



2013

AGM

MINUTES





2013 AGM AGENDA

Venue : **Comfort Inn & Suites Northgate Airport Motel**
186 Toombul Road,
Northgate QLD 4013
PH - 07 3256 7222

Date : **Sunday 1st December, 2013**

Meeting Opened at 11.20am

Item 1 - Confirmation of attendance, proxies and apologies

Attendance :-

<u>CLUB</u>	- <u>Attendee</u>	<u>Position</u>
BRISBANE	- Ralph van DOORN	Delegate
BUNDABERG	Robin PETERSEN	Delegate
CAIRNS	David HARRIS	Delegate
CAIRNS	Annette DODGE	Co Delegate
COOLOOLA	Ralph van DOORN	Delegate
COOLOOLA	John GALOS	Co-Delegate
EMERALD	Brett AIRD	Delegate
GLADSTONE	David BENNETT	Delegate
GOLD COAST	Bluey DEAN	Delegate
IPSWICH	Maureen CAPRI	Delegate
IPSWICH	Ian MATHER	Co Delegate
MACKAY	The Secretary	PROXY
MT.ISA	Shane THIRLWALL	Delegate
MT.ISA	Annette ENGLISH	Co-Delegate
ROCKHAMPTON	Malcolm SAUNDERS	Proxy
TOOWOOMBA	John LANE	Delegate
TOWERS	John McCLEVERTY	Delegate
TOWNSVILLE	Rob AINGE	Delegate
TOWNSVILLE	Steve PATEL	Co-Delegate
WARWICK	Alf CAPRI	Delegate
WHITSUNDAYS	Adam STROUD	Delegate
WHITSUNDAYS	Stacey HADLOW	Co-Delegate



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	Ashley WAARDENBERG
Sen Vice President	Don INGRAM
Junior Vice President	Jill SAMSON
Treasurer	Richard LOSPER
Secretary	John MARTIN
State Technical Officer	Terry SHEEDY

VISITORS

Graham CASTLEDINE	Ipswich
Melisa HENDERSEN	Ipswich
Janyce LANE	
Greg ROBERTSON	QLD Endurance Karting

APOLOGIES

Track Inspector South	John BRYDON
State Officials Co-Ordinator	Chris ROBINSON
Delegate Mackay	Karla OGILVIE
Delegate Vintage	Neil COLEMAN
Life Member	John WALPOLE

Proxies -

Rockhampton
Mackay

Carried By –

Delegate Gladstone
AKAQ Secretary

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

Moved :- Towers

Seconded :- Toowoomba

Voting : For - Unanimous

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Motion : Carried

Item 2 – Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Motion: As per the adjourned SKC meeting.

Moved : Towers

Seconded : Toowoomba

Voting – For - Unanimous

Against – 0

Abstain - 0

Motion – Carried

Item 3 - Acceptance of digital recorder

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

Moved : Whitsundays

Seconded : Towers

Voting – For - Unanimous Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion - Carried

Item 4 – Acceptance of Previous AGM Minutes

Business arising from minutes of last AGM

Correction to apologies, Jill Samson listed as Jill Saunders.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted.

Moved :- Towers

Seconded :- Toowoomba

Voting : For - Unanimous Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion : Carried

Item 5 – AGENDA ITEMS

5a – Receiving of Secretariat reports

Presidents Report

Vice Presidents Report

Junior Vice Presidents Report

Treasurers Report

Secretaries Report

State Officials Coordinator Report

State Technical Report

Track Inspectors Report – South

Track Inspectors Report – Nil Provided

Motion: That the reports be accepted

Moved :- Toowoomba

Seconded :- Gladstone

Voting : For - Unanimous Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion : Carried

5b – Receiving of Auditors report

Motion: That the Auditors Report be accepted.

Moved :- Towers

Seconded :- Toowoomba

Voting : For - Unanimous

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Motion : Carried

5c – Acceptance of Budget and Fee Structure for 2014

Motion: That the presented budget be accepted.

Moved :- Towers

Seconded :- Whitsundays

Voting : For - 13

Against - 0

Abstain – Cooloola, Cairns

Motion : Carried

5d – Appointment of Auditor

Motion: That Shane Rudolph be appointed as AKAQ Auditor.

