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AKA (QLD) STATE KARTING COUNCIL MINUTES SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2011

Held at Comfort Inn
Rockhampton

The Meeting was opened at 12.03 pm

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

Apologies Management Committee: Nil

Clubs represented: D Neagle – Toowoomba, M Capri – Ipswich, A Capri – Warwick, J Johnson - Townsville, D Ingram – Mackay, P Thomas – Charters Towers, N Coleman – Gold Coast, B Chantler – Bundaberg, D Harris – Cairns, J Brydon - Rockhampton

Co-Delegates: T Sheedy – Toowoomba, J McSpedden – Ipswich, J Brydon - Rockhampton

Apologies: Robin Petersen, Brian Flynn, Graham Heath

Apologies Clubs: Gladstone

Life Member: J McCleverty, M Capri, A Capri

Visitors: NIL

Proxies:

1. Gladstone Kart Club advising of M. Saunders as their club's proxy.
2. Cooloola Coast Kart Club advising of J McCleverty as their club's proxy

Moved: Warwick

Seconded: Ipswich

Motion Carried

President then welcomed all Delegates and Co-delegates, 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: Warwick

Seconded: Ipswich

For: Unanimously

Motion Carried

Minutes from the previous meeting

Moved: Toowoomba
Seconded: Warwick
For: Unanimously
Motion carried

Business arising from previous meeting

1. *Brisbane Kart Club*

John McCleverty stated that the Special General Meeting held on 19 September was invalid, due to the fact that the proxy submitted by Mackay Kart Club was invalid as it was signed by the President, as per the Constitution the proxy must be signed under the hand of the Secretary. Mr McCleverty could provide proof in way of an email from the then Secretary Mrs Jenny Muscat.

Mr McCleverty continued to state that proper notice was not given to either Mr van Doorn or the Brisbane Kart Club as 14 days clear was not provided. He concluded that if some of the issues were not correct then the whole process was incorrect and the matter should be re-visited again.

After much discussion the matter was held over until Sunday. At 12.55pm Sunday 6 March 2011, the matter was concluded with the President establishing that proper notice was given, by looking at the number of days that constituted 14 days' notice to which the meeting agreed. During this debate the question of the validity of Mr McCleverty's proxy vote being valid as it wasn't signed by the Club's Secretary but was from her email (the proxy was accepted by the meeting).

Mr Dicinoski also concluded that as a professional organisation that the Association should consider Common Business Practice and concluded that the matter was now asked and answered and that it has been finalised.

2. *Insurance*

The issue of the insurance company was discussed. Transwest is AKA National's current insurance company and the company currently provides sponsorship of approximately \$20 000 to CIK Star of Karting Series.

The Council discussed the need for a bigger lead time for the tender of the insurance and would like all Commissions to be disclosed prior to the tender.

3. *Smartcard*

The Smartcard system was discussed at length, initially there was no budget given for the new system, currently AKA National has spent \$1 100 000 on the system, with an additional \$80 000 required to complete the Race Management System.

There has been little or no training on the improvements of the system and this has affected the efficiency of the Smartcard system. The Race Management System has failed a number of times at different race meetings throughout Australia and there have been issues for lots of Queensland clubs.

The reporting of these issues occurs on a club level, however there is no collective bank of issues for AKA National to address. The State needs to collate this information and submit it to National Office, as well as provide feedback to the clubs when these issues have been resolved.

The growing concern of the Council was the reduction of members in Queensland, it was suggested that State Secretaries send out letters to licence holders 3 months after their licence has expired.

4. Stewards School

This was addressed in the Stewards Report

5. Temporary Affiliation

This was addressed in Correspondence/Agenda Items

6. Come & Try Trailer

The Come & Try Day Roster exists and clubs need to email the Secretary for confirmation of the day.

The trailer is in need of serious repair, for example the doors won't close and the trailer doesn't have any brakes. It was established that AKA Qld has a duty of care in the maintenance of the trailer. A discussion about the brakes occurred whether electric brakes as opposed to hydraulics brakes would best suit the trailer. Hydraulic brakes could cost up to \$1 000.

