# Karting Queensland

# State Karting Council
# Annual General Meeting

# Minutes

**Venue**
**Brisbane International, Virginia**

**29th May 2021**

**4:00pm**

# AGM

## 2021 AGM Minutes

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**Meeting Opened at 3:53pm**

**Item 1 - Confirmation of attendance, proxies and apologies**

***Proxies*** Emerald – Andrew Wagner
Whitsunday – Ashley Sullivan

***Attendance*** Bundaberg Kart Club – Andrew Wagner
Cairns Kart Club – Michael Peake
Cooloola Coast Kart Club – Darren Smith
Gladstone Kart Club – Adrian Jones
Ipswich Kart Club – Pete Sattler
Ipswich Kart Club – Scott Cleveland
Mt Isa Kart Club – Shane Thirlwall
Towers Kart Club – Peter Thomas
Townsville Kart Club – Ashley Sullivan
Warwick Kart Club – Matt Sell
Warwick Kart Club – Nicole Brown

President – Brett Aird
Vice President – Michelle Rowe
Jnr Vice President – Brett White
Treasurer – Janet Porter
Secretary – Russell Innes
Admin Officer – Annette English

***Apologies*** Vintage Kart Club, Gold Coast Kart Club, Emerald Kart Club & Whitsunday Motosport Club

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

*Moved:* *Cooloola* *Seconded:* *Warwick*
*For:* Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Townsville & Warwick
*Abstained:* *Nil*
*Against:* *Nil*

***Motion:*** ***Carried***

**Item 2 – Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

Brett White – Kart Shop Owner

**Item 3 - Acceptance of digital recorder**

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

*Moved:* *Bundaberg*
*Seconded:* *Gladstone*
*For:* Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Townsville & Warwick
*Abstained:* *Nil*
*Against:* *Nil*

***Motion:*** ***Carried***

**Item 4 Business arising from minutes of last AGM**

None noted

**Item 5 – Acceptance of previous minutes**

***Motion:*** *That the minutes from the 5th June, 2020 State Karting Council Annual General* Meeting be accepted.

*Moved:* *Ipswich*
*Seconded:* *Cairns*
*For:* Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Townsville & Warwick
*Abstained:* *Nil*
*Against:* *Nil*

***Motion:*** ***Carried***

**Item 6 – AGENDA ITEMS**

**6a – Receiving of Management Reports**

**Motion:** That the reports as tabled be accepted

*Moved:* *Gladstone*
*Seconded:* *Cairns*
*For:* Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Townsville & Warwick
*Abstained:* *Nil*
*Against:* *Nil*

***Motion:*** ***Carried***

**6b – Receiving of Auditors report**

*Moved:* *Bundaberg*
*Seconded:* *Cooloola*
*For:* Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Townsville & Warwick
*Abstained:* *Nil*
*Against:* *Nil*

***Motion:*** ***Carried***

**6c – Acceptance of Budget for 2021 and Fee Structure for 2022**

*Motion: That the Fee Structure for 2022 be deferred until late 2021*

*Moved:* *Ipswich*
*Seconded:* *Bundaberg*
*For:* Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Townsville & Warwick
*Abstained:* *Nil*
*Against:* *Nil*

***Motion:*** ***Carried***

*Can we look at utilising the Advertising Budget for professional marketing, maybe some TV ads.*

*Motion: That the Budget for 2021 be accepted*
*Moved:* *Cairns*
*Seconded:* *Gladstone*
*For:* Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Townsville & Warwick
*Abstained:* *Nil*
*Against:* *Nil*

***Motion:*** ***Carried***

**6d – Appointment of Honorary Life Membership**

Motion: That Brett Aird be awarded Karting Qld Life Membership

Brett was the Emerald Kart Club Delegate from 2012 to 2014, he then joined the Karting Qld Executive in 2014 as Junior Vice President and in 2015 became the Karting Qld President where he has remained.