Moved :- Gladstone

Seconded :- Warwick

Voting : For - 14

Against - 0

Abstain - Cairns

Motion : Carried

5e – Appointment of Honorary Life Members

Mr. Terry Sheedy

Mr. Chris Robinson

Motion: That Terry Sheedy be appointed a life member of AKAQ.

Moved :- Bundaberg

Seconded :- Warwick

Voting : For - 8

Against – 7

Abstain - 0

Motion : Carried

Motion: That Chris Robertson be appointed a life member of AKAQ.

Moved :- Ipswich

Seconded :- Warwick

Voting : For - 7

Against - 7

Abstain – 1

Motion : Deemed in the negative



5f – Appointment of other officers

Motion: That Lesley King be appointed as Legal Advisor to the association.

Moved :- Ipswich

Seconded :- Bundaberg

Voting : For - 14

Against - 0

Abstain - Cairns

Motion : Carried

5g – Appointment of Returning Officer

Motion: That Terry Sheedy be appointed as Returning Officer.

Moved :- Toowoomba

Seconded :- Towers

Voting : For - Unanimous

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Motion : Carried

5h – Appointment of Scrutineers

Motion: That Ian Mather and Graham Castledine be appointed scrutineers.

Moved :- Toowoomba

Seconded :- Towers

Voting : For - Unanimous

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Motion : Carried

The Secretariat stood down at 12.20pm.

5i – Election of Office Bearers

Nominations for Positions

President

Ashley Waardenberg

Voting : For – 11 Against – 4

Vice President

Don Ingram

Voting : For - 12 Against - 3

Junior Vice President

Jill Samson

Voting : For - 12 Against - 3

Treasurer

Richard Losper For - 8

Ralph van Doorn For - 7

Secretary

Jon Galos For - 6

John Martin For - 9

State Technical Officer

John McCleverty

Voting : For - 10 Against - 5

State Officials Coordinator

Mark Hogan

John Lane

Chris Robinson

Motion: That Mark Hogan's nomination be accepted in his absence.

Moved :- Gladstone

Seconded :-

Voting : For - Unanimous

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Motion : Carried

Motion: That Chris Robinson's nomination be accepted in his absence.

Moved :- Toowoomba

Seconded :- Ipswich

Voting : For - Unanimous

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Motion : Carried

Results

Mark Hogan For - 0

John Lane For - 8

Chris Robinson For - 7



Track Inspector – North

Peter Thomas

Motion: That Peter Thomas's nomination be accepted in his absence.

Moved :- Toowoomba

Seconded :- Towers

Voting : For - Unanimous

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Motion : Carried

Results of Ballot

Voting : For – 13 Against – 2

Track Inspector – South

John Brydon

Motion: That John Brydon's nomination be accepted in his absence.

Moved :- Whitsundays

Seconded :- Gladstone

Voting : For - 15

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Motion : Carried

Results of Ballot

Voting : For – 12 Against – 3

The results of the ballots will be held for 3 months and then destroyed.

Meeting Closed at 1.08pm



MINUTES

FROM

2012

AGM



AKA (QLD)

AGM MINUTES SATURDAY, 13th October, 2012

Held at Comfort Inn,
Rockhampton

The Meeting was opened at 12.30pm by the AKA Qld President, Tom Kenneally

Management Committee Present: Tom Kenneally, Steve Pattel, John McCleverty, Dennis Neagle

Apologies Management Committee: Nil

Clubs represented:

Mackay Kart Club – Don Ingram, Cairns Kart Club – David Harris, Ipswich Kart Club – Maureen Capri, Warwick Kart Club – Alf Capri, Toowoomba Kart Club – Trevor White, Emerald Kart Club – Brett Aird, Gold Coast – Neil Coleman, Towers Kart Club – Peter Thomas (Northern Zone Track Inspector), Townsville Kart Club – Jeff Johnson, Rockhampton – Jannell Brydon, Cooloola Coast Kart Club – Dale Coomber, Bundaberg Kart Club – Robin Petersen, Gladstone Kart Club – Ken Prichard, Whitsunday Motosport Club – Stacey Hadlow, Brisbane Kart Club – Ralph van Doorn, Mt Isa Go-Kart Club – Shane Thirlwall

Co-Delegates & Other Management Officers:

