

Karting Queensland

State Karting Council Meeting

Minutes



Venue

Brisbane Airport Conference Centre

**23rd & 24th November, 2019
12:30pm**



Australian Karting Association (QLD) Inc.

State Karting Council Meeting Agenda

Saturday 23rd November, 2019

Sunday 24th November, 2019

Commencing at 12:30pm

President's Welcome 12:30pm

Social media session from 2:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday will commence at 8:00am

Meeting opened: 12:30pm

Item 1 - Confirmation of Attendance, Proxies and Apologies

Proxies Rockhampton Kart Club held by Adrian Jones

Attendance *Aird, Brett – President*
Acquasanta, Michael – Bundaberg
Capri, Alf – Life Member
Capri, Maureen – Ipswich
English, Shaune – State Technical Advisor
English, Annette – State Admin
Harker, Dale – Emerald
Hill, Peter – Jnr Vice President
Howard, Scott – Ipswich
Jennings, Karl – Vice President
Jones, Kim – Cairns
Jones, Adrian – Gladstone
O'Brien, Tim – Whitsunday
Porter, Janet – Treasurer
Rowe, Michelle – Nominee
Sell, Matt – Warwick
Sidnel, Paul – Mt Isa
Smith, Darren – Cooloola
Sullivan, Ashley – Townsville
Thomas, Peter – Towers
Wagner, Andrew – Bundaberg
White, Brett – Nominee
Williams, Fiona – Warwick
Rudzinski, Nicholas - Nominee

Apologies *Ian Smith – Vintage*
Mark Hogan – Officials Coordinator

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

Moved: Cooloola Seconded: Ipswich
For: Unanimous
Carried

Item 2 - Open meeting to observers

Motion: *That the meeting be open to observers.*

Moved: Mt Isa Seconded: Whitsundays
For: Unanimous
Carried

Item 3 – Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Alf Capri – Kart Shop
Alex Jones – Kart Shop
Peter Hill – Kart Shop

Item 4 - Acceptance of digital recorder

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

Moved: Ipswich Seconded: Towers
For: Unanimous
Carried

Item 5 – Acceptance of previous minutes

Motion: *That the minutes from the 12th June 2019 and 25th September 2019 Zoom State Karting Council Meetings be accepted.*

Moved: Bundaberg Seconded: Cooloola
For: Unanimous
Carried

Item 6 – Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Informal Zoom Meetings for 2020
- TDF to be reviewed in 2020 Budget
 - Executive discussions have been about capping the TDF fund
 - Look at using as club grants possibility
- 2020 applications for State Cup
 - Late application from Cooloola
 - Consider Ipswich running State Cup as the Capri Cup which would be every year but with them not being on the State Championship roster – Ipswich not for this concept

Item 9 – Management Reports

President – as tabled

Jnr Vice – Thanks to Brett and executive, I have also found that my contribution has not been what I would have liked due to work and personal commitments. The group of people in the SKC & Executive has made it a pleasure to be involved with. With the issues that arose early on now being resolved it will definitely mean that the new executive will be able to focus on moving the association forward. It has been a very enjoyable couple of years.

Vice President – Work unfortunately has been very busy limiting my time to put into the association. I look forward to continuing with being an official.

Secretary – I have enjoyed being in this position and talking with all the clubs. Family and work commitments have meant that I need to step down.

Technical – as tabled

Treasurer – as tabled and discussion on the Fee increase.

Item 10c: State Championship

Motion: Move to a single round state titles next year and continue with as voted 2017 club state title roster

This needs to be separated as two motions – 1 as move to a single round and the second as who to holds 2020 round.

Motion: Move to a single round state championship.

Moved: Ipswich Seconded: Gladstone

For: Unanimous

Carried

This brings the prestige back to the State Championship, we need to make sure that it is successful. Setting the calendar for more than 2 years is not viable. Suggestion that Ipswich host 2020. Some tracks may not have the track capacity, and some may but don't have the pit space. Ipswich has 60% of the licence holders in the state, this is not as a greed thing but more to assist in bringing the prestige back. 3 -5 volunteers to come to the event and then Ipswich would share the profit. State Championship being before the AKC helps with making it successful. This would be a great platform for ensuring that we get the numbers and momentum of getting it back to the way it should be.