The requirements for Honorary Life Members are as per the Constitution:

In order to be an Honorary Life Member, a Member must at all times meet all of the following criteria:-

a) be an individual;
b) have provided a minimum period of ten (10) years' service to the Association;
c) have been nominated by a Member in writing to the Executive no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting at which their appointment as an honorary life member is to be voted upon;
d) have been approved as an honorary life member at an Annual General Meeting;
e) have not been convicted of a crime;
f) have not engaged in conduct determined by the Executive to pose a risk of bringing the Association into disrepute;
g) meet any other qualifications or requirements for maintaining honorary life member status as determined at an Annual General Meeting from time to time;
h) have not had their membership as an honorary life member revoked or cancelled by the Executive at a General Meeting; and
i) have not resigned or surrendered their membership.

*Moved:* *Gladstone*
*Seconded:* *Not received*
*For:*
*Abstained:*
*Against:*

***Motion:*** ***Failed due to not meeting the requirements of 10 years.***

**6e – Appointment of Auditor**

Motion: That Rogers Goldman be appointed as Auditor

*Moved:* *Ipswich*
*Seconded:* *Cooloola*
*For:* Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Townsville & Warwick
*Abstained:* *Nil*
*Against:* *Nil*

***Motion:*** ***Carried***

**6f – Appointment of Solicitor/Legal Advisor**

*Motion: That Davidson Ryan be appointed as Legal Advisor*
*Moved:* *Ipswich*
*Seconded:* *Cooloola*
*For:* Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Townsville & Warwick
*Abstained:* *Nil*
*Against:* *Nil*

***Motion:*** ***Carried***

**6g – Appointment of Returning Officer**

*Motion: That Shane Thirlwall be appointed as returning officer*

*Moved:* *Cooloola*
*Seconded:* *Gladstone*
*For:* Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Townsville & Warwick
*Abstained:* *Nil*
*Against:* *Nil*

***Motion:*** ***Carried***

**6h – Appointment of Scrutineers**

*Motion: That Peter Thomas & Scott Cleveland be appointed as Scrutineers*

*Moved:* *Warwick*
*Seconded:* *Cooloola*
*For:* Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Gladstone, Ipswich, Townsville & Warwick
*Abstained:* *Nil*
*Against:* *Nil*

***Motion:*** ***Carried***

**6i – Election of Office Bearers**

| Position | Nominee | Proposed by | Seconded by |
|---|---|---|---|
| President | Michelle Rowe | Townsville | Whitsunday |
| Senior Vice President | Brett White | Townsville | Whitsunday |
| Junior Vice President | Russell Innes | Cooloola | Ipswich |
| Secretary | No nominations | | |
| Treasurer | Janet Porter | Bundaberg | Gladstone |
| State Officials Coordinator | Brett Aird | Bundaberg | Ipswich |
| State Technical Advisor | Shaune English | Gladstone | Bundaberg |
| Circuit Inspector | Phil Talbot as Senior Advisor | Gladstone | Warwick |

- **President**
  For: 9
  Against: 0
  Abstain: 0

- **Senior Vice President**
  For: 9
  Against: 0
  Abstain: 0:

- **Junior Vice President**
  For: 9
  Against: 0
  Abstain: 0:

- **Secretary**
  No nominations

- **Treasurer**
  For: 9
  Against: 0
  Abstain: 0

- **State Officials Coordinator**

Brett Aird nominated from the floor by Bundaberg, Seconded by Ipswich
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstain: 1

- **State Technical Officer**
  For: 9
  Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- **Track Inspector**

Phil Talbot nominated as Senior Inspector by Gladstone, Seconded by Warwick

For: 9
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

**Meeting Closed at 5:09pm**

## Presidents Report

Sorry everyone but if you haven't already realised this will be a novel.

Well, after a couple of years of saying this is my last year as KQ President and now that reality is setting in that this is real, I find myself reflecting on the journey. From wanting to make a change and realising I couldn't do this from the outside I took the leap.

In 2014 I became frustrated that the SKC was being so heavily influenced by a vocal few pressuring clubs to vote based on their personal agenda I decided nominate as Junior Vice President, wow what a baptism of fire that was. From having the President at the time being in court with KA and the questions around is he or isn't he eligible to be KQ President. The majority of the Management Committee at the time were new to our roles and had to hit the ground running. Shane Thirlwall, John Martin and Annette English, thank you. As a team we managed one of the most difficult situations I think the association has been in, we stepped up, we ran with what we had, and we made it work.