Motion: Fit suitable breaking system on the come and try trailer and repair trailer where necessary

Moved: Towers

Seconded:

For: All

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Motion: Quotes for comprehensive insurance for come and try trailer be sort as at present there is no insurance and the Executive to make decision on which quote to except and insure the trailer as soon as possible, if feasible.

Moved: Towers

Seconded: Townsville

For: All

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Correspondence

1. On-board cameras

Currently the new rules permit on-board cameras but are limited to 2 cameras. At the NKC meeting in February, no other state could see the need for any more than two cameras.

Mr Don Ingram discussed the need for more than two cameras mainly for data collection in official practice when competitors compete at new tracks and time is a fact.

This matter will be again submitted as an agenda item for the NKC meeting.

2. Barrel Inspection - Jeremy Landt

The cost to inspect the barrel in the complaint was \$6 100 however the Council's approval was for only \$3 000.

This issue was discussed in relation with a letter from Mr Whitehouse in which he stated that Rule 8.12 (c) is explicit that the Appellant or his representative must be present when the seal is broken and this was not the case in this complaint.

Mr Lane was appointed as Jeremy Landt's advocate and was present when the engine was opened and therefore Mr Lane refuted Mr Whitehouse's statement.

3. Gold Coast Kart Club – Right to Vote

The Constitution states that a club must have completed 4 race meetings in the previous year and have a track to be a fully-affiliated club and have the right to vote. Currently the Gold Coast Kart Club have fulfilled one component of the requirements (4 race meetings), however they are in the processes of constructing a track.

After great discussion in which Mr Coleman stated that the membership section of the Constitution should say attain affiliation then a club should have a track, but the requirements should be changed when clubs are forced (elements outside their control) to surrender their track. It was noted that by-laws are unable to override the Constitution.

The Gold Coast Kart Club believe that they should have a voice as they believe that AKA National are cheating the States. Mr Coleman also expressed the desire to assist the NKC delegates to make better decisions for karting in Queensland.

It was concluded that at this stage the Council is unable to address the concerns of the Gold Coast Kart Club and this matter will be addressed in subsequent Council meetings.

Motion: Correspondence be accepted
Moved: Ipswich
Seconded: Warwick
For: All
Abstain:
Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer stated that he had issues with MYOB and only received the information from the Accountant in early February, therefore the Accounts up to date to the end of December 2010.

A number of clubs expressed some issues with their accounts and these matters were dealt with. The Treasurer noted that he spends incredible hours to reconcile from early payments.

The CM:S system was discussed and the need for clubs to report the correct nominations on the Stewards Report. The drop in licences and nominations can be attributed not only to the downturn in the sport but also to incorrect information on the CM:S system.

When clubs complete pre-nominations and they cancel the race meeting then they need to cancel all nominations from the system otherwise they will be invoiced for them.

The Treasurer has requested that if clubs have issues or concerns with the Accounts to email him sooner rather than leave it for the Council meeting.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report
Moved: Toowoomba
Seconded: Ipswich
For: All
Abstain:
Motion Carried

Secretary's Report

The Secretary stated the issues she was experiencing.

The Council concluded that maybe the Council should meet once a month for better communication via Skype to keep costs down. However after some discussion it would be difficult to use Skype as a teleconferencing tool and the Junior Vice-President would investigate another method.

The CIK Stars of Karting Series was discussed, it is working but AKA National need to think about it differently and promote it to the general public. What is our marketable product? Is karting that exciting? No it is not a spectator sport, unlike the V8 Supercars.

Lee Hanatschek does do a great job; this was witnessed by Ipswich Kart Club at the recent CIK round. Lee advertised at the local shopping centre, newspaper and radio; however this yielded very little response from the public. It appears that the advertising is aimed at the converted and it should be aimed at the general public. How Lee's position changed was discussed and his remuneration package was disclosed.

The Race Secretary Meeting is a necessity rather than a request, to have a marketable product, the people using the systems need to have training and be efficient (especially when issues arise). Word of mouth is the best form of advertising and if the product is great then the sport will grow.

