Max gave a summary of where it is at present. The state secretaries will be called to a meeting for 2 days on the 19/20<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

The race program is in the development stage at the present time. Max has spoken to AMB in regards to intergrading some of their system into the smart card. But they have refused to allow us it has to be all or none of their system.

The magnetic strip card – the recommendations all along the way that this is not advisable card to be used.

QLD believe that a bar code card is the way we should have went.

Max to go away and get a representative from an independent company to talk to the NKC  
About best card for the smart card system.

28- Late Agenda Items

International Karting Distributors

Item 1: - Recognition that IKD is promoter of Formula JMA

Item 2: - Extension of Formula JMA Experimental Status

Item 3: - Tyres for Formula JMA Class

Deferred to June conference.

AKAQLD Item  
Midget Parity – Matt Thomson correspondence

Australian Karting Association  
Suite 2/483 Hight Street,  
Penrith, NSW, 2750

24<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**RE: Midget parity testing**

I am disappointed that once again we are looking at moving the goal posts for the engine in this class. At this point in time it seems that the average performance between these engines are spot on from what I have seen on the tracks during race days.

Take a look at the results from the two track Easter event in Queensland, Two tracks, two days and Twenty-two entries, 11 of which were Comer's and 11 Yamaha j's. Although a Comer won all races, it was noted on the grid during the pre-final and final there was a Comer and J on each and every row. Lap times were the same, racing was close and enjoyable to watch which can only be good for the sport.

I am also of the understanding that parity testing has been conducted in Brisbane by two front running drivers and recommendations have been forwarded to the AKA/NKC. I don't understand how these results can be taken serious when they are bias towards the Comer.

Sure, faster Comer and Yamaha's will always filter to the top and there will always be parity issues, but at the end of the day this class is to teach young people to drive karts of restricted performance at limited cost. Page 231 karting manual 2008.

For the sake of the sport which is already in decline, lets put this issue to rest and let the kids go round.

Regards,  
Matt Thomson  
Member, Driver, Parent

Letter acknowledge by the NKC.

AKANSW Item  
Michael Saller Licence Dispensation request

Please see the attached request from a Combined District Kart Club member requesting for his son Michael Saller to be moved to the Junior division prior to his twelfth birthday.

Michaels is 11 years old and will turn 12 on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

Moved: NSW  
That dispensation is allowed for Michael to be moved to juniors.  
Second: No Seconder  
Lapsed

AKANSW Item  
Jeremy Guymer Licence Dispensation request

Please see the attached request from a Port Macquarie Kart Racing Club member requesting for his son Brady Buchanan to be moved to the Junior division prior to his twelfth birthday. Brady is 11 years old and will turn 12 on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

Moved: NSW  
That dispensation is allowed for Brady to be moved to Juniors  
Second: No seconder  
Lapsed

AKANSW:  
The AKA compulsory sticker is very hard to have this compulsory in Speedway  
As the karts are raced in dirt and the sticker is not visible.

Moved NSW  
That we remove from Rule 19.13 – [www.karting.net.au](http://www.karting.net.au) Nassau panel sticker to be compulsory from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008  
Second: NT  
For: NSW, WA, QLD, NT, TAS, SA, VIC  
Carried  
Effective immediately – Addendum required

AKANSW – CIK Series  
Moved: NSW that at all up coming race meetings at drivers briefing, that CIK press release be read out.  
Second: NT  
For: NSW, WA, QLD, NT, SA, VIC, TAS  
CARRIED

Meeting closed: 2.28pm

Meeting re opened at 2.46pm

Moved WA: That the states are reimbursed for the state techs airfares and meal allowances for attending the meeting.  
Second: QLD  
For: VIC, QLD, SA, WA,  
Abstained: TAS, NSW, NT  
CARRIED

Meeting closed: 2.50pm