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AKA (QLD) STATE KARTING COUNCIL MINUTES SATURDAY 14 MAY 2011

Held at Quality Inn
Brisbane

Before the meeting started at 9.15am, the President asked the Council about the validity of the meeting. Was this meeting given appropriate meeting? Mr McCleverty questioned that the meeting wasn't given enough notice as the Agenda wasn't supplied to the Council within the required 14 days notice.

After much discussion, it was decided that the meeting will be conducted and that if there was a need for a motion, it will be held over to the next meeting.

The Meeting was opened at 9.30am

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

Apologies Management Committee: J Lane

Clubs represented: D Ingram – Mackay, M Capri – Ipswich, A Capri – Warwick, J Johnson - Townsville, P Thomas – Charters Towers, J Galos – Cooloola Coast, D Harris – Cairns, K Prichard – Gladstone, M Whitehead – Mt Isa

Co-Delegates: J McSpedden – Ipswich, D Nesbitt – Mt Isa

Apologies: Terry Sheedy – State Technical Officer

Apologies Clubs: Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Bundaberg, Gold Coast

Life Member: J McCleverty, M Capri, A Capri

Visitors: Lee Hanatschek

Motion: To accept Apologies

Moved: Warwick

Seconded: Gladstone

For: All

Abstain: Nil

Motion Carried

Proxies:

No proxies were received by the Council.

The President then welcomed all Delegates, Co-delegates and visitors and asked that all members introduce themselves, stating Club and position they represented, and any pecuniary interests.

Minutes from the previous meeting

Motion: Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

Moved: Ipswich

Seconded: Cairns

For: Unanimously

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

Motion carried

Business arising from previous meeting

1. Come & Try Day

It was commented that clubs didn't know where the trailer was and who was responsible for them. A roster exists however this needs to be available for all clubs to see, so clubs are able to plan and advertise for a Come & Try Day.

Currently the trailer needs to have its brakes repaired. Mr McCleverty stated that brakes exist on the trailer however it will need minor repairs not a new brake system. Cooloola Coast would like the trailer next, so the club was instructed to communicate with both John Lane and Mr McCleverty.

The condition of the karts was discussed and that to have a professional image AKA Qld needs to have the karts looking uniformed and in an immaculate condition. Mr Hanatschek stated that a genetic AKA sticker kit exists if the State was interested.

2. Website Tenders

It is important that AKA Qld recalls for tenders as the website has been negligent. This matter is now considered urgent. Mr Hanatschek informed the Council that the National body is looking at having a uniform website throughout the nation. All States will have a similar look to the National body.

It would be advisable to have a webmaster however the need to redo the website should be postponed to a later date.

3. On-board camera

This issue of the number of on-board cameras has become an Agenda item for the Technical Committees Conference.

Mr McCleverty has stated that some items were not being dealt with the Technical Committee. However the process of going to Technical Committee has improved and items are now coming back to the NKC meeting for ratification.

4. Skype

A discussion occurred about using Skype as a method of communication; however everyone would need to have a conference facility as it will only allow a maximum of 12 connections. It was discussed that Xbox had a multi-user function, so for this to work; all delegates and co-delegates would require an Xbox.

5. State Karting Council Minutes

The Minutes of the last State Karting Council meeting were discussed particularly the lateness of them. The President acknowledged that they were late and every endeavour will be taken to ensure that they would be out in a timelier manner.

6. Management Minutes

The Executive meeting every month, however the minutes are not published on the website. This needs to be done on a timelier manner.

7. Brisbane Kart Club

The 14 days debate was discussed again, Mr McCleverty does not believe that 14 days was right and informed the Council that this matter will be taken to Arbitration at the Supreme Court. Mr McCleverty also indicated that he alone will be proceeding with this matter.

8. Agenda Items

Clubs are struggling with not having the Agenda items early and it was discussed that the closing date by 6 weeks before the SKC meeting and circulated no less than 30 days before the SKC meeting.

9. Training officials

Some officials in the SE Qld have not had any training for 3 years and therefore are not qualified to officiate at a race meeting. This will be discussed further in the Stewards Report.

Correspondence Listing

Inward correspondence

M0008 – Homologated Listing

A club has requested a Homologated list from National Office however this information has not been provided, AKA Qld has again request this information.

M0010 – Nick Rudzinski

Licensing issues for Mt Isa still exist however they have not been rectified by the Secretary. Emails being received in relation to race day documentation not about licences. Currently there are licences that have expired, therefore the Secretary has one week (by 21 May 2011) to liaise with the club to rectify these issues.

Mt Isa is still awaiting the approved 2011 National Dirt Championship Supplementary Regulations, AKA Qld have once again forwarded the information to AKA National for approval.

Outward correspondence

M5004 & M5022 – Transponder

This relates to the cost of transponders and a transponder lost by a karter.

M5007 – Smartcard system

It was discussed that information about issues with Smartcard are not going to Max Laybutt and therefore are not being rectified. Licensing and endorsement issues were discussed.

M5010 – Gold Coast Legal Fees

The Gold Coast Kart Club has paid the outstanding legal fees as required at the last SKC meeting in March.

M5023 - Hayden Stephenson

This is in relation to Hayden Stephenson practicing on the track. The Townsville Kart Club disputed the allegations about what Hayden did and stated that the track is private property and he should be allowed on the premises.

There was a lot of confusion as to what Hayden was or wasn't allowed to do in relation to karting, as the only directive received was a media release.

There was considerable discussion about what rules are implemented and which ones aren't, which governing body implemented the penalty

The end result was that AKA Qld will provide all clubs with a definitive list of what Hayden will or will not be allowed to do in relation to karting.

M5037 – Unofficial practice

Townsville completed unofficial practice at the NQ Titles and this was discussed at length. AKA Qld has requested clarification from the Transwest Insurance as to what the legality of unofficial practice exists.

Once this information is available to AKA Qld, it will be circulated to clubs.

M5039 – Emerald Track Plan

The Emerald Track Plan has been forwarded to the National body for approval.

Motion: Correspondence be accepted

Moved: Cairns

Seconded: Warwick

For: All

Against: Nil

Abstain: Nil

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer is absent from this meeting due to family commitments, therefore President represented the Treasurer in his report.

Motion: Accept the Treasurer's Report

Moved: Ipswich

Seconded: Warwick

For: All

Against: Nil

Abstain: Nil

Motion Carried

Cooloola Coast requested that all invoices issued by AKA Qld have the GST component on them, as currently the invoices for transponders does not display and the club's auditor is unable to approve the clubs' books until a GST invoices is produced.

Mr McCleverty explained that GST invoices are recorded as a cash sale and not associated with the appropriate club. John Lane's dealings with the club have not been inappropriate as he has requested the name of the auditor to rectify the situation. This was deemed inappropriate by the club.

The Council expects that all Tax invoices should be raised for all transactions (licences, transponders) through MYOB system.

The Mackay Kart Club also indicated that they have an aged balance of \$20 000 but this amount includes payments for the loan, however some of the discrepancies relate to a period greater than three years.

The TDF levy was discussed at length; clubs were undercharged for the levy, as the National body had increased the TDF Levy to \$2. Ipswich Kart Club was displeased as clubs were not notified official of the increase. Clubs felt that they should have been informed earlier.

There appears to be a discrepancy between the CM:S and the actual number of entries and this is why it is important that clubs complete the Entries per class per race meeting form.

The Council also would like a budget to be circulated 6 to 8 weeks before the AGM, as the Council feel that AKA Qld is always short of money. This issue will be effective for the AGM in October.

At the February SKC Meeting which was cancelled due to the plane breaking down in Brisbane. Simon Whiting attended the February meeting, AKA Qld was informed by Mr Whiting that the Association would not bill AKA Qld for this airfare, however AKA did bill AKA Qld. It was decided by the Council not to pay Mr Whiting's airfare for the cancelled meeting, however AKA Qld will pay for the next time Mr Whiting attends an SKC meeting.

The cost of having a Co-delegate at the NKC was discussed. AKA National currently only back charge for the cost of the airfare. Mr McCleverty stated that the cost should only be between \$700 & \$800.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary discussed the need to increase participation numbers, to encourage more members via the Come & Try Day program and to have a defined product.

Motion: Accept the Secretary's Report
Moved: Ipswich
Seconded: Mackay
For: All
Against: Nil
Abstain: Nil
Motion Carried

President's Report

The President discussed Supercheap which was currently being held in Ipswich over that weekend. The issues with Gold Coast were discussed; in particular the clashes with Bundaberg and Toowoomba Kart Club's race meetings.

V8 Supercar driver Jason Richards has cancer and the President would like to run a Charity TAG125 Enduro on 16 July 2011, so V8 Supercar drivers may be able to assist or attend. The Enduro would last 3 hours and be held at Ipswich to reduce travel time to ensure participation from V8 Supercar teams in the South-East corner.

The President is in the process of providing the Council with a job description for the Administration Assistant position.

This will be the President's last SKC meeting and he encourages both the Junior Vice President and Senior Vice President to nominate for the position of President at the upcoming AKA Qld AGM.

The President formally apologises for the Notice of Meeting issue, regardless of who is at fault the buck stops with him.

Motion: Accept the President's Report
Moved: Ipswich
Seconded: Cairns
For: All
Against: Nil
Abstain: Nil
Motion Carried

NKC Delegates Report

Gavin stated it was interesting times, as Mr Drew Price had started to attend planning meetings. The industry is the first that feel the effects of an increase or decrease in people in the sport.

Engine parity was discussed and the issue of the Comer engines and whether they will be replaced or not. The J parity issue was discussed as was the ARC engines.

It was also stated that promoter classes cause a lot of grievance to clubs and race meetings. The Planning Committee are looking at only racing 5 events for the Leopard & Rotax classes throughout Australia. In a bid to reduce the number of classes, these classes will become part of TAG 125.

CM:S Licencing system, there appears to be another group who may be interested in purchasing the system. This will assist in recouping some of the initial cost of implementing the licencing system. There are still problems with the system; however they are now user error rather than the system itself.

Constitutional change has occurred at the National level and Queensland voted against. The new system allows five people to be on the Board and NKC meetings will no longer exist.

Motion: Accept the NKC delegate's Report
Moved: Ipswich
Seconded: Warwick
For: All
Against: Nil
Abstain: Nil
Motion Carried

Stewards Report

The Central zone has almost been covered; the Northern zone courses are being conducted shortly.

It appears that the Southern zone has a few problems however it must be completed before the start of the State Titles. The planned date for this Officials school is 18 June 2011 at the Yeronga Services Club.

Swaleha will confirm this booking and due notice will be given to all clubs. The venue will be booked from 9.30am to 1pm.

The issue of Officials in the South East not having a training course for 3 years was discussed and that no race meetings should be conducted as no Official was current. The Stewards Forum was again discussed and is planned for later in the year.

Motion: Accept the Stewards Report
Moved: Gladstone
Seconded: Warwick
For: All
Against: Nil
Abstain: Nil
Motion Carried

State Technical Report

Tyre sniffer is working well; it is able to detect the undetectable. The only issue is the battery however AKA approval to purchase rechargeable battery pack.

Motion: Accept the State Technical Report
Moved: Ipswich
Seconded: Warwick
For: All
Against: Nil
Abstain: Nil
Motion Carried

Track Inspection – North Queensland

Currently most of the tracks have been completed, however the Charters Towers is unusable as the in and out grid have been washed away and the club has limited funds. The club is in the process of finalising the cyclone insurance claim.

Peter Thomas asked about the Proserpine Kart track as the plans required more detail. AKA Qld will need to contact the club and National Office to see where at what stage the approval is at.

Track Inspection - South Queensland

All tracks inspections have been completed and submitted to National Office. Mt Isa would like a framework on how to start a new track; Chapter 18 was a good starting point.

Motion: Accept the Track Inspections – South Queensland’s Report
Moved: Gladstone
Seconded: Cairns
For: All
Against: Nil
Abstain: Nil
Motion Carried

Promotions/Publicity Officer’s Report

Lee Hanatschek spoke about what his job entails, it is about the sport moving forward and this is both his professional and personal goal.

The National website is not a short term fix as there are seven different logos representing karting in Australia. The Stats need to be more consistent and uniformed. Another issue is improving the product we have, as it is not easy being a new driver. NSW are currently trialling race meetings starting at 9am and finishing at 4pm, as a way to attract new members. Lee is also looking licence costs across the Nation, state by state; currently Queensland still holds the cheapest licence.

Until recently Lee was unable to communicate with karters directly, he is now able to do this and will be sending out information (including addendums) to karters directly.

Come & Try Program is starting to be established. Every person who has participated in a Come & Try day will receive communication from Lee (survey) to improve the process. At Ipswich, if a new driver joined the club, they received a 20% discount on their club membership.

As per the recent memo sent to clubs in relation to the “How to get into go karting” DVD, these DVD’s can be purchased by clubs for approximately \$1 each, these would be idea for a Come & Try Day. It is not advisable to copy these DVD’s as AKA National are trying to establish

a more professional image of karting, however clubs can do this as a last resort. The Council agreed to purchase 1000 DVD's for clubs and their upcoming Come & Try days.

Lee stated that Queensland has a great connection with their local media and he is available to assist however he would like one months notice and will promote larger title meetings otherwise he will be attending 20 race meetings a weekend.

Road safety program was discussed as part of a new approach to karting, however this may lead to the promotion of inappropriate behaviour.