Kartbook has had a negative effect on karting, the intention of Kartbook was great, a place for information sharing. However it is now a forum for non-karters to voice opinions on issues they have no information on. There appears to be a lot of misinformation and this isn't good for the sport.

The Secretary referred to the previous SKC meeting in which clubs were to be named and shamed if the Supplementary Regulations were not submitted within 14 days and were fined \$50. Instead of this the Secretary concluded that the association should look at the reasons why clubs are unable to do this, for example not enough officials rather than humiliating clubs. It was also suggested that the Association look at recruiting officials, for example from retirement villages and commence training.

The Secretary also indicated that the Initiatives proposed were only from the President not the entire Executive.

Motion: To accept the Secretary's Report

Moved: Toowoomba

Seconded: Gold Coast

For: All

Abstain:

Motion Carried

Meeting closed at 2.20pm

Meeting opened at 2.50pm

President's Report

The President indicated that this report was written for the previous meeting (scheduled for 5 February) and karting in general has witnessed a major downturn in participation and membership. From the licencing and participation numbers supplied from National Office, Western Australia has a significant participation rates for a State that doesn't have many licence holders. Western Australia has a set of classes that all clubs must race regardless of where they are in the state.

Other issues disclosed by the President included track issues of resurfacing, weather and the devastation that has been experienced throughout Queensland, disharmony and less income to the State.

Less income is resulted in invoices not being raised and opportunities to collect outstanding monies to the Association. One of the new initiatives includes employing an Administration Assistant (it should cost the same as all the current honouriums) and this will eliminate the leakage that is currently occurring. Profit should not be a dirty word.

The President then read his Initiatives Report and concluded that the Association needs to have a professional image.

In concluding his report, the President states that the Association should have a "Crisis Account" instead of having Charity dinners. This account will assist clubs that have been affected by natural disasters.

Motion: To accept the President's Report

Moved: Ipswich

Seconded: Bundaberg

For: All

Abstain:

Motion Carried

NKC Delegates Report

From Gavin Dicoski

- Lee Hanatschek is now employed by AKA, so instead of promotions costing the Association \$180 000 it has been changed to \$85 000. Lee was not asked to leave or sacked (contrary to popular belief) he has left with BAM Medias blessings.
- Shopping centre promotions are going well however the AKA may wish to consider a car rather than a trailer, as there is not towing involved.
- Tyre treatment, it appears that the undetectable is now indeed detectable.
- In relation to Rotax/Leopard, it appears that the 125 class is the demise of CIK.
- CIK will be self-sufficient next year and no more funding will be available to the series. Congratulations was given to Ipswich for last weekend (1st round of CIK)
- There should be some form of Forum, as lots of misinformation is being sent out.
- Dealer Licence original was to be sold at \$150; however it will now cost the Dealers \$250. Paperwork is required with the licence and the dealer is required to have \$10 million public liability insurance before a dealer licence can be issued. This will only cover on track activity. It was discussed are we biting the hand that feeds us? Is the cost too high for some dealerships considering the downturn in numbers?
- The new Social licence was discussed, the driver is permitted to race one race meeting in a year, however they must pass an OLT if it is required.

From Steve Pattel

- CAMS is asking AKA to pay \$34 000 to run karting in Australia, it was discussed that AKA shouldn't pay for this, as CAMS does very little for karting in Australia and the numbers have been the same as last year.
- Under the revised CM:S system, the National will have access to State data and therefore National Office will bill the States and will not require the States to report the figure.
- Queensland has approximately 80% of its licence holders with email addresses, which is the highest in the Nation. Subsequent updates of the system will provide an automatic letter to the licence holder when the licence is close to expiry.
- Upgrades of the CM:S system will be circulated to clubs
- Classes were discussed:
 - The Midgets class will be changed to Cadets and this class will not be offered at State & Nationals Titles
 - Discuss occurred about Midgets and Rookies long term prospect
 - Senior National will be reduced to only one class next year at 150 kg
- Committee Conference will be on 24 & 25 June 2011 in Sydney
- Life members of the AKA include Maureen & Alf Capri, there are clear guidelines on how this is awarded. A new Hall of Fame was introduced for on the track achievements, currently there are 5 names in the Hall of Fame for recognised accomplishments
- Photographers (whether commercial or non-commercial) must have \$10 million insurance. However it was unclear if the local member who is obtaining photos for the Newsletter is required to have this insurance coverage. The delegates will take this back to the insurance company for clarification.
- Rotax barrel (2011), the old barrels are too hard to identify.