Whitsunday Motosport Club – Adam Stroud, Cairns Kart Club – Mark Hogan, Ipswich Kart Club - Ashley Waardenberg, Gold Coast – Bluey Dean, Rockhampton – Peter Buchanan, Mt Isa Go-Kart Club – Bernadette Wise, Cooloola Coast – Kym Coomber, Gladstone – Malcolm Saunders, Bundaberg Kart Club – Ken Landt, Toowoomba – Terry Sheedy (State Tech Officer), State Licensing Officer – Kym Coomber, Southern Zone Track Inspector – John Brydon

Apologies:

John Walpole, Jill Samson, Doug Legge, Chris Robinson (State Officials Coordinator)

Visitors: John Lane, Janyce Lane; Richard Losper, John Martin

President welcomed all the clubs delegates, co-delegates and visitors.

President asked the Executive, delegates and co-delegates to introduce themselves to the meeting, and declare any pecuniary interests.

Motion: That the digital recording system be accepted

Moved : Ipswich

Seconded: Bundaberg

For: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Discussion held on the validity of affiliation of the Gold Coast Kart Club, currently in voluntary liquidation. B. Dean spoke to the meeting, backgrounding the transition from Incorporated Association to Company Limited by Guarantee. The current AKA Qld Constitution was referenced, and Mr Dean advised that all members of Gold Coast Kart Club Inc., who have returned their membership application forms have been transitioned into the new entity. General questions from the floor seeking clarification on a number of issues, particularly distribution of assets on winding up.

Townsville opined that this action was an affiliation transition, moved that the application be accepted. Ipswich seconded, the meeting voted unanimously for.

Towers asked for clarification on the constitutional requirements for affiliation, specifically asking if Towers had voting rights at this meeting. Discussion followed on the wording of the relevant section of the Constitution.

Motion : That Towers Kart Club regain its voting right.

Moved : Cairns

Sec : Rockhampton

For: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

President allowed a few minutes for Delegates and Co-delegates to review the Minutes from previous Annual General Meeting.

Motion: To accept the previous AGM Minutes as true and correct.

Moved : Cairns

Seconded: Townsville

For: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Business arising from last AGM

Nil

Correspondence

The meeting moved *in camera*

The meeting returned.

Resolved : That with regard to the alleged misappropriation of AKAQ funds and cheques that the matter be handed to the Police for further action, and the State Karting Council will be bound by the Police advice and response.

Documents from M Saunders re TDF Loans

Mr Saunders gave further background to the situation. He asked if what had happened was considered morally correct, even if it was procedurally correct at the time. J McLeverty provided background from the AKAQ Executive perspective.

Documents from J Lane re TDF Loans and other issues

Mr Lane spoke to the meeting regarding the Gladstone Loan issue.

Executive Committee Candidates obligations

The AKAQ policy on Executive Members resigning from any Club Management position was reiterated. Ipswich asked how black and white was the 30 day line.

General discussion followed, and the feeling of the meeting was that 30 days is 30 days.

Travel Expenses for Management / SKC Members

Specifically interstate travel. General discussion on this.

Motion: That in terms of travel allowance for Management Committee members attending SKC meetings, the AKA Qld pay these allowances for travel to and from any location within Australia.

Moved : Toowoomba

Seconded: Gold Coast

For: Mackay, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Warwick, Gold Coast, Gladstone, Bundaberg

Against: Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Cairns, Towers

Abstained: Cooloola, Townsville

Motion Carried

Reports

Reports from the President, Licencing Officer, State Stewards Coordinator, State Tech Officer, Northern and Southern Zone Track Inspectors, and Treasurer were presented. All reports except for the Treasurers Report were voted and accepted unanimously.

Treasurers Report and Audit Report : The audit report as prepared by GJ Walsh and Co was presented. It was noted that there were a number of basic arithmetical errors in this report. Discussion on how to proceed decided the following motions :

Motion: That the Meeting accept receipt of the auditors report, as per the Constitution.

Moved : Whitsunday

Seconded: Ipswich

For: Mackay, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Warwick, Gold Coast, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Cairns, Towers, Townsville

Abstained : Cooloola

Motion Carried

Motion: That the audit report be corrected as appropriate and be re-presented at the next SKC Meeting.

Moved : Whitsunday

Seconded: Cairns

For: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Discussion on the appointment of the Auditor. An initial motion was prepared, and further discussion ensued. Ipswich suggested an alternative auditor be appointed, given that the current firm has been in place for a number of years. Ipswich also advised that they have recently changed auditors citing accuracy and economics as the reasons for the change.