The Council expressed the view that karting needed to have connections with V8 Supercars, however Lee was of the opinion that karting needed its own promotion and become an entity in its own right.

Dealer Trade plates were discussed and there seems to be a holdup in some dealers not receiving their confirmation. Lee will investigate this issue.

Participation rates were discussed and it was confirmed that Western Australia had a high participation rate due to smaller clubs only charging \$15 for nominations. Clubs also needed to factor the life expectancy of a bitumen track (which is 10 years) into their budgets.

Social Licences were discussed and that some States were not offering them. There has been a significant increase in membership due to this; however it is too early to collect information on the effectiveness of the new Social Licence.

Ipswich Kart Club asked Lee for photos and DVD's and commented on the great work that Lee did at the CIK round at Ipswich. A Code of Conduct was introduced at the CIK round and karters were instructed to portray a professional image, eg their appearance, name boards etc; this generally was well received by the karters.

The President thanked Lee for coming along to the meeting.

Agenda Items

Agenda items for SKC Meeting held in Brisbane on 14 May 2011 are as follows:

1. *Affiliated Clubs*

This matter will be referred to the AGM.

2. *Rule 25.31*

This matter will be referred to the Technical Committee at the upcoming Committees Conference.

3. *Parity - KT100SEC*

This matter will be referred to the Technical Committee at the upcoming Committees Conference.

4. *Yamaha TAG 100*

This matter will be referred to the Technical Committee at the upcoming Committees Conference.

5. *Ch 37 Restricted 125 Class*

This matter will be referred to the Technical Committee at the upcoming Committees Conference.

6. *Rotax*

This matter will be referred to the Technical Committee at the upcoming Committees Conference.

7. *New J's*

This matter will be referred to the Technical Committee at the upcoming Committees Conference.

8. *Exhaust Flex with Swaged End*

This matter will be referred to the Technical Committee at the upcoming Committees Conference.

9. *TAG 125 PTG's*

This matter will be referred to the Technical Committee at the upcoming Committees Conference.

10. *Ceramic Coatings*

This matter will be referred to the Technical Committee at the upcoming Committees Conference.

11. *Grind to Line*

This matter will be referred to the Technical Committee at the upcoming Committees Conference.

12. *PID*

This matter will be referred to the Technical Committee at the upcoming Committees Conference.

13. *AGM Nominations*

The proposal of including a small description (a paragraph or two) was discussed and it was decided that if nominees which to include this as part of their nomination they are encouraged to do so.

General Business

Mackay Kart Club

Mackay's delegate indicated that he has created a "Not for profit" organisation to assist in promoting karting and reducing the death toll on our roads. Currently the goal is education and families. The organisation will be a marshalling point for funding and training of drivers and officials.

At the moment the organisation is refining the product to sell to Corporations. The organisation will need assistance from other clubs to ensure its success.

Ipswich Kart Club

The club would like to see Membership cards issued by all clubs, currently the CM:S will not allow clubs access to information of drivers from other clubs and therefore it is difficult for a club (particularly on practice day) to verify the drivers details.

It was decided that this matter will be placed on the agenda items for the SKC meeting.

Cairns Kart Club

The club does not believe the current email (clubs to clubs) is appropriate as it degrades our Association and sport. Members should follow the A1 Protocol and go through their Club Secretaries to the State Secretary.

We are in the sport for our children and this should not be undermined.

Gladstone Kart Club

The club has advertised through Zinc FM for club officials, as officials are becoming more difficult to find. The club has also introduced a Code of Conduct for the club and once implemented, other clubs may wish to immolate it.

Mr John McCleverty

Expressed the concern of not retaining licence holders, the CM:S should provide a way to identify why drivers are not renewing their licences and in particular which classes. Lee will try and investigate this.

Cooloola Coast Kart Club

Committee Conferences email was not send out, this was an error by the Secretary.

The club had an issue with a midget that was stuck in their kart and would like to know what procedures the karter should use to indicate they are stuck. The karter waved their hand, however if they were injured this would not have been possible.

It was decided that the driver did all that they could to attract attention and the Council was unable to provide alternatives.

Malcolm Saunders

Letters sent to both state prosecutors. The State is still without a Tribunal Registrar, this letter will be sent out again.

This year Queensland has seen the deaths of two karters and instead of sending flowers, the Council was asked to consider providing a trophy in their memories.

The Council approved the expenditure for a couple of trophies as a memorial for the Burrige Family and Norton Rogers.

Meeting closed at 3pm

The next SKC Meeting is scheduled to be held on 14 & 15 October 2011 to be held in Brisbane.