Motion: To accept the NKC delegate's Report

Moved: Toowoomba

Seconded: Warwick

For: All

Abstain: Nil

Motion Carried

Business arising

Neil Coleman discussed karting in depth; the current NKC delegates don't know the history on certain issues and therefore are unable to make informed judgements. Mr Coleman offered his knowledge and services the NKC delegates.

Mr Coleman continued to say that there are too many in-camera sessions and in these sessions the AKA should record the topic and outcome, so the issue of secrecy is exposed. For matter and issues to be discussed in full, information and letters should be circulated at least 30 days before the meeting. The Minutes of NKC meeting should disclose how each state voted.

There appears to be corruption at the National level, the National Promotions Officer was appointed after the event and there was no call for expressions of interest. The National financials are hiding the true position of karting in Australia and the state should look at exposing this corruption. Examples of corruption was the \$270 000 to St George Kart Shop and Simon Whiting who was charged with price fixing and is still able to hold an official position. There is no accountability with the current structure, AKA needs to be a Company Limited by Guarantee.

Currently the rulebook is changing all the time, with addendums and karters are finding it difficult to keep up with the change. Currently CIK is run how CIK should be run, it needs to be run in the format as it is in Europe.

Stewards Report

AKA Qld are currently in the process of updating and renewing all Stewards list and will provide all clubs with this listing as soon as possible. It is imperative that all club officials complete a renewal form so this list can be as current as possible.

Currently the new Stewards Coordinator is reviewing all complaints to formulate patterns and penalties, so that the State can be more consistent.

Stewards' reports are not being completed correctly and this leads to additional work to retrieve this information. Grade 4 stewards should be under supervision at race meetings to ensure that consistence exists. It would be appreciated that when completing the Stewards Report that information as to how the Officials operated as opposed to the weather be stated. This information assists the Coordinator in approving Officials upgrades. When an official requests an upgrade, they must complete and submit the questionnaire (found in the Officials Manual). All clubs should have a recording device and use them when a hearing is being conducted. Track Inspectors have been requested to locate the recording device as part of their inspection.

Initially Officials Courses should be completed in 3 hours, with Grade 4 Officials looking at primarily paperwork and forms, while Senior Officials will only need to attend for 1 to 1 ½ hours.

At this stage the AKA Qld is unable to supply any club with officials.

Motion: To accept the Stewards Report
Moved: Ipswich
Seconded: Warwick
For: All
Abstain: Nil
Motion Carried

Track Inspection – North Queensland

No track inspections have occurred in North Queensland due to enormous amount of rain. AKA Qld will request an extension from National Office upon receipt of this request from the North Zone Track Inspector.

Track Inspection - South Queensland

Tracks inspections have completed for Cooloola Coast, Warwick and Toowoomba. Rockhampton and Gladstone kart clubs have requested that the Southern Track Inspector attend during the week instead of the weekend. The clubs with negotiate directly with the Southern Track Inspector.

Motion: To accept the Track Inspection – South Queensland's Report
Moved: Charters Towers
Seconded: Warwick
For: All
Abstain: Nil
Motion Carried

State Technical Report

AKA Qld needs to establish the current stock that is held the State, to ensure that items are not being lost and are accounted for.

The issue of the Tyre Sniffer was discussed, one sniffer is being repaired and the state needs to purchase another one as it was used at the CIK round to great effect. The non-detectable is now detectable as Hot Laps leaves a residue inside the tyre and rims. At the Victorian Open, at tyre pooling they supplied a wax material for beading tyres.

