

Minutes of AKA QLD S.K.C. Meeting held in Rockhampton.

14th October, 2012.

PRESENT :-

President :	Ashley Waardenberg
Snr Vice President :	Don Ingram
Treasurer:	Richard Losper
State Secretary :	John Martin
Bundaberg Delegate:	Robin Petersen
Bundaberg Co Delegate	Ken Landt
Gladstone Delegate	Ken Pritchard
Gladstone Co Delegate	Malcolm Saunders
Cairns Delegate	David Harris
Cairns Co Delegate	Mark Hogan
Gold Coast Delegate	Neil Coleman
Gold Coast Co Delegate	Bluey Dean
Warwick Delegate	Alf Capri
Warwick Co Delegate	Peter Lane
Ipswich Delegate	Maureen Capri
Toowoomba Delegate	Trevor White
Toowoomba Co Delegate	Terry Sheedy
Townsville Delegate	Jeff Johnson
Emerald Delegate	Brett Aird
Rockhampton Delegate	Janelle Brydon
Rockhampton Co Delegate	Peter Buchannan
Track Inspector South	John Brydon
Mt. Isa Delegate	Shane Thirlwall
Mt. Isa Co Delegate	Bernadette Wise
Brisbane Delegate	Kym Coomber
Cooloola Delegate	Dale Coomber
Whitsunday Delegate	Stacey Hadlow
Whitsunday Co Delegate	Adam Stroud

Visitors

Brisbane KC	Ralph van Doorn
Gladstone	Alan Thornton
Mt. Isa	Annette English

Apologies

Jnr Vice President	Jillian Samson
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Meeting started at 8.20am, with the Incoming President welcoming all, and requesting approval of recorder for recording the Minutes, which was granted.

President then asked all Delegates to introduce themselves again, and to give a quick overview of how they perceive the sport of Karting for the future and what their passion is that has brought them to this council. Most thought that the sport needed to get back to the basics; To give help to the smaller clubs; Cost can be too much; Look after the regional clubs; Training needs to be done at club level; Distances between clubs in the

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north can be detrimental; Delegates need to think of themselves as part of a team; Governance was noted; Promoters Series is damaging the sport; Needs stability of rules; Our Juniors are a top priority. Note: This is just a synopsis of the discussion.

President also welcomed Life members present, Alf & Maureen Capri.

Acceptance of Previous Minutes from 2/3 June 2012.

Nominated – Gladstone Seconded – Bundaberg

Motion Defeated For – 0 Abstain -0 Against - 14

As the Minutes from the previous meeting were incorrect, (June) they were not accepted, and there were no corrected Minutes from the February SKC meeting to be presented either.

Motion 1 – “That the minutes of the two previous SKC Meetings be revisited and any amendments be brought to all SKC members and the revised versions be put to the next SKC Meeting”

Motion Carried For – 12 Abstain – 2 Against - 0

AKAQ Executive will contact former Treasurer to see if he had received any corrections for both of these Minutes. The Minutes from both previous meeting would be re-presented at the next SKC meeting.

The suggestion was made that all emails be sent to club secretaries and bcc to delegates. Delegates were divided on this issue, with the consensus of opinion being that for the sake of transparency, emails would not be sent via bcc. Should there be any time that the cc issue starts to creep in, action will then be taken.

All minutes will be sent to the Club Secretary and Delegates.

Business arising from the Minutes:

President asked the Delegates to go over the last three sets of Minutes and come back to AKAQ Executive with any discrepancies they might find, referencing them, to make it easier to adjust.

Treasurer explained to the Delegates the video conferencing software that Ipswich club uses with considerable success, for their Committee/Executive meetings; AKA (Qld) has not yet purchased it, testing needs to be done, on a roster with the clubs, to make sure all the Clubs computers are compatible. (This is something that the Executive is contemplating to use for some meetings down the track).

Correspondence:

There was no list of Correspondence, In or Out, for the Delegates to peruse, only the Correspondence Folders, that had only just been sighted at this time.

Business arising from Correspondence:

Kym Coomber, who was the Brisbane Club Proxy for the Sunday, mentioned a piece of correspondence that related to Pro Kart drivers practicing on AKA tracks at the same time as AKA licenced drivers.

Discussion on this, with decision being to check with AKA Insurance brokers, Transwest, for clarification on whether Pro Kart drivers and AKA drives can practice on our tracks at the same time.

Motion 2 – “Clarify the position of tracks having AKA Licence Holders and Pro Kart licence Holders on track at the same time from AKA and Transwest Insurance as per Correspondence 1-10 out”.

Raised – Brisbane Seconded – Cooloola

Motion Carried – Unanimous

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Treasurers Report:

As the Treasurer had only just taken over the position, he had nothing to report, but he did advise the clubs about any discrepancies with the Auditors Report to send them to him; He advised that he would be sending out a monthly financial report.

It was also suggested to take a closer look where is the Plant & Equipment listed in the Auditors report and where the records are from prior to 2010 as those files contained some history of the sport.

Agenda Items:

Cairns put forward a cost analysis they had prepared in regard to having all the SKC Meetings in Brisbane. The details were discussed and the following motion put forward

Motion 3 – “Effective immediately that any Face to Face State Council Meetings be held in Brisbane”.

Raised Cairns Seconded – Gold Coast

Motion Carried - Unanimous

Agenda items were then put on hold to do the Race dates for 2013, as some Delegates had to leave for early flