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AKA (QLD) STATE KARTING COUNCIL MINUTES SATURDAY 16th OCTOBER 2010

Held at Shoredrive
The Strand, Townsville

The Meeting was opened at 3.55pm

Management Committee Present: G. Dicoski; M. Saunders; S. Pattel; J. Lane; S. Ali.

Apologies Management Committee: Nil

Clubs represented: D Neagle – Toowoomba, M Capri – Ipswich, A Capri – Warwick,
I Montgomery – Cooloola Coast, S Armstrong – Townsville, P Mumford – Mackay,
P Thomas – Charters Towers, J Galos – Gold Coast, R Petersen – Bundaberg, D Harris – Cairns,
K Prichard – Gladstone, M Whitehead – Mt Isa

Co-Delegates: T Sheedy – Toowoomba, J McSpedden – Ipswich, N Byrne – Mackay,
M Hogan – Cairns

Apologies Clubs: P Baker – Emerald, R Dunston – Moranbah

Life Member: J McCleverty, M Capri, A Capri

Apologies Life Members: B Edyvean, J Walpole

Visitors: J Lane; K Cann - Townsville; A Dodge - Cairns; M Stover - Cairns

Proxies:

1. Rockhampton Kart Club advising of M. Saunders as their club's proxy.
2. Fraser District Kart Club advising of Ian Montgomery as their club's proxy

President then welcomed all Delegates and Observers, asked that all members introduce themselves, stating Club and position they represented, and any pecuniary interests.

Motion: That the digital recording system be accepted

Moved: Ipswich/Warwick

For: Unanimously

Motion Carried

President allowed a few minutes for Delegates to review the Minutes from previous State Kart Council Meeting held 22 May 2010 and Special General Meeting 19 September 2010.

It was noted that some correspondence for the Special General Meeting was not recorded, these included:

- Ipswich Kart Club 25 August
- Brisbane Kart Club
- AKA Q – 9 September

It was indicated that Brisbane Kart Club did not respond to AKA Qld request to attend the meeting, as no correspondence was received in this matter; however it appeared that Brisbane Kart Club would not be attending due to the fact that they believed that the meeting was invalid.

The correspondence and issues will be amended on the minutes of Special General Meeting

Motion: To accept the previous and Special General Meeting as true and correct

Moved: Gladstone

Seconded: Warwick

For: Ipswich, Warwick, Townsville, Mackay, Bundaberg, Cairns, Fraser District, Gladstone, Mt Isa, Rockhampton

Abstain: Cooloola Coast, Toowoomba

Motion Carried

Business arising from the Special General Meeting

A discussion on Brisbane Kart Club licence holders occurred, it was noted that the majority of licence holders had dual membership. Information to all clubs and licence holders – this should have happen – to all the clubs. Individual licence holders didn't get a letter as the Brisbane Kart Club has sent letters to all licence holders.

Deep discussion occurred by J McCleverty about the Constitution and how it should be read. Was Brisbane Kart Club given an opportunity to defend themselves? After a lengthy discussion it was determined that yes, the Brisbane Kart Club was sent a letter asking them to attend.

The reason why Ralph van Doorn is not permitted to officiate at club race meetings was discussed. It was perceived that clubs didn't know what the outcome of the disciplinary action from the Special General Meeting. However clubs were sent a letter to club secretaries in relation to this matter and Brisbane Kart Club.

J McCleverty stated that Ralph van Doorn is in the process of legal action, in relation to defamation and the Special General Meeting and how was the AKA Qld handling the situation? AKA Qld has sought legal assistance with the support from the AKA insurer.

Business arising from the State Karting Council Meeting

Item 15 – That a member of the Secretariat must resign from their club position within 30 days of appointment. This was introduced at the last SKC meeting and therefore any nominee would have to resign their position within 30 days of being elected to the Secretariat.

Item 26 – Rotax Cylinder (999 barrel) this has been removed however it may be overturned and reintroduced.

General Business - Gold Coast Kart Club

This invoice represents legal fees incurred in relation to Gold Coast Kart Club; this information was forwarded to the previous delegate for the Gold Coast (Michael Wood).

- Motion:** The Gold Coast Kart Club has 21 days from today to clear the outstanding amount of \$990 or have future permits withheld
- Moved:** Toowoomba
- Seconded:** Warwick
- For:** Toowoomba, Ipswich, Warwick, Townsville, Mackay, Bundaberg, Cairns, Gladstone, Mt Isa
- Abstain:** Rockhampton, Cooloola Coast, Fraser District
- Motion carried**

Item 22 – Smartcard system

AKA National Office original started with a small budget, just to improve the licencing system and there has been a budget overspending as there has been a need to add to the licencing system with the Race Management system and Timing.

It was decided that changes to the system should be communicated to all clubs, so they are no disadvantage with having race meets being held up due to technical issues.

- Motion:** Clarification on CMS – Smartcard system. What is the ultimate package and at what stage are we currently at? How much more money will it cost to get to the final products?
- Moved:** Ipswich
- Seconded:** Toowoomba
- For:** Unanimously
- Motion Carried**

Item 25 – Clerk of the Course

At a race meeting, clubs are required to have two Clerks of the Course and one must be nominated as the Chief Clerk of the Course.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

- Motion:** The current invoice to Cooloola for \$750 being travel expenses for Graham Card be revoked
- Moved:** Cooloola Coast
- Seconded:** Ipswich
- For:** Unanimously
- Motion Carried**

The Council has instructed the Executive to peruse costs from Graham Card in relation to this matter.

- Motion:** The correspondences are accepted as true and correct
- Moved :** Toowoomba
- Seconded:** Ipswich
- For:** Unanimously
- Motion Carried**

State Karting Council Meeting closed at 6.03pm

State Karting Council Meeting commenced at 8.32 am on Sunday 17 October 2010

Adam Stroud from Whitsunday Moto Sport joined the meeting.

President asked to Delegates, Co-delegates, Life Members and Executives to state their name and position with the Association as a means of introduction to the new member club.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

New Procedures

The President discussed the need for information to be available to karters in Queensland. Therefore the Executive will endeavour to have the Minutes of both AGM and SKC meetings will be issued by next weekend following all SKC meetings. It was also discussed that SKC meetings should be reduced in time and only have a one day meeting. The correspondence list and agenda items will be issued to clubs 2 weeks before the SKC and AGM meetings. This will enable clubs to have information answered before the scheduled meetings.

Race Dates

To expedite the process of Race Dates, a "Live online" program was suggested. This program will only allow the dates that are available for the particular zone to be entered therefore eliminating the need to have time set aside at the SKC meeting.

Travel Arrangements

The Treasurer also requires Travel arrangements to be finalised much earlier than it is currently been supplied, as most flight costs change 30 days before the departure date.

Commercial Ventures

The President stated that instead of the State sending out information in relation to commercial venues that the organisation can obtain all the information from the website and communicate this information to the clubs directly as he had a concern that some of this information mailed out could offence several sponsors that support the Association.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This was the same as from the AGM and therefore no further information was communicated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer is hoping getting the MYOB from the Auditor early next week, however the file that was given was corrupted and he believes that it might be the laptop which is over 5 years old. The Treasurer stated to the Council that it might be time to buy a new laptop.

Motion: Buy Treasurer a new laptop for accounts up to \$1000

Moved: Townsville

Seconded: Mackay

For: Unanimously

Motion carried

NKC REPORT

NKC Agenda

The Agenda for the NKC has been circulated and the Executive could like clubs to respond to any issues on the agenda, this is important, as it gives Queensland a voice at the NKC meeting.

