



EXECUTIVE DESK

(Brett Aird, Karl Jennings, Peter Hill, Alex Jones & Janet Porter)

Firstly, the Karting Queensland Executive would like to congratulate Bundaberg Kart Club on a fantastic weekend shared by many; with several members of the management committee present to enjoy the hype over the 3 days.

The atmosphere of the meeting was second to none, Bundaberg Kart Club put in a massive effort to ensure every Official was welcomed and each and every Karter felt appreciated.

The Corporate Sponsorship's that the Bundaberg Kart Club were able to secure for the event ensured that the prestige of the meeting was upheld and offered the grass root karters that attended the opportunity to win real prizes and recognition.

Now let's ponder a thought..... I myself know I could not check Facebook without seeing both fun and informative posts about the Queensland State Cup; (before and after) with an accompanying tie back to a corporate sponsor each time. This type of advertising not only allows the sponsor to feel that there has been a return on their investment but keeps racing in the forefront of all our minds. The executive would like to suggest perhaps all clubs may need to review their current advertising methods and promotion especially in the social media aspect.

Last month we held a new style SKC meeting which from all reports, was a massive success. The format was as follows:

- Northern clubs meet in Townsville at the track's club room;
- Central clubs meet via wireless 'zoom' in a place most comfortable (Central zone to catch up face to face during the CQ series);
- Southern clubs meet in Brisbane at our normal conference arena;
- The management committee was equally spread between North, South and Central 'zoom' in.

This type of meeting structure allowed us to have a meeting that EACH person was heard for their full statements, with all others muted until the end of the respective clubs turn which worked really well.

With the ability to still make real decisions and vote on issues in a comfortable zonal setting, once the SKC meeting had officially ceased the Northern and Southern zones were left to complete an in-depth discussion of what matters most to their area, with a member of the management committee present to report back and answer any queries.

Historically our full SKC face to face meetings have cost nearly \$15,000.00 to hold. The Management committee are very thankful of the SKC for allowing a trial of a 'Zoom' based meeting. The total outlay for the Zoom meeting was \$1,950.00; that's a huge saving to the karters of our state of \$13,050.00. These cost savings will allow us to reinvest back to our karters by means of our grass roots programs which are to be released shortly.

There will be further discussions with the delegates of each club to decide the future direction after this trial, but the executive feels very positive about the new means of communication between AGM's.

We would like to remind all members that we are here for you and would like to hear your thoughts, we would like to see more agenda items put forward from the clubs so we can discuss and ultimately action your requests.

Please remember the correct process so we can make real change:

1. Attend your local club meeting;
2. Raise your thoughts here and put a motion forward;
3. If the majority of your club feels the same way, your club will then present an Agenda item for the SKC;
4. This item will be sent out to all clubs well in advance; prior to a meeting giving everyone a chance to voice their thoughts to their delegate;
5. If the majority of members vote on an agenda item the executive will action it as instructed.

I ask you to re-read and reflect on point 1 above again. Remember this - you as the Karter have all the power: If there is anything you would like; all you need to do is ask.

There is no 'Karting' without the 'Karter'.



OFFICIALS COORDINATOR

There have been a few instances where drivers have been under the understanding that if they do not accept an Infringement Notice (IN) they need to pay a protest fee. This is not the case.

The purpose of the Infringement Notice (IN) is to outline a breach of the rules and a penalty. This then allows a driver or participant the option to either accept the breach with the penalty or contest it. Should they wish to contest the IN there is no fee for doing so. The IN is referred to the Stewards who convene a Stewards Hearing where the driver or participate can present their case against.

On Club days a fee of \$100 occurs when a driver or participant lodges a **Protest** against another driver or participant. Depending on the outcome of the Protest, this fee may be refunded.

Got questions or would like to see something in the newsletter, let your club secretary know or email admin@kartingqld.com.au .

TECHNICAL ADVISOR (Shaune English)

TO ALL OWNERS OF CORSA & HAASE JUNIOR KARTS – URGENT SAFETY ISSUE –

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Karting Australia have been made aware of two (2) recent incidents involving the “Runner Brake Disc Assembly” used on Corsa & HAASE Junior karts. One such incident was a brake failure. The second incident involved a cracked disc which if left without replacement would have resulted in brake failure.

Owners of these karts would be aware that in November 2018, an issue was identified with the brake disc assembly which resulted in the importers DPE Kart Technology & HAASE Karts Australia arranging for replacement brake disc assemblies to be installed.

The safety of all Karters is of paramount concern to Karting Australia as it is to the distributors.

It now appears that this replacement brake disc assembly may not have properly rectified the issue. We strongly recommend that any Junior karts with such brake disc assemblies should not be used.

We suggest owners of Corsa & HAASE Junior karts immediately contact the Australian distributors to discuss a solution to this issue: -

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