Motion: That Shane Randolph Accountants be appointed auditor for the coming year.

Moved : Ipswich

Seconded: Whitsunday

For: Mackay, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Warwick, Gold Coast, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Towers, Cooloola

Against : Townsville, Cairns

Motion Carried by majority

Discussion on fee's. General feeling of the meeting was that all fee's should be increased by the CPI and rounded appropriately.

Motion: That all fee's be increased by the amount of the CPI, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.

Moved : Whitsunday

Seconded: Cooloola

For: Mackay, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Towers, Cooloola, Townsville, Cairns

Abstained : Warwick

Motion Carried by majority



Appointment of Life Member

Motion: That John Lane be granted Life Membership of AKA Qld Inc.,

Moved : Warwick

Seconded: Rockhampton

For: Mackay, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Bundaberg, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Cairns, Warwick

Abstained : Cooloola, Gladstone, Toowoomba

Motion Carried by majority

For the purposes of Election of Officers of AKA Qld Inc.,

Appointment of Returning Officer :

Motion: That John Lane be appointed Returning Officer

Moved : Brisbane

Seconded: Whitsunday

For: unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion: That the representatives from Whitsunday Motosport Club be appointed Scrutineers

Moved : Brisbane

Seconded: Gladstone

For: unanimous

Motion Carried

The current Executive vacated the Head Table.



MANAGEMENT

REPORTS

DECEMBER

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PRESIDENTS REPORT
DECEMBER 2013 – SKC/AGM

Dear Members,

First of all, it has been a pleasure to work with my fellow Management Committee this year. Working with a group that is committed to both resolving issues and instilling acceptable behaviour amongst fellow management is a critical aspect of enjoyable management. A continuation of this theme will see effective management and increased participation of volunteers at the state level.

I am pleased to say that there are number of items that have been successfully instrumented through-out this year, some of which include:

- completion of time and motion study and instrumentation of fair remuneration for the position of Secretary
- transparent financial reporting
- establishment of a budget
- recognition of "acceptable behaviour" and treatment of volunteers through the adoption of the Volunteer's Code of Practice
- establishment of the Karting QLD website
- establishment of the Gold Coast 600 event
- establishment of video conferencing for meetings
- joining of the Young Athlete Assistance Program

The budget will be critical for the establishment of better financial policy. We have already observed the consequences of not reporting against a budget and what this means for the financial stability of this Association. Fortunately through the flags raised by Richard, this year we recognised that the trends of the association were not good and corrective action was taken. Correction to fees as well as reduced expenditure, whilst awaiting instrumentation of a budget prevented further loss.

Policy is an area that requires a large amount of additional attention moving forward. Fortunately the policies that we recognise as being required overlap significantly with the National Board's interests. Together, with the National board, we will be able to tackle some of the issues that affect participation at all levels of this sport.

It is clear that a number of additional areas require further attention, in particular, management structure and a suitable constitution. As with any organisation, succession planning and attracting innovative people are critical for both ensuring continuity and innovation. Much of our ability to do this rests on ensuring a well-being and satisfaction of the persons involved. In brief, ensuring recognition of efforts, possibly through the development of a formal state based program, and promoting an environment that is free of harassment and bullying through enactment of policy will be major steps towards increasing participation. Collectively we need to address these issues and devise the best management structure and ensure its implementation.



Finally, having received notice that Terry Sheedy will not be standing this coming year, I would like to formally thank Terry for his contributions to technical training in QLD and his involvement on a National level. Terry is a top bloke and hopefully we will still see him involved at some level!

Kind regards,

Ashley Waardenberg
President
KARTING Queensland.
Ph - 0421 197 153



AKAQ Vice President Report

2013 Annual General Meeting

Don Ingram

The year past

The last 12 months has seen the commencement of a trend in the demographic of significance to Karting clubs. The effect of swings in the local economy due to the well publicised volatility within the mining and industrial sector has been that customers are seen to exercise considerable restraint in discretionary spending. For many clubs across the State this has translated both to severe drop-offs in raceday nominations and a steady stream of equipment for sale.

The organisation has seen a pronounced step change due to the new National body taking control and this in tandem with partially implemented changes in class structures has also resulted in many people taking a wait and see approach to their prospects for continued involvement. Again, the clubs bear the brunt of the effect.