Insurance Quote

It is perceived that the insurance broker is getting a double the commission. AKA Qld will need to obtain more details from AKA National Office. After some discussion, David Harris will provide a list of issues in relation to brokerage fees, which will be forwarded to the State Office for review at the NKC meeting.

CIK

The cost of CIK to clubs in Australia was discussed. What is the real benefit to karters in Australia as it only targets approximately 14 drivers? The general consensus was that CIK was necessary however it should be more self-funded and not require on funds from the AKA to keep it viable.

BAM Media

Currently \$160 000 is paid BAM Media for the promotion of karting in Australia. The question is "Where does this money going?" BAM Media is also entitled to another \$100 000 with CIK promotional and that is all most karters see. Why are we flogging a dead horse? AKA National should make better choices with karters' money. President spoke of the thought of employing a person on a full time basis (if AKA employed a person direct, it would save around \$100 000).

OFFICIALS REPORT

Malcolm Saunders is the new Coordinator and would like to have a two day Stewards' Form, a representative from each club is required. However this person would have a mentor type of role and take the information from the Stewards Forum back to the relevant personnel within a club. In training people to become Stewards it is best to have both classroom courses as well as training at race meetings.

The Coordinator is looking at splitting the state into zones; however Coordinators for these zones will be advised as soon as possible.

Tribunals are a concern and need to be up and running more efficiently. However to made these processes more efficient, conformity and consistency in hearings is essential.

Malcolm encouraged and welcomed feedback including new ideas to make the process more efficient and consistent.

TRACK INSPECTORS

Track inspections for next year will be completed early February 2011 and the paperwork will be to State Secretary as soon as possible after the inspection. It was suggested that while the track inspections were being conducted that an inspection of tools and recordings devices be confirmed as well.

AGENDA ITEMS

1 *Proposed class changes*

There has been some good feedback in relation to this as there are currently too many classes available. It was perceived that the Promoters are running the sport and therefore reducing the competitiveness of racing. Larger fields do tend to lead to better racing.

However better meeting procedures need to be established to ensure a more efficient race meeting and racing. Track capacity can be an issue as some classes may be oversubscribed.

After much discussion, clubs would like to have this as an option rather than mandatory requirements until greater feedback can be obtained. Therefore to get some real data, delegates were asked to communicate with their clubs and run this class. The feedback and comments will need to be reported back to the SKC meeting May 2011. Bundaberg had been running a Super Heavy class as well at 200kg which could also be offered in the process of trailing.

Motion: Sportsman class to now include Clubman, ARC and TAG Restricted to combine. Weight as per rulebook. Licences A,B,C,D. No pro weights allowed

Moved: Bundaberg

Seconded: Gladstone

For: Toowoomba, Cooloola, Fraser, Townsville, Mackay, Bundaberg, Cairns, Gladstone, Mt Isa

Against: Ipswich, Warwick, Rockhampton

Motion carried

2 *Supercheap*

Any club that is interested in holding a round next year are asked to confirm their interest in writing to John Lane. As well as this information, John has asked for any suggestions on how to improve the Series.

As John would like any persons interested in coordinating the Series to please notify him. There has only been one interested person in coordinating the Series from the letter sent out on 2 October. Also required is a Promotions Officer to assist with write ups to the newspaper and magazines etc to improve exposure of the Series.

3 *Two day Stewards School*

As discussed earlier, this is required to improve the processes with hearings and paperwork. Each club will be required to provide one person that AKA Qld will pay for, however if a club would like to send more than one then the club will pay for this additional person.

It appeared that the delegates were happy with the Stewards School. However clubs would like an up to date Stewards List and if Stewards require an upgrade then these Officials names need to be at the State Office by mid December for consideration.

4 *Affiliation*

The Constitution states how to become affiliated with AKA Qld, however there is not provisions for temporary affiliations and the length of time that temporary affiliation can be held. Should this be a Constitution change? Yes it is a Constitution change and therefore will require the correct procedure to change it.