In 2015 when I nominated as President, I had never been so nervous, to the point of being sick before the AGM. I knew this is what I wanted to do and felt I needed to do to start making a difference, what I wasn't ready for was the influence and pressure the incumbent President was placing on clubs and then to find some of the observers in the meeting had been asked to attend to assist with influencing the vote made this one of the most stressful situations I have been in. Thank you to the majority of clubs for having faith in me and resisting the influence to vote in support of me. Robert Ainge joined the committee as Secretary. This year started with a bang with what I consider to be the lowest point for the SKC in my time as President. The influencers had convinced a motion of no confidence be raised against Karting Australia and insisted I call all other state Presidents to gain support, what a way to introduce yourself to Karting Australia and my fellow state presidents. As suspected, this was a personal agenda and there was no support for the motion from the other states, we found ourselves in the position of rebuilding the relationship between KQ and KA.

2016, who can forget that AGM? The AGM was held in Townsville and we were graced with the presence of the influencers trying to gain entry to the room. This was also the year I was introduced to a certain Facebook page and slandered from pillar to post. Thank you to the Management committee for holding strong and not only supporting myself but for supporting the SKC in refusing entry for these people to this and all future meetings. Greg Smith joined the Committee to fill the previously vacant Junior Vice President position. 2016 – 2017 was the year we lost Toowoomba as an affiliated club, once again the influencers had their way and convinced the club to break away.

The positive of this year was Shaune English stepping up and reviewing the Constitution seriously. Shaune is responsible for the first serious review of the KQ Constitution, thank you Shaune.

At the 2017 AGM there was a bit of a shake up with Karl Jennings elected as Vice President, Peter Hill elected as Junior Vice President and Annette taking a duel role as Treasure and Secretary. In 2018 we learnt how important it was for clubs to have properly structured compliant general meetings and stand up to support your club when needed. Once again, the influencers had their way when Mackay did not renew their affiliation. As many of you are aware the vote was pulled away from the club who had voted in favour of affiliation when Proxy votes from as far away as Western Australia were presented and forced the vote to not reaffiliate. This issue aside I feel that 2018 was the first year of real improvement and we were now all able to have an opinion and be heard fairly without influence and fear of being ridiculed. Sunday 25th of November 2018 saw the reviewed constitution accepted unanimously, we were now operating with a black and white constitution after Shaune was able to remove the grey, we had previously been operating in. Our relationship with KA had developed to the point where Queensland was the only sate to have their own Building Better Kart Clubs presentation and the Plus One program was presented by Kelvin O'Reilly. While we may not always agree and our relationship with KA has been strained, we now have a firm respectful relationship.

In 2019 the management committee remained unchanged except for Alex Jones joining as Secretary and we had the biggest change in recent history for Karting Queensland with Annette becoming the full time Administrative Officer. This created a vacancy in the Treasurer position, and this was filled by the appointment of Janet in March to fill that position until the following AGM. As I have mentioned before, the full time Admin was a great decision and probably the biggest effect on my workload. I think we would all agree that with Annette focusing her attention to providing real time support for our members it has created a conduit for open discussion and I think we are hearing more from our members and assisting in real time better than we ever have. 2019 was the first year that we seemed to have an interruption free year. There were issues in the background with KA v KNSW and the ongoing court appeals from the influencers, but this did not seem to affect the day to day running of our association and I feel this was the first year of real freedom for the SKC to be heard and respected.

2020, what can I say but good riddance. For KQ this was our first AGM aligned with the new Constitution, we welcomed Russell as secretary, Brett as Junior Vice President, Janet as Treasurer after being appointed to the vacancy in 2019 and Michelle as Vice President. Michelle and I had a conversation years prior with Michelle showing interest in a position on the KQ Executive and I suppose you could say this was the first step in my succession plan. We would all agree that 2020 was a trying year for not only the sport but for us all personally. I would like to thank the Management Committee for your strength and ability to adapt that has seen us come out of the main COVID-19 pandemic in a stronger financial position. I really must thank the clubs for they way you have all adapted and adopted the restrictions and compliance measures. The biggest thank you must go to KA for the way they were able to manage the return to practice and racing while complying with differing restrictions and compliance measures from state to state. Without KA and their diligent focus for what was best for our sport I don't think we would have seen the increased competitor numbers we did when we returned to racing. By offering a safe, compliant and

understanding approach we were able to return to racing sooner than many other sports. Thank you to Kelvin, Lee and their teams for making this difficult time as simple as possible for all states and their members.