The State based organisation has steadily moved forward as a result of the extensive work carried out by the Treasurer and Secretary in clearing up the financial affairs of the AKAQ and providing a solid framework for future committees. Similarly the President has been very active in dealing with the pressing issues relating to the conduct of the organisation and it's compliance with current legislation relating to the volunteer aspect of the sport. My fellow vice-president has been very active in training and officiating across the country.

Regrettably the year has seen outbreaks of communication within the council that has had a significantly negative effect on the ability of the organisation to conduct it's affairs and to communicate with it's members. The noticeable effect of the various skirmishes has been that many clubs began to simply ignore all emails and this placed a further burden on the system to keep people engaged. The diminished communication only serves to reinforce the somewhat tribal nature of the association and the manner in which it conducts its affairs.

Structural Changes

During the year of 2013 the Executive has made extensive use of the Nefsis video conferencing system. The outcome has been very positive with the result being that the current group have become a quite tight knit team who have generally met at least once a week for the last 13 months.

The use of the system has been introduced at the full council level and while there have been some issues, they have not been unexpected and will be resolved as people become accustomed to the use of the system. It should be noted that the clubs who have participated in the preliminary one on one meetings, as requested, prior to the full council meetings have had considerably more success and less issues.

The continued use of the system at full council meetings will allow the organisation to save significant amounts of money while providing more frequent meetings which are shorter and targeted to more specific issues.

Now that the new National management board is in place the State is also reviewing the structure of the association and putting together proposals on moving forward.



The 12 months ahead

The organisation, no matter which form that it moves forward in, faces considerable challenges due to falling participation rates in many areas. This is a challenge which is best met by the council as a whole and as such requires a cohesive group of participants with a common positive outlook. The goal which I will personally be working toward, if the team continues, is to make use of our systems to build a stronger community which will attract more innovative and forward thinking participants. The communities structure will focus on frequently bringing together the key groups from each of the clubs to both support and mentor the participants and provide a level of consistency across the State. The initial plan is to break the structure into the following areas:

- Administrative – The club delegates and committee members – The purpose being to share information of interest for the running of club operations.
- Officials – On-line training and support group for Stewards and Clerks
- Timing - On-line training and support group for Timing Officers
- Technical - On-line training and support group for Technical Officers

The use of these groups will allow the State to provide training of new officials for Clubs across the State in a timely and cost effective manner. This online system, when combined with a proposal to send regional officials to the Ipswich Club for upgrades and mentoring, will create a system whereby the club officials will be more consistently trained and better supported thus increasing retention rates and decreasing the occasions where outlying clubs have to pay for officials to travel to club race days.

In summary, we have challenges ahead and the best way forward is to continue the trend of clubs working together. I would like to thank my fellow members of the executive and the delegates for your help and cooperation across the year.

Regards,

Don Ingram



Junior Vice President Report for December 2013.

Firstly I would like to thank the clubs for giving me the opportunity to work with a team whose aim is the betterment of our sport.

It has been a full on year with many challenges.

I feel we have managed to communicate our ideals to most clubs. We still have a way to go to accomplish this completely.

We have received many good ideas and suggestions from clubs in regards to ways to move ahead.

Personally, I have participated in many stewards' schools this year along with officiating at a lot of race meetings and working with a vast array of people. I believe this is the most positive way of sharing and passing on knowledge.

I also believe our video conferencing is a great tool to be used for informal discussions to share ideas on how we conduct meetings and should be used for all aspects of race days such as officials, timing, technical etc.

With the new structure of National governing I feel Karting is heading in the right direction.

Yours in Karting
Jill Samson
Junior Vice President
Karting Queensland.



Secretary Report for December 2013

I would like to thank everyone for their support in my term as Secretary. I realise that I am new to Queensland but I thought I had something to offer from my previous experiences overall.

I would also like to thank everyone for recognising need to increase the remuneration for this position relative to the work involved, regardless of who may do this job. This was a great achievement for QLD and I would hope that it now makes sure that it may now attract the right person for this position and a person that will dedicate the proper time required for the position to karting in QLD.

It has been a pleasure dealing with all the clubs and I have enjoyed making new relationships with everyone at a club level. One of my goals was to create an increased level of customer service and I hope that I have achieved what one would expect of this position. I have worked very hard in trying to improve the level of support to the clubs. The State office now sends all new licence applications direct to the driver which voids the need for the club to do this without increasing the cost to the State. The driver gets their licence much quicker.

Through this term I have come to understand the difficulties that clubs have in getting Race Meeting requests in on time and submitting their Race Paperwork on time. Club members are mostly volunteers and everyone is under pressure trying to attract officials, perform their role and still have their day jobs. I believe I have supported the clubs with these difficulties in helping them by support rather than creating often unnecessary barriers of officialdom. We need to continue to work together to improve these inadequacies and improve the overall efficiency.

With my knowledge of CM:S I have been able to support clubs with various problems that they may have encountered during the year as well as do some training with clubs. I would hope to continue this support into the new year as well as offer continued training in this area.

I have enjoyed working with the dedicated team of the current executive by having weekly meetings to better the State.

Recently, I have been working with the State Technical Officer and State Officials Co-Ordinator in updating the CM:S Database of all Officials so that we can have this database on the website accessible to all clubs, to help with organising officials for race meetings. We are now in a position to do this.

If re-elected I will continue to work with clubs to achieve further improvements in customer service levels for all clubs.

John Martin.

State Secretary



AKAQ Treasury Report

2013 Annual General Meeting

Richard Losper

2013 in Review

I have already written a lot about the past year in previous reports and it would simply be repetition to rake over those old coals once again, so I do not intend to do that here. Suffice to say that we uncovered some serious financial issues and put in place fixes for them. We are also still following up on issues spoken about in camera at several SKC meetings and hope to have an outcome soon.

What I would like to do is focus on the current financial year and the financial outlook for the association as we go forward into 2014.

Current Situation

If we look at the profit and loss situation to date then we are in the black at this stage. This means our income is adequately covering the bills we have each month based on current expenditures.

	July	August	September	October	November	Total
Income	\$46,938.97	\$53,787.62	\$69,181.57	\$30,225.16	\$4.50	\$200,137.82
Expenses	\$42,416.15	\$38,501.67	\$25,824.48	\$67,493.66	\$4,152.77	\$178,388.73
Net P/L	\$4,522.82	\$15,285.95	\$43,357.09	(\$37,268.50)	(\$4,148.27)	\$21,749.09

However, when we look at the balance sheet, then the situation is not as rosy.

Assets		Liabilities		Equity	
Current Assets	\$91,929.58	GST Liabilities	(\$5,878.54)	Retained Earnings	\$18,160.62
Inventories	\$9,614.85	Loans	\$115,000.00	Current Earnings	\$21,749.09
Fixed Assets	\$5,163.00	Total Liabilities	\$109,121.46	Reserve - Drivers Levy	\$131,980.26
Other Assets	\$304.00				
Loans	\$174,000.00				
Total Assets	\$281,011.43	Net Assets	\$171,889.97	Total Equity	\$171,889.97

The problem is the reserve driver's levy. This has been created by transferring the Qld driver's levy to the reserve each year for many years now. However, this reserve has not been reduced as we used AKAQ funds to fund club loans. We need to correct this.

Looking Ahead

The key to ensuring that the association stays financially viable is budgeting. We have created a budget forecast for the year, attempting to take into account all possible sources of income and expenditure for the year. All clubs have this forecast and should be studying it very carefully so that the delegates can contribute meaningfully to the discussion we will have at the next SKC meeting.

When looking at the forecast please understand that we cannot have the bread and eat it at the same time. Every expense must be covered by income and of course the karting community provides the income. So if we want to ease the burden on the karters then we need to look very hard at what we spend their money on.

One thing though. The budget should be created and ratified before the financial year starts in July. So that means around May or June of each year. To be discussing a budget at an AGM some 5 months after the start of the financial year is too late in my opinion. I would like to suggest that we have a budget meeting in April or May with a view to putting a budget in place on 1 July each year.

In closing this report I would like to thank the other members of the executive and the delegates for putting up with me for the year. It has been a pleasure to work for the sport of karting in Queensland.

Kind Regards,





State Technical Officer Report December 2013

As I indicated at the AGM last year, this is my final year, after 4 years in holding the position of State Technical Advisor. I have thoroughly enjoyed most of my time in the job, and have come to meet quite a few great karters willing to put back into their clubs. I will miss the camaraderie among my fellow techs and scrutineers in the tech shed and the various STO's when we meet at major events and conferences.

Technical Committee Conference

The Technical Committee conference, chaired jointly by the current National Technical Co-Coordinator, Les Allen, and AKA Vice President David Kissock, was held on the weekend of 13th-14th July. Brad Collins, our current Technical Director was also present. As usual, the discussion and debate was passionate.

Subsequently, at the August AKA meeting, the committee recommendations were endorsed by the NKC for the most part. Several addendums have been released since.

Other Technical Matters

Earlier this year, a new Rotax crankcase manufactured from new tooling, and almost identical to the existing crankcase has been circulated among the committee and adopted by the NKC.

Likewise was a modification for securing the exhaust silencer matting.

Last month, a new muffler for Honda endurance karting motors was circulated among the committee for approval.

After some recent discussion among the committee re the NKC removal of Snell approved motor cycle helmets from our approved list, this was changed with an addendum adding them back in.

Foremost in the discussion was that competitors would quite likely own helmets that were approved for AKA use last year and further back, but were no longer AKA approved, while still being in good condition, and less than 10 years old.

This year, I have found the current state executive and other office bearers very easy to work with, and I sincerely thank them for their time and efforts during the year. I have long held the belief that office bearers in any voluntary organisation should hold tenure for long enough to be effective, but not so long as to become stale. That in bringing new people and ideas to the organisation can be like a breath of fresh air, and generally is best for the organisation. I believe that the current office bearers have fulfilled that ideal this year.

And finally, I note that John McCleverty has been nominated for the position of State Technical Advisor. While John and I may have had the occasional difference of opinion, I can say that there would be very few people in Queensland with his experience and knowledge of karting, and in particular, matters technical. I therefore have no hesitation in recommending him for the position.

Terry Sheedy
20th November 2013



State Officials Coordinator Report December 2013

Firstly please accept my apology for being unable to be at the AGM today as I am at present in St Andrews Private hospital after having Hip replacement surgery on Wednesday 27th November.

Once again many thanks especially to Jill Samson for her tireless support in the central zone carrying out Officials Schools and the extra meetings she has done along with Garry Samson. Also to Peter Thomas for looking after the Northern zone. This has saved an enormous amount of cost to Karting Qld.

Official's schools have been carried out in all zones with the exception of Brisbane where there were insufficient starters for the school to be carried out on the given day.

I have asked all Officials to handle all complaints at the Race Meetings and this has been very good with only 1 Appeal from a Cooloola meeting and no Tribunals for the year. Well done to everybody concerned. This is what is required to lift the standard of driver behaviour through tough penalties when required.

We have carried out many "At Track" assessments of Officials and this has been well received and upgrades granted where requested.

With the New Board and Governance coming in now, it is going to be a big year in 2014 and that is why I have decided to re-nominate for the Coordinators position again and hope to receive the support from the Clubs of the State Karting Council.

Once again please accept my apology and hope to work with everyone in 2014

Best Regards

Chris Robinson

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Southern Zone Track Inspectors Report for December 2013

To all QLD Clubs and the QLD Committee,

First I would like to apologise for not attending this meeting but I had already made plans for this weekend and could not be absent from this family commitment.

The Inspection of the Southern Tracks was drawn out this year as I do like to have them all finished by the middle of the year.

Gladstone	9 th	March2013
Rockhampton	23 rd	April 2013
Warwick	6 th	May2013
'Cooloola	7th	May2013
Bundaberg	5 th	June2013
Toowoomba	12 th	June2013
Ipswich	12th	June2013
Xtreme Karting Track	12 th	October2013
Emerald Kart Club	22nd	November
Vintage Kart Club racing at Ipswich	27 th	October 2013

Most tracks where more than helpful to me when I did my inspection and I would like to say thank you for that as my job is not the most popular job to do.

No inspection of lights at tracks was due to the recommendation of the AKA to supply a new lux meter and measuring wheel to all clubs in each state. I feel this is a backward step as our system that Qld was using was working well .If a light blew on a race day the CC could use the lux metre and if the remaining lights where above the measurement then the race could continue.

I feel we should go back to the old system which was better for all. I would like to see the light meters Qld purchased back to be re calibrated by one firm so all are the same.

Thank you
John Brydon