Motion: That during the course of the following year the section of the Constitution pertaining to Club Affiliation be reviewed and the Constitution amendment be proposed for voting at the 2011 AGM.

Moved: Toowoomba

Seconded: Ipswich

For: Toowoomba, Ipswich, Warwick, Cooloola Coast, Fraser District, Townsville, Mackay, Gladstone, Mt Isa, Bundaberg, Rockhampton

Abstain: Cairns

Motion carried

5 *C & D Titles*

Motion: If you place or have placed 1st at any recognised title you are not eligible to compete at the C Grade Title. If you have in the past held an A or B grade licence you cannot compete at a C grade title event, with the exception being if you are aged 40 or over AND are competing in either TAG 100 or 125 Restricted.

Moved: Cooloola

Seconded: Warwick

For: Unanimously

Motion carried

6 *Queensland Closed Titles*

The future format for Queensland Closed Titles was discussed, and it was decided to leave the format as it is with the event being held over 2 (two) days.

7 *5 Year Plan*

The 5 year plan was again discussed and it was suggested that it should be our first agenda item at all SKC meetings and should follow the principles we want used at the NKC meetings and that is to plan and review the 5 year plan at every meeting.

Some comments on the following items were discussed.

No 11 – which states an increase cost to the Association fees, the clubs didn't agree with the cost increase and therefore asked for it to be deleted

No 12 - Affiliation had already been addressed and therefore only required dates to be changed to AGM next year

It was concluded that after a tidy up of dates and removal of No 11, the document will be circulated to the clubs by January 2011.

8 *Promotion Budget*

The need for a promotions budget was discussed; as Supercheap wasn't promoted well this year in the opinions of some. The question is "Do we need to spend more money in promoting the sport?" Yes we do need to spend money to promote the sport, therefore AKA Qld would like Expressions of Interest for any persons interested in promoting the sport and in particular the Supercheap Series.

AKA Qld will have an advertising budget and not just a Supercheap specific budget, however this will cost the karters and it was discussed that an increase in nomination fees at Supercheap be used for promoting the sport (\$10 from each nomination will be used, if nominations are set at \$100).

9 *Race Secretary and Licencing Officers Day*

It was discussed the need for uniformity and consistency in procedures for Race Day procedures and Licencing. It was suggest that AKA Qld seek subsidies from AKA National.

Motion: That a race secretary/licencing officers Conference day be conducted in Brisbane and date to be advised funded by AKA Qld and/or subsidised by AKA National

Moved: Ipswich

Seconded: Warwick

For: Toowoomba, Ipswich, Warwick, Fraser District, Cooloola Coast, Townsville, Mackay, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Cairns, Mt Isa

Against: Rockhampton

Motion Carried

10 *Travel Reimbursement Policy*

Discussion on the Travel Reimbursement Policy occurred, the invoice in question relates to Stewards reimbursement and not for reimbursement for training. It was noted that costs over \$100 require prior approval.

It was decided that this invoice didn't fit the existing policy and therefore a letter was required to be sent to Cooloola Coast in relation to this invoice to seek further prove of expenditure. It was also suggested that an email go to all clubs about the Stewards Policy.

11 *Advertising for State Titles*

Motion: AKA Qld pay the Mackay Club a promotional grant equalling one half of their expenditure on advertising, up to a maximum of \$2,500. See attached invoice no: 4806 Suncity Signs for \$1698.40

Moved: Mackay

Seconded: Townsville

For: Unanimously

Motion carried

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

12 *Tribunal Registrar and Queensland State Prosecutor*

Both these position descriptions were read out and an urgent call for Expressions of Interest was expressed.

13 *Come & Try Trailer*

This hasn't been managed as well as it could have. There was a call for a roster so each club knew when it was their allocated time. John Lane stated that he would do up the roster and it was decided that it was the responsibility of the receiving club for the trailer and karts to get to their club for the come and try day.