Every club deserves the opportunity to host the State Championship and get the funds.

Roster needs to be reset as the past is in the past and this is changing moving forward.

Ipswich members do travel, it just doesn't seem it from the % to members.

Warwick is looking at the State Championship for 2020, still located in South East which suits the geographic area.

Moving to a single round will automatically bring the prestige back.

Need to forget the roster and start over.

Roster should be left as is to give those clubs the opportunity.

Some will travel regardless of where the Championship is held. Roster to stay as is.

Look at the calendar and where is the best place to hold the championship to get the better numbers. Moving to Ipswich would also help to build the states money.

The financial assistance that holding these events has for clubs is very important. Getting the State Championship as the premier Qld event is not going to be as easy as it used to be as the AKC has taken over.

400 entries would bring \$64,000 to Ipswich and \$16,000 to the State if fee set at \$220.

Roster to be rewritten with alternating between South & North.

State Championship held leading up to AKC would help the numbers but given that the calendar is currently as AKC and then State Championship this would not happen.

Clubs to take this back and vote to be held via a Zoom meeting.

All other clubs will never get the same numbers as Ipswich. Is that helping the state and in the best interests of the karters?

Promotion of the event is key to the success. The biggest numbers traditionally have been outside of South east.

Money is only one part to look at, by hosting all over the state it helps the up and coming drivers.

Regional hosting gives those clubs exposure.

Ipswich has been pushing social media and is targeting the grass roots.

Suggestion of moving State Championship to the May long weekend.

Suggestion of giving a discount for those traveling from up north.

**Motion: That the State Championships continue with the roster as voted in 2017 –
The next five clubs in line for the state titles are:**

1. Emerald
2. Warwick
3. Townsville
4. Ipswich
5. Rockhampton

Moved: Bundaberg Seconded: Warwick

Motion: That the State Championship for 2020 be held at Ipswich with a profit-sharing arrangement and the above roster deferred for 12 months.

Moved: Ipswich Seconded: Warwick

Zoom meeting to be held 11th December at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06pm

Social Media Training commenced at 2:15pm

Meeting recommenced: 8:03am Sunday, 24th November 2019

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Jones, Adrian – Gladstone
O'Brien, Tim – Whitsunday
Porter, Janet – Treasurer
Rowe, Michelle – Nominee
Sell, Matt – Warwick
Sidnel, Paul – Mt Isa
Smith, Darren – Cooloola
Sullivan, Ashley – Townsville
Talbot, Phil – Track Inspector
Thomas, Peter – Towers
Wagner, Andrew – Bundaberg
White, Brett – Nominee
Williams, Fiona – Warwick
Rudzinski, Nicholas - Nominee

Apologies Ian Smith – Vintage
Mark Hogan – Officials Coordinator

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

Moved: Cooloola Seconded: Ipswich
For: All

Acceptance of digital recorder

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

Moved: Mt Isa Seconded: Bundaberg
For: Unanimous
Carried

Item 7 – Acceptance of correspondence

Motion: Accept correspondence

Moved: Mt Isa Seconded: Warwick
For: Unanimous
Carried

Item 8 – Business Arising from Correspondence

Nil

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

Gladstone – It has been a poor year from numbers point of view and have a need for officials.

Cairns – We managed to run race meetings after the beginning of the year being washed out. Membership is up but racing numbers are down. There are various reasons why members aren't racing with no common theme. Track inspection has been completed; Kim has stood down as Cairns Secretary. Kim has really enjoyed being part of the SKC and will miss us all and the sharing of ideas.

Towers – Has had a lovely year, we are back racing. Although numbers have been small, we are sure that it will grow. Have money to do some more bitumen but having difficulties getting this done. The NW games meet was great, and they worked well together. The Castledine's have completed Timing training and Shaune ran a Tech school.

Mt Isa – It's been a hard year with the same people doing all the work. Have done some infrastructure, fixed the out gate and fixed water issue. Trying to increase numbers. Working together with Towers. Brett mentioned that Tennant Creek is looking at re-affiliating.