Motion: That AKA Qld purchase the tyre sniffer currently held including purchasing a charger & new battery

Moved: Toowoomba

Seconded: Ipswich

For: All

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

Motion carried

The Landt barrel issue has led to the STO to made gauges to ensure that the barrels can be tested.

For the State Titles Geoff Hall is able to bring the barcorder however will need a letter of request before he is able to do so.

Other issues relate to the Rotax, the National body doesn't want to carry the barrels over, as you can't determine how it is ground. CC barrels are only homologated for 2 years.

AKA Qld needs to issue Smartcard licence to all Technical Officers and it is becoming increasing difficult to complete Technical Schools due to the size of the State. Some Technical Officers believe there is too much detail for Grade 4 Technical Officers.

Technical Schools are planned for 9 April at Yeronga RSL and 28 May at Bundaberg.

Agenda Items

12 – Rewording of club eligibility to host State Titles

A discuss about changing the wording for the eligibility for the State Titles occurred.

Motion: Change to the existing wording to the following:
Any new or existing Club that constructs a new Track facility (as opposed to extensions or alterations to an existing circuit) will be accepted to the roster in their zoned area (subject to normal inspections procedures and approvals) and be allocated by right the State Closed Title in the year following, the State Championships (Bitumen) in the year following their written intention of request to promote/host the Championship, then the State Championship the following year provided that the inspection is carried out and approved prior to the State Championship date of the application year.

Moved: Bundaberg

Seconded: Charters Towers

For: All

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

Motion carried

Meeting closed at 5.30pm on Saturday 5 March
Meeting opened at 8.40am on Sunday 6 March 2011

Mark Jamieson Coordinator of Supercheap joined the meeting as an observer.

President discussed the in-camera session that occurred on Saturday afternoon. It was decided that AKA Qld nominate John McCleverty to the Hall of Fame.

Agenda Items continued

1 Gold Coast Legal fees

Gold Coast letter was read out and a discussion occurred about the process of getting the information from the Gold Coast Club in relation to the outstanding legal fees. In previous Council meetings the Council decided unanimously that the GCKC will have to pay the bill as it was an attack on the Executive in particular Mr Lane and Mr McCleverty.

The matter consumed an enormous amount of time and this is unacceptable when the claims were fruitless. In conclusion the delegate for the club indicated that the club had not intention of paying and that the AKA Qld should write a letter should write a letter indicating why they are receiving the bill.

Jannell Brydon (delegate for Rockhampton) attended the meeting at 8.50am

Motion: That AKA Qld respond to the Gold Coast Kart Club the correspondence re Legal Fees non-payment, setting out the background to the matter and the reasons why we believe the account should be paid and re-enforcing the current motions concerning the payment of that account.

Moved: **Toowoomba**

Seconded: **Ipswich**

For: **All**

Against: **Nil**

Abstained: **Nil**

Motion carried

2 Tyre Sniffer –

Steve Pattel will repair the old tyre sniffer, so the State will have two available for use at the State Titles

3 AKA Qld Sportsman Class 2011

STO submitted a revamp of Sportsman rules to include Restricted TAG into the Sportsman Class

Motion: That proposed Sportsman class specification be adopted

Moved: **Toowoomba**

Seconded: **Bundaberg**

For: **Bundaberg, Mackay, Toowoomba, Townsville, Cairns, Gladstone, Cooloola Coast**

Against: **Ipswich, Warwick, Rockhampton**

Abstained: **Nil**

Motion carried

4 Limit on-board camera

The footage on the camera could be used as evidence in a hearing; however the footage must be kept with the Stewards in the event of an Appeal. This will be referred to the Technical Committee

5 *Rewording Rule RMAX 1.10 4a*

It was discussed that the Technical Committee needs to find out how many barrels are still in circulation and there is a need to establish stability for the restricted class.

There is a planned change at the end of 2013 however what happens if it doesn't happen?
Will this be the same as the clutch issue?

6 *Rule 25.16(b)*

This issue has been dealt with Addendum 10.