So here we are, 2021 AGM and this will be my last time (for now at least) that I get the honour of chairing a meeting of the Karting Queensland SKC. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, for your support and understanding. This hasn't been as easy as I would have hoped but I knew what I was getting into and took to the battle with a stubborn approach, believe me there was no way the others were going to win and drag the SKC back into the dark ages of yelling, belittling, finger pointing, threats of violence and fraudulent acts. Unfortunately, the battle wore me down and with my family life taking a hit by becoming a single dad and my Fathers passing I have run out of puff. I feel that for the majority of my term we took one step forward and two steps back. I have had threats of legal action against me for slander and defamation for simply defending the association by telling the truth and not succumbing to the pressure. I have been slandered on every form of social media and some Karting web pages, I have been called names in emails sent to myself and the entire SKC, but you know what? I won. I leave with my head held high knowing it has all been worth it and we, the SKC can now move forward as one and do what is best for our members.

Michelle, all going well with your election, I hand you the reins of the most progressive and positive SKC in Australia. The ship is at last steady, please steer it straight. To the SKC please continue to work with the KQ executive and please remember this is the opportunity for your members voices to be heard, please don't waste these opportunities and engage with the process.

Yours most sincerely

Brett Aird
Karting Queensland President

Report

# SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank the current Karting Qld Executives, Brett Aird , Brett White , Janet Porter and Russell Innes for volunteering their time during the last term, it has been great getting to know them all. It is very pleasing to see most of them nominating for another term within the KQ Executive Committee. As we are all aware, Brett Aird has decided to hang up his executive race boots after serving seven plus years on the KQ executive committee. On behalf of the current Executive Committee members, I would like to sincerely thank Brett for his support and leadership whilst on the committee over this duration of time, and wish Brett the very best for the future. Thank you also to Annette English (KQ Admin) for your support in an administrative capacity, and for your constant guidance with process and documentation.

To all the individual club executive committee members, club members and volunteers, thank you for volunteering your time to help clubs operate efficiently and safely, not only on race days, but throughout the year.

Our karting community has faced many challenges since the introduction of the COVID19 restrictions, it certainly has changed the way we communicate, interact and conduct ourselves at all levels. All clubs have shown great resilience during this time and I hope during the next twelve months they will all experience further growth, whilst we slowly emerge from this pandemic.

Our current committee over the coming weeks will be working with the newly appointed committee on a strategic plan, hopefully this will provide direction and goals for us all to work towards collectively.

Well done everyone, looking forward to another great year of racing!

Kind regards

Michelle Rowe

Senior Vice-President

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Report

# Junior Vice President Report – 2021 AGM

To Karting Queensland Executive and State Karting Council delegates,

In 2019 I was given the opportunity to be nominated for Junior Vice President and was thankful of being elected for this position having only being in karting for four years previously. I originally said yes to stand for this role as I listen to what people had to say and a lot of people have great ideas and I believe that everybody wants the best for karting, but not everyone has the time to be involved and that is fine that is why I wanted to run to give them a voice. I also say that to complain or whinge you should walk a mile in that person's shoes, then if they don't listen to you (well you're a mile away it could be hard) at least you have their shoes. I like to always look for the positives in life, more seriously now.

I would like to thank the Karting Queensland executives and especially Annette English for the help and support they have given to allow me to fulfill my role. I still have a lot to learn but I am willing to do so.

As we all know in 2019, we have had the pandemic hit and in early 2020 faced with many struggles within karting and our lives in general with the dreaded COVID. Fortunately, we were able to get back racing and some sort of normality again even though it was to be different and still to this day different to what we were used to.

The decision was made once we started club racing again was to run the Queensland State Championships where in my role of Junior Vice President, I got to work with 3 clubs to organise the 2020 Qld State Championships that was given the go ahead at short notice. I have to say that working with Ipswich, Warwick and Cooloola Coast was an absolute pleasure and to see the three clubs work together to accomplish what they did in the short amount of time to do so was outstanding and the open and transparent dialogue showed that no matter what the issue was with open discussion and transparency you can overcome any issues.

I would hope that we as all Queensland clubs could do the same and if there are issues you see, better ways to do things or just something that could make karting better, to bring it forward and speak up and lets us all discuss it to make karting the sport of choice for more families.

I applaud all Karting Queensland Kart clubs and their committees, members and volunteers for their contributions throughout the last year and wish you all the very best in the upcoming year

I have made the decision to step up and contribute more and hopefully improve karting in Queensland and run for Vice President role and if successful hope to work with all the clubs and build up club level karting and grow our clubs for the benefit of our beloved sport.

Best Regards

Brett White

Australian Karting Association Qld Inc T/A Karting Queensland

# Secretary's Report – 2021 AGM

To Karting Queensland Executive and State Karting Council delegates,

12 months ago, I was given the opportunity to join the executive of Karting Queensland in the Secretary role and I would like to thank the club delegates for supporting my nomination and trusting me to fulfill the role. Can I also thank the existing executive members for welcoming me in and answering a lot of the questions I have had, to understand how everything works and appreciate the historical context of previous decisions. etc.

In particular, I would like to acknowledge the support that Annette English has provided to assist me to fulfill the role and the broader support she has provided.

The last 12 months obviously have been quite challenging with all the difficulties imposed by COVID and from my perspective I consider karting in Queensland has made some good progress and there has been some really positive developments.

I applaud the Karting Queensland clubs and their committees and members for their contributions throughout the challenging times and I wish them continued success going forward.

For the next year, I would like to take a step up and contribute more to karting in Queensland and have therefore nominated for the Junior Vide President role.

Russell Innes

## Treasurers Report

The reporting period for this AGM is to the 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020, as under the new constitution the Association is operating financially under a calendar year now.

This year's financial reporting is reflected over a full 12 month period however please note the 2019 comparison figure is only based of 6 months due to aligning with the new constitution.

Profit & loss as at the 31st December 2020 shows the association having a profit of $46,987.00

Please note that this does include the $20,000.00 ATO cash boost so figure without this is $26,987.00 in profit.

As per the enclosed Budget forecast we are working towards another year in the green with a projected forecast of $35,354.00

As at the 31st December 2020 the closing balances of the accounts were:

**Operating Account Balance** $179,804.16

**TDF Balance** $186,760.66

Licence fees and Race Day fees will remain the same for 2021.

Thank you again to the clubs and Executive for the opportunity to work with you all as the KQ Treasurer.

*Janet Porter*

# State Technical Officers Report

## 2021 Annual General Meeting

I'm sure it's been said before, but 2020 was definitely a different year. I started the year with a plan on where I was going to conduct Technical Training courses and it was all mapped out nicely. Then we got to March.

Despite the various closures and restrictions, training was conducted at Cairns, Emerald and Warwick in 2020.

2021 will be a busy year, with the majority of Technical Official expiring due to the cancelled training in 2020. So far, I have conducted courses at Whitsundays and Bundaberg this year with plans to attend Ipswich, Cooloola, Townsville and Towers in the remainder of the year. I probably need to visit Gladstone at some stage and do a course there as well, but for some reason it never gets factored into my travel plans?? Once Rockhampton and Mount Isa resume racing, they will be added to the schedule for training.

With the changes to the Karting Australia Official process, it is now a requirement that anybody doing a Tech School has completed the Basic Officials courses in the Karting Australia Official Academy. This should also reduce the number of people who do the training with no intention of officiating.

There are currently 63 Technical Officials in Queensland that have either current qualification or qualification that expired in 2020 and are waiting for me to get back to their clubs to do requalification's. Despite that, the State and Clubs still rely on the same pool of people to officiate at race days.

Once people have been trained, I encourage clubs to approach those people and encourage them to participate. I can't find the people or motivate them for the clubs.

The next couple of years will be interesting in the Technical arena. There are new Vortex Engines currently being homologated for the TaG and KZ classes as well as the new tyre contracts taking effect from 1 January 2022.

As always, if you have any questions or need any assistance, please give me a call (assuming I'm re-elected to the role).

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