14 *Barrel*

An engine barrel that had spark erosion is required to have testing completed to it. The cost of replacing barrel as test example should not be passed onto the driver and therefore approval was sort for the cost to be borne by AKA Qld

Motion: Move that up to \$3000 be paid to have a barrel inspection by a metallurgist and a report submit

Moved: Gladstone

Seconded: Mt Isa

For: Toowoomba, Ipswich, Warwick, Fraser District, Cooloola Coast, Townsville, Mackay, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Cairns, Mt Isa

Abstain: Rockhampton

Motion carried

15 *Supercheap Series Issue*

At one of the Supercheap rounds a competitor was underweight, the process followed by the Stewards was incorrect as the Penalty notification was not signed by Judge of Fact. After some discussion it was decided that Executive will fill in an out of time complaint for this incident.

16 *Race Day*

A discussion about the Closed and State titles occurred. As the policy stands a new club could be able to hold the State Titles even without holding the Closed Titles. It was decided that the policy needs to be amended at the January meeting.

Motion: Gladstone be allocated the 2011 Qld Closed Titles 24 & 25 September

Moved: Gladstone

Seconded: Mt Isa

For: Unanimously

Motion Carried

C & D Titles 2011

Mackay were notified that they would be holding C & D Titles next year and to advise the State Office of a suitable date.

Whitsunday Moto Sport Club

Adam Stroud informed the SKC meeting how the Whitsunday track is progressing and how much work has been completed so far.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Terry Sheedy discussed the changes to AKA Constitution and that AKA can charge an individual for making inappropriate comments. The current version of the AKA Constitution was not supported by the Council

Ipswich

Sponsoring Bodies

To change current protocol from Sponsoring Bodies being responsible for the lodgement of Supplementary Regulations to the Host Club being the responsible body for lodgement of Supplementary Regulations in liaison with the Sponsoring Body.

It was decided that the issue be brought up at the next NKC meeting, as it relates to a National issue.

Backup Batteries – Decoders

Discussion about the backup batteries occurred, it was decided that backup batteries are an essential item for clubs and clubs should purchase these at the club's expense, as the cost is less than \$200.

Robin Petersen – delegate for Bundaberg left at 1.08pm

Cooloola Coast

Cooloola Coast would like "Cooloola Junior Gold" to be a gold plate event, however this was not supported by the SKC as there are too many plates on offer at the moment.

Gold Coast

State Titles should have a manual a checklist of things that worked and didn't work for clubs. The process should be reviewed at the end of the Title meet (an evaluation form). AKA Qld should look at AKA National to see if a Policy and Procedures is available from them.

Cairns

Suggested that the Executive be responsible for trophies for the State Titles, however if this was the case then the local supplier could be disadvantaged. This was not supported by the SKC as it could add a freight cost and could hurt relations with the local suppliers.

Gladstone

Gladstone informed the SKC that the resurface will be happening soon, with bitumen.

Treasurer

Transponders

There has been an increase in costs for transponders and this increase is in contradiction of the last SKC meeting.

Motion: AKA Qld sell transponders at cost (ie cost per transponder with freight to the AKAQ) plus the cost of postage/freight.

Moved: Gladstone

Seconded: Mt Isa

For: Unanimously

Motion carried

Fraser District

With the closure of Fraser District Kart Club, the equipment was returned. The generator had been used and is not in excellent condition. A discussion on whether AKA Qld should keep or sell the generator occurred.

It was decided that it should be kept and made available for major meetings.

Junior Vice President

Supplementary Regulations seemed to be changed up to and including the date of the race meet. This isn't a problem if the club can get in touch with the State Secretary, however this could be an issue if they are unable to.

It was decided that the State Secretary will provide a list of clubs that submit supplementary regulations late and request late changes.

State Secretary

The State Secretary requested attending NKC meeting to provide greater information for the role. It was decided with funds going to Stewards Forum and alike that maybe the AGM would be more suitable.

State Karting Council meeting closed at 1.32pm