7 *Barrels*

Completed 2013

8 *Licences – 3 month club membership issue*

Currently the Licencing system requires all drivers to have a minimum of 3 months club membership before they are able to renew their licence. Clubs and AKA Qld would like this reduced to 7 days

AKA Qld will send a letter a petition to other States about the issue; otherwise the Ipswich Kart Club could send this petition to all clubs in Australia

9 *Travel costs for Executives*

The Secretary stated that she travels 4 or 4 ½ hours to attend the SKC meetings in Rockhampton and Townsville and would like the Council to either approve Friday nights' accommodation or allow her to fly to the venues.

The Council approves whatever method is cheaper for the Executive to travel to the SKC meeting. It was also stated that with plenty of notice, the AKA Qld saved \$2500 in airfares, however this was negated as the SKC meeting was postponed twice in two months.

10 *Costs of Co-delegates to NKC meeting*

For delegates to attend the NKC meeting, AKA pay for this; however the State is required to pay for Co-delegate. It was decided that it is beneficial for the Co-delegate to attend the NKC meetings.

The Council approves the cost of sending a Co-delegate to the NKC meetings

11 *Constitution – Membership (Section D)*

Gold Coast will re-address this issue at the next meeting

12 *Rewording of club eligibility to host State Titles*

This matter was discussed earlier.

13 *2012 Manual – advertising*

The Council approved selling advertising to be send out with the Karting Manuals for 2012 and beyond. This is to reimburse some of the costs associated with sending out the Manual to individual drivers. It was suggested that companies advertise \$250 for a flyer.

14 *Supercheap*

Supercheap was discussed as team of people are keen to continue the great work that John Lane has done over the last couple of years with the Supercheap Series. A Committee has been established with everyone keen to assist. The Committee requires assistance with the promotional aspects of the Series, in particular with sponsors. Delegates were requested to canvas their clubs for potential sponsors.

The same format as per previous years will be used this year. It will cost approximately \$500 plus fuel per round (plus accommodation for North Queensland rounds). This year the clubs that will be participating are Rockhampton, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Ipswich and Toowoomba.

Dates:

- Rockhampton 9/10 April
- Ipswich 14/15 May
- Bundaberg 23/24 July
- Toowoomba 20/21 August
- Final in Gladstone 29/30 October

Sponsorship

GoPro Cameras are providing the Series with 10 on-board cameras so footage can be obtained. The cameras will be shared around at each round of the Series. As part of the sponsorship GoPro would like the Series to promote the cameras (as they will be available for sale).

Stewards and Engine measurer should be the same throughout the Series; engine, chassis and tyre tagging will occur; as well as the use of tyre sniffer.

AKA Qld is requested to provide a Clerk of the Course and Steward for the who Series to ensure consistence.

It was suggested to promote North Queensland that double points are offered for races in North Queensland.

Motion: Moved that the Supercheap Series as presented by Mark Jamieson be adopted
Moved: **Rockhampton**
Seconded: **Mackay**
For: **All**
Against: **Nil**
Abstained: **Nil**
Motion carried

15 *President's Initiatives*

President read out "Initiatives Report" in full.

Initiatives 1

Discussion occurred in relation to a Company Limited by Guarantee. In relation to the proposal of the Administrative Assistant, it was discussed at length and this position will be investigated (including a job description) and the President will report back to the SKC meeting in May and this position will be voted on at the AGM in October.

Initiatives 2

The SKC meeting and it's format were discussed at length with the suggestion that the Reports from the Treasurer, President, Secretary, State Technical Officer and Track Inspectors should be circulated at least two weeks before the meeting to ensure that the clubs have had time to review the documentation before the meeting.

It was also suggested that these meetings should be held in Brisbane for one day only, this will eliminate the unnecessary accommodation cost, and however it will also eliminate the great networking that currently occurs. Only one voting member will be paid for. If members only have temporary affiliation then they will be invited to attend however the travel costs will be borne by the club.

Motion: That AKA Qld shall pay for the attendance at State Karting Council meetings of delegates of full council member, executive council and appointed members only, this does not include the Annual General Meeting will continue in its present view

Moved: Toowoomba

Seconded: Ipswich

For: Bundaberg, Cooloola, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Warwick, Mackay, Townsville, Cairns, Rockhampton

Against: Nil

Abstained: Gladstone

Motion carried

Initiatives 3

As the race calendar is overcrowded this initiative looked as ways to assist this issue by having a Grand Prix event.

