

Karting Queensland

State Karting Council Meeting

Minutes



Venue

**Empire Apartment Hotel
5 East Street
Rockhampton QLD 4700.
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2nd & 3rd December, 2017

11.30am



Australian Karting Association (QLD) Inc.

State Karting Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday 2nd December, 2017

Sunday 3rd December, 2017

Meeting Opened at 11.33am

President's Welcome

Item 1 - Confirmation of Attendance, Proxies and Apologies

Proxies

Whitsundays – Held by Shane Thirlwall

Attendance

Bundaberg	Delegate	Ben Stephenson
Bundaberg	Co-Delegate	Andrew Wagner
Cairns	Delegate	Nic Beehag
Cooloola	Delegate	Peter Philips
Emerald	Delegate	Alex Jones
Gladstone	Delegate	Connor Robertson
Gladstone	Co- Delegate	Adrian Jones
Ipswich	Delegate	Maureen Capri
Mackay	Delegate	Barry Stephens
Mt Isa	Delegate	Tony Campbell
Rockhampton	Delegate	Richard Gordon
Rockhampton	Co-Delegate	Judy Simonds
Towers	Delegate	Peter Thomas
Townsville	Delegate	Rick Eisel
Vintage	Delegate	Allan King
Warwick	Delegate	Alf Capri
President		Brett Aird
Vice President		Shane Thirlwall
Junior Vice President		Greg Smith
Treasurer		Annette English
Secretary		Rob Ainge
State Officials Coordinator		Mark Hogan
Invited Guest		Shaune English

Apologies

Adam Stroud
Bob Thorburn

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

Moved: Ipswich

Seconded: Emerald

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Warwick, Whitsundays

Item 2 - Open meeting to observers

Motion: *That the meeting be open to Invited Guests only.*

Moved: Emerald

Seconded: Gladstone

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Warwick, Whitsundays

Item 3 – Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Alf Capri – Engine builder

Rob Ainge – Father of Kart Shop owner

Item 4 - Acceptance of digital recorder

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

Moved: Ipswich

Seconded: Warwick

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Warwick, Whitsundays

Item 5 – Acceptance of previous minutes

Motion: *That the minutes from the 29th & 27th July, 2016 State Karting Council Meeting be accepted.*

Moved: Ipswich

Seconded: Bundaberg

Abstained: None

Against: None

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Warwick, Whitsundays

Item 6 – Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Survey Monkey results discussed

State Secretary to send out a reminder to clubs approximately 2 days before a vote will be sent out

Motion: *That Survey Monkey or similar will be the preferred method for electronic voting.*

Moved: Emerald

Seconded: Gladstone

Abstained: Towers

Against: None

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Townsville, Warwick, Whitsundays

Item 7 – Acceptance of correspondence

To be carried over until Sunday

Item 8 – Verbal report from each club (Max 2 minutes each)

Cairns

- Numbers at meetings slowly increasing, particularly Cadets
- Had 3 meetings postponed/cancelled due to weather
- New track is progressing slowly, red tape through council is holding the process up.
- Drainage problems at the current track are a major concern but the club has very limited options to improve it. It is a Main Roads issue so the club cannot do the work themselves
- Come & Trys have been successful in attracting new members
- Lots of karters from Cairns are racing away at other tracks
- NQ Series Final coming up in December

Townsville

- Had a reasonable year
- Average meeting numbers around 40
- Just had AGM, some changes to exec with 2 new committee members
- Grant for new grandstands received, construction will commence shortly
- Legal battle with developers is ongoing, currently waiting on Judge's decision which will be given in the new year
 - Track hires to external clubs like Motorcycles, Sprint Cars are under threat
 - Club may look at applying for a Material Change of Use with Local Council
 - Current Approved Use only allows for 12 kart meetings per year
 - Club has spent approx. \$50,000 fighting it so far
 - The facility is owned freehold by the club
- The Club just celebrated their 20th year anniversary 1997 – 2017
- Club Ambassador Todd Hazelwood has just been promoted from Super 2 to Supercars Main Series for 2018

Bundaberg

- Had a good finish to the year
- Last round of CQ Series was a great meeting
- Last race meeting of the year was rained out, AGM was postponed due to the weather
- Have received a grant, will be using the money to upgrade their facilities.
- Recently held an open-air concert with approx. 3,000 people attending.