Whitsunday – State Championship was successful and has really assisted the club. The executive has completely changed, and we have been successful in receiving a grant for lights. Thank you to Townsville and Towers for assisting in running race meets. Looking at running social days with all the affiliated groups. Thank you to Madeline & Bob Thorburn for everything they have done for the club and congratulations on the birth of your son.

Townsville – Run successful Come n Try days but the turnover isn't as successful as we would like. Membership is down slightly. Track inspection has been finalised with some items to be done. Doing up signage along the fence line to help with finances. Footage being done up for advertising. Officials is a battle to get another for a race meet. Friday nights run meat tray raffles at the local tavern and have found that by having the Eftpos machine the income is about \$70 higher, biggest challenge is getting volunteers.

Ipswich – AGM was held Friday night with very few changes. Has run various Come n Try days that have been very successful. Social nights will be run in 2020 on a Saturday night. Blue Datto enduro is being run next week. Maureen thanked Warwick Kart Club, Cooloola Kart Club and Ipswich Kart club for assisting whilst Alf was in hospital.

Emerald – AGM was two weeks ago, the executive team has been extended to give extra volunteer abilities. The track is looking good however there are some water issues due to the drought. Have been building the relationship with the council and increasing membership numbers. 75% Membership increase following the Building Better Kart Club conference. Would love to see some 4SS Karts.

Warwick – Very busy 6 months which was kicked off with Pro Tour. Top Guns was once again very successful with lots of prizes on offer, the racing was fantastic. Have made a number of upgrades around the track. Peter Lane has stepped down as President with Nicole Brown stepping up but very few other changes leaving the feel and culture of the club very much the same. They have also put a drought program in which is saving lots of water, 9000L per meet. Also put a recycling program in place which will bring in some income.

Cooloola – Had a shaky mid-season with various executive members stepping down unexpectedly. Toilet block has been completed in time for the State Championship. Also lost the clubs Grid marshal which was hard on the club.

Bundaberg – We had a Come & Try day in April – had about 30 people attend but only 2 new members from it. We are looking to change up how we promote the come and try days for next year. We now have 5 come and try karts. 1 cadet comer. 1 cadet 4ss. 2 junior 4ss. 2 senior 4ss

1. New committee this year has been good for the club. We appointed a new Canteen Manager and we have seen a dramatic growth in the food variety and the turnover from the canteen.
2. State Cup in April we believe was a successful meeting for Bundaberg – we had 92 entries, profit from canteen was \$15,000.
3. CQ series in June was not as successful as previous years – only 66 entries. Average on previous years were over 100.
4. We held a new event this year where we arranged with the 4ss community to have the 4SS Invasion event in September. We had 35 4SS competitors travel to the event with a total of 75 entries. Great atmosphere with camping on the Friday and Saturday nights. Canteen put on a BBQ for the Saturday night which was well received by all that attended. As a result of this event we are now going to make this an annual event to help build up the profile of our 4SS class. Huge thanks to Todd Hazelwood for supporting 4SS at our club meets. Todd attended 3 of our events this year
5. We had 31 new members this year which is great. Overall member numbers have only increased by 6 so we will be looking at what has led to these people not rejoining. New member packs will be good for next year. Fast karts using our track has certainly been an advantage to bringing more people to the sport.
6. We had 2 new viewing platforms for our Clerks made this year which has assisted us in having a better view of the track for the Clerks
7. We have had 2 new Shame Train Trailers donated to us this year as well. We have had these made the same as the Gladstone club's trailers so that we can now share trailers to both clubs to have 4 trailers at our major events.
8. We trialed a new electronic lock for our front gate. This works from an app on your phone and authorizations can be turned on and off as required. This eliminates collecting and handing out keys each year and having to swap lock and keys every year.
9. Track resurfacing has been the latest thing to happen at our club. We had a Better Communities Grant from the state government. We did this in 3 stages.
 We had the cracks in the track sealed up 2 weeks earlier.
 We then had the entire track surface sprayed with a treatment by a company called Colas.
 Final stage will be completed on Monday and Tuesday next week with all lines and curbs being painted again.
10. Finally our AGM was held a couple of weeks ago and we have put forward a short and long term plan for our club. We have been told by our local council that we are not in the 10 year plan of the council to be in the same location. So we are looking at a 5 year plan to build a new track with new facilities at a new location not far from the current location. The area proposed by the council will allow no noise restrictions, lighting restrictions, camping restrictions and the area will allow us to build a track to national standards so we are very excited for the future of karting in Bundaberg to be able to hold some bigger events at a new improved facility. Tony Mason and Phil Talbot will be contacted to advise the best track layout for the area provided.

Item 10a - 2020 Budget estimate, to be presented by Janet (Treasurer)

Active Kart Clubs grants for driving training.

Brett is speaking with grant writer to assist with driver training etc.

A couple of amendments made.

Item 10b – 2020 Calendar

Motion: *Adopt the Attached Calendar in relation to lay out and traditional weekends*

Moved: Bundaberg Seconded: Whitsunday

For: Unanimous

Carried

Item 10d - What do Karters want for the money they contribute

- Clubs running a register for race numbers so that new members don't choose the same number
- An increase in the Respect Karting program – Club presidents to do at drivers briefing
- Officials & Scrutineer training as a group training at Ipswich
- Quantifiable time for clubs where the weights of kids is so different

Meeting closed at 10:56am

AGENDA

ITEMS



AGENDA ITEM 10d

Subject	What do Karters want for the money they contribute
Discussion item (if no motion to move)	<p>We often hear Karters complain that they get nothing from Karting Qld. What would the karters like to be receiving? Could Clubs please email the president with the Karters ideas before the meeting.</p> <p><u>Currently KQ supplies the following:</u></p> <p>Admin Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify officials for club meets • General Assistance/Advice • Licences • Supplementary Regulations & Permits • Club Support <p>Junior Development Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 clubs per year <p>Officials Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk of Course • Stewards • Timing • Scrutineering <p>Liaise with National Body</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Racing Tickets – Rok Cup & Rotax <p>Supply Officials for State Championship</p> <p>Circuit Inspections</p> <p>Phone call Race Day support for officials</p> <p>Attendance at Building Better Kart Clubs</p> <p>Training at State Council Meetings</p> <p>State Council Meetings</p> <p>Track Development Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and National Funds <p>Rule books</p>



AGENDA ITEM 10b

Subject	2020 Calendar
Discussion item	<p>This year the calendar has been torn back to the core purpose with traditional weekends for each club been provided when able. KQ has decided to leave the zonal series fully in charge of the zones it will not be compulsory to run the zonal series nor how it looks this entire process is up to the clubs. Each club has been provided 8 Dates for the year; with these dates they will assign them as they chose with any state level permit. National level Permits will not be included in the KQ provided dates for competition. Northern clubs are welcome to request extra dates as 'rain days' but will still be restricted to 8 KQ permitted competition race meeting per year. KQ request that clubs wanting more weekends instead run kart fun days and social days within your club to build comradery and social grass roots karting. Remember there are no fees or costs associated with Kart Fun days, we believe there is to much pressure and competition already and building the social side of karting will net a much higher return to the clubs.</p>



AGENDA ITEM 10c

Subject	2020 Qld Kart Championship
Discussion item	<p>After years of clubs asking KQ is now able to provide a 1 round state title for 2020 we now need to formalise this with a vote from the SKC.</p> <p>This also means that the roster will now need to be adjusted to accommodate the new 1 round lay out. In 2017 the SKC agreed on the below roster and KQ feels it is only fair to continue with the current roster with the 1 off event.</p> <p>The next five clubs in line for the state titles are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Emerald7. Warwick8. Townsville9. Ipswich10. Rockhampton

The following proposed Zonal breakdown will be determined by a vote via Survey Monkey which will be sent out to all eligible clubs by the 23rd August:

Southern Zone clubs eligible to hold a round of the QLD Kart Championship:

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

Northern Zone clubs eligible to hold a round of the QLD Kart Championship:

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

Motion: 2018 QLD Kart Championship host clubs to be R1 Gladstone, R2 Bundaberg

Moved :- Emerald

Seconded :- Bundaberg

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

Against: 0

Abstain: Emerald, Cairns, Bundaberg

Proposed Roster:

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

Motion: Survey Monkey to be used to vote on the QLD Kart Championship zonal roster. Sent out 23rd August and due back 24th August.

Moved :- Rockhampton

Seconded :- Townsville

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

Against: 0

Abstain: Emerald

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