It was suggested that the state be split into a Northern and Southern zone and a club can elect the date in their zone if the club only conducts 9 race meetings per year.

Initiatives 4

The other concern for the State is the amount of drivers leaving the sport, after much discussion it was suggested that AKA Qld should email all drivers once their licence has expired for 3 months to encourage them to reconsider renewing their licence. If the licence holder does not wish to renew then this information needs to be collected, so this data can assist the future planning of karting in Queensland.

The Smartcard issue was discussed, as there are great discrepancies from Smartcard system and the Stewards report. Clubs are invoiced as per the Smartcard system and these figures are incorrect, therefore Smartcard should be repaired.

The other issue with Smartcard is lots of expired licence holders racing with an expired licence as the club believes that the driver has paid for his licence and then overrides the system.

Motion: That when CMS errors are detected in club procedures the club concerned will receive a warning letter for a first offence and a financial penalty (\$50 per error) for second & subsequent offences

Moved: Toowoomba

Seconded: Ipswich

For: All

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

Motion Carried

It was suggested that clubs issue each member with a Club membership cards so when they attend at another club they can provide proof of their club membership.

There appears to be no confidence with the Smartcard system with users and therefore they are not using the system as it was intended. There needs to be more information and training, it was suggested that each club submits a list of 3 of the most important issues with the CM:S system and this is then collated and issues reported to AKA National Office. It was also suggest that CM:S report be part of the Race Day Documentation.

Financials

All clubs were requested to look through accounts and the Council stepped through the accounts receivable one at a time, discussing possible remedies for the collection of the outstanding amounts. Accounts will be reviewed on a more continual basis and if clubs have not paid their accounts then race permits will not be issued.

Mackay Kart Club read out their letter in relation to their loan to the AKA Qld. The Council were satisfied that the club is endeavouring to pay back the loan as quickly as possible and therefore will not be penalised.

John Lane and John McCleverty left the meeting 1.04pm to catch their flight home.

16 Central Queensland Titles

Rockhampton, Emerald and Gladstone would like to have an Interclub Series called Central Queensland Titles; the clubs will use the existing dates and therefore will not impact the race calendar.

The Council agreed that this Series will be good for the region.

17 Social Licences

The new structure for the Social Licence was discussed; the new structure allows the karter to participate in one race meeting on this licence. The AKA sell the licence to the States for \$49 and as the karter will require a rulebook, it will cost the State \$60.

The Treasurer (way of phone) strongly objected to selling a Social licence at \$60. The Social Licences currently are \$100 and this new licence has more benefits. AKA Qld have lost a considerable profit source by discounting these licences.

Motion: To charge \$60 for an E grade including issue of rulebook effective immediately
Moved: **Townsville**
Seconded: **Towers**
For: **Townsville, Cairns, Mackay, Rockhampton, Warwick, Ipswich, Toowoomba**
Against: **Bundaberg**
Abstained: **Gladstone, Cooloola Coast**
Motion carried

18 Gold Coast right to vote

Previously discussed and decided upon

19 Technical Schools

Previously discussed

The letter from Cairns Kart Club has been read out to the Council, this process has been 3 years in the making as the club has been actively been looking for another facility.

Motion: AKA Qld approve in principle subject to the full application process being followed to provide Cairns Kart Club with an interest free loan of \$50 000
Moved: Towers
Seconded: Mackay
For: Townsville, Cairns, Mackay, Rockhampton, Warwick, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Bundaberg, Gladstone
Against: Nil
Abstained: Cooloola Coast
Motion carried

General Business

Gold Coast Kart Club

Mr Coleman indicated that at the CIK round a young driver was presented with a trophy, a complaint was lodged and the trophy was taken back. It was devastating to watch the young driver.