Gladstone

- Have been applying for grants, have not received any recently but will continue to try
 - Xmas Pudding Meeting held recently.
 - Numbers were down but there were mitigating factors, so not a real cause for concern
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- AGM coming up next weekend
- Have received their new Timing System

Cooloola

- New President Peter Phillips attended this meeting
- Membership is steady
- Race numbers are lower than they would like but are working hard to increase numbers
- Club will shortly sign a new 10 year lease
 - With the new stability in their future they can now apply for grants
- Need more local officials and new members so club will be focusing on these ongoing.
- Practice money is being stolen, looking for ways to curb this and ensure members use the facilities correctly
- Discussed options including cameras, sign on books, lock boxes for money, yearly practice charge, ticket system etc

Mackay

- Had a good year with the State Titles
- Numbers have improved on last year
- NQ Series numbers were boosted as it doubled as a shakedown
- 30-40 per meeting average
- Cadets 10-12 per meeting which is promising
- Finances have improved
- 5 year plan is being constructed with costings to give the club a focus for the future
 - This includes changing tyres to Supercar tyres, replacing gates etc
- Have postponed their AGM until they can sort out some questions regarding eligible voters
- Want to get back to grass roots racing and are focusing on this for next year
- Looking at resurrecting a Yamaha J class for 2018

Ipswich

- Recently held AGM – some new changes to the executive
- State Cup recently held, numbers were not as hoped but understandable considering the date changes and lateness in the year
- Meeting numbers are down overall
- Membership numbers are still strong
- There is a new Mayor in Ipswich and the previous concerns with the Council and the future of the Ipswich motorsport precinct issues seem to have abated
- Everything else going well
- Ipswich have a practice monitor on practice days, they no longer accept cash for practice fees

Warwick

- 80-85 avg for meetings
- Continually working to improve the facility
- Project works are progressing well, the club is continually doing improvements to the facility

Emerald

- Would like to thank the other clubs for their support over the last year
- AKC was excellent and will be held at Emerald again next year
- Emerald won the AKC Host of the Year
- Canteen refurbishment and other works have gone very well and have further improved the facility

Rockhampton

- Working steadily on improvements
- New shower and disabled toilets finished
- Major cleanup at back of facility completed
- Officials training has been successful – the club has attracted some new officials
- New Juniors racing
- Top Rider will continue to hire the track for next year which will bring in hire income

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- Have identified some areas and will focus on improvements for next year
- Junior Driver Training was a brilliant initiative and the Junior drivers benefited immensely
- AGM recently held, new people have filled most of the roles

Mt Isa

- AGM will be end January
- Had to cancel a couple of meetings due to lack of officials
 - Will be focussing on increasing their officials for 2018
- They are a small club and Cadet and Juniors numbers are very low but they are working on improving this
- Would like to entice travellers from other clubs to come out and race in Mt Isa

Charters Towers

- Received and tested new lights
- Have a new Club President,
- Working steadily to get the track fully operational
- Were hoping for a January start for racing
- Have been working on improving signage as per KA's requirements
- Have pulled down the old tower and are replacing it
- Working with KQ to receive the new timing system

President's note – Tony Manson will be coming up to QLD and will visit clubs to help them out where he can.

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 10a – Proposed by Management

Constitution

- Vote on acceptance of the updated Constitution
 - Constitution discussed, notes for amendments taken and will be distributed to clubs for further discussion

Motion: *To accept the presented version of the Constitution as the draft to be developed.*

Moved: *Ipswich*

Seconded: *Townsville*

Abstain: *Whitsundays, Mt Isa, Emerald, Mackay*

Against: *None*

For: *Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Warwick*

- Once the draft is fully developed and agreed on a Special Resolution will be put forward to accept the Constitution

Item 10b– Proposed by Management

State Regulations and 2018 Rules

- Discussed the State Regulations and known rule changes for 2018
 - Tyres
 - Mackay's proposal for a J class for 2018
 - If accepted in the QLD State Regulations it would not be mandatory for all clubs to adopt
 - Cadet 9 new rules – sprockets, jets etc
 - Harder tyres would be very beneficial to reducing the costs and simplifying the racing
 - Discussed the benefits to simplifying the racing for the young drivers and increasing the fun factor

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- Cadet 9 and 12 Beginner classes based on minimum times – once a karter can achieve the minimum time they will step up

If any club would like an inclusion or change to the State Regulations please send them in asap to the State Secretary.

Item 10c – Proposed by Management (see attached)

Paid Administration Role

- Accept the Position Description

Motion: To accept the Position Description for a Paid Administration Role

Moved: Emerald

Seconded: Gladstone

Abstained: Whitsundays, Mackay

Against: None

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Warwick

Item 10d – Proposed by Management

Tribunes role description

- To be adopted nationally

Item 10e – Proposed by Management

Unannounced Visits

- There is no money in the budget for unannounced visits in 2018.
- Quotes for grant applications to cover this will be tabled.
- Can the unannounced visits be done as part of the track inspection?
- The next phase – what have we learnt and how can we improve?
 - The actual costs to do the visits were increased because supregs were late being submitted from the clubs, which resulted in airfares and other expenses being booked later and being more expensive.
 - Would it be more beneficial if the clubs did not know about the visit until afterwards as the clubs reacted when they knew they were being watched – Mystery Shopper concept?
 - Although there is no money in the budget it is still an important initiative which should be managed at some level to ensure it continues to help the clubs improve
 - Discussed doing the unannounced visits along with a track inspection
 - A grant to fund the unannounced visits needs to be sourced if possible

Motion: For Unannounced Visits to be conducted in 2018 they must be funded via grant funding. This is to be reviewed for the 2019 Budget

Moved: Cooloola

Seconded: Ipswich

Abstained: Emerald

Against: None

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Warwick, Whitsundays

Item 10f – Proposed by Management (see attached)

Budget

- Budget presentation
 - Discussed and amended for voting at the AGM

Item 10g – Proposed by Management` (see attached)

Card Printer

- The card printer needs to be updated
- Zebra ZXP3 Card Printer – buy or lease?

Motion: To buy a new card printer for the State to print licences

Moved: Townsville

Seconded: Rockhampton

Abstained: Warwick

Against: None

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Whitsundays

Item 10h – Proposed by Management

Promotion and Marketing

- Update on promotion and marketing plans

New Zonal logos discussed

A promotional program is developing for 2018

Item 10i – Proposed by Whitsunday (see attached)

- Calendar organisation
 - Discussed for implementation in the calendar workshop

Item 10j – Proposed by Management (see attached)

Calendar

- 2018 Calendar workshop
- Calendar format as previously accepted
- Formalisation of the dates for 2018
- Clubs to break into Zonal groups to create draft Zonal Series Regulations. Zonal Series Regulations to be finalised and submitted for inclusion in the State Regulations by COB 8/12/17

Meeting adjourned at: 5:00pm

Sunday

Meeting recommenced: 8.06am

Confirmation of Attendance

AGENDA ITEMS Continued

Item 10J Continued

Motion: To accept the 2018 Calendar

- Calendar not voted on yet – more time needed to finalise
- Clubs to send in their draft dates to the State Secretary by 8th Dec
- Mon 11th Dec vote will be sent out via Survey Monkey
- Votes for final 2018 Calendar acceptance due back Wed 13th

Item 10k – Proposed by Management

State Championship Club and Zone Allocations

- Result of Survey Monkey were as follows:

Breakdown of Zones for State Championship purposes:

Southern Zone:

- Ipswich
- Warwick
- Cooloola
- Bundaberg
- Gladstone
- Gold Coast

Northern Zone:

- Rockhampton
- Emerald
- Mackay
- Whitsunday
- Townsville
- Cairns

Accepted roster for the 2 round per year format

2018

Gladstone

Bundaberg

2019

Cooloola

Whitsunday

2020

Emerald

Warwick

2021

Townsville

Ipswich

2022

Rockhampton

Gold Coast

2023

Cairns

Bundaberg

2024
Mackay
Cooloola

2025
Gladstone
Warwick

Item 10I – Proposed by Management

Track Inspections

- Track inspections will become Biennial (every 2 years)

Correspondence carried over from Saturday

Motion: To accept the Correspondence Register
Moved: Gladstone
Seconded: Ipswich
Abstained: None
Against: None
For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Warwick, Whitsundays

Meeting closed at 9.15am