Cairns Kart Club

It is unfair when clubs lose race meetings due to conditions that are out of their hands rather than just not holding a race meeting. Currently the wording for the right to vote is that a club must hold 4 race meetings, this need to be changed.

Action: Cairns will submit a rewording for the 4 meeting rule

Towers Kart Club

Currently Charters Towers are not receiving all correspondence; there have been some computer glitches due to the weather (floods etc). If this issue persists then alternative methods need to be investigated.

Toowoomba Kart Club

Would like to have clubs bank account linked to the Smartcard system, so licence holders can pay directly to the AKA Qld and their club (membership).

Ipswich Kart Club

During practice it is difficult to determine licenced drivers and drivers from other clubs. The club would like all clubs to initiate a membership card that licence holders carry at all times. This is a great idea and will improve the efficiency of the sport.

Jannell Brydon, delegate for Rockhampton left at 2.18pm

Website Tender was discussed, currently the AKA Qld has not received any tenders. The club would like the Executive to get tenders for Webmaster position and a new webpage (that is more modern and provides all the information that karters and officials require).

Mackay Kart Club

Driver training in schools, this is currently done in NSW as AKA NSW has an agreement with the schools and the Education Department. Queensland should look at doing this as driver education will be initiated in Queensland schools in the very near future. Currently the cost is \$60 for a School based licence. AKA Qld should arrange a meeting with a Minister to promote karting in education.

Mackay would also like to see a consolidation of a classes, in particular the TAG100 with the Senior National class (light & heavy). This is based on the Qld Sportsman class working so well in most clubs.

Clubs many have the option to run National (J) with TAG100, however some testing will need to be completed to ensure parity. This matter will be investigated further through the Technical Committee.

It has been observed that drivers who have started in the National class (J) are still competing in the sport; however drivers who have started in a clubman or faster have left the sport on average in less than 2 years.

Malcolm Saunders – Senior Vice President

Training for officials costs over \$1000 and with limited funds this can be very expensive. The Stewards Forum would train an official to train other officials at the club. This person must be at least a Grade 3 Official and have the ability to impart knowledge to others.

Gavin Dicinoski - President

The President discussed the planning from the NKC meeting, for the future of the sport the NKC will discuss planning of the sport on the second day of the meeting.

Items discussed included:

- Classes in the future
- Combining classes on the track
- Grading of drivers
- Evaluation of engines
- Tyres – the need to simplify
- Reduction of Technical variables

Changes to classes:

- Midgets
 - Will be called Cadets instead
 - Removed from State Championships
 - Engine review
- Rookies
 - Engine review
 - More appropriate name
- Junior National
 - Combined classes - running at the same time
 - Engine review
- Junior Performance
 - Available at State Titles
 - Only one class to exist
- Junior Clubman
 - Only one class to exist
- Senior National
 - Clas review
 - 2012 – Pro class at 150kg
 - Removal from National classification

- Senior Clubman
 - Included in Restricted 125
- Clubman Super Heavy
 - Removal from National classification
- Restricted 125
 - C & D Licence holders only
- TAG 125
 - National status
 - Tyre tender in process
- Leopard
 - Move to TAG 125
 - Set the number of events in a year
 - Removal from National classification
 - Stand-alone event only

AKA National will have an open door policy that is to answer all queries from karters. Need to get information from karters therefore karters will be surveyed.

A delegate to represent the karters was discussed and this representative will have the privilege of sitting at the NKC table.

Championship Titles should have more meaning and the process of driving at that the Nationals will be reviewed. Track specifications for the Nationals need to be more detailed and relevant.

Tier racing was mentioned as was the fact that karting is intimidating and newcomers feel intimidated when they take up the sport.

To improve the efficiency of racing, it was mentioned that a reduced time at the track would be beneficial, that is start at 8am and finish at 4pm. More laps (60 to 80 laps) but reduced number of classes.

Officials and their conflict of interest were discussed.

Events structure needs to be planned and reviewed to ensure an improved race calendar.

The State Titles supplementary regulations will be completed in a couple of weeks.

Meeting closed at 3.20pm

The next SKC Meeting is scheduled on 14 May 2011 to be held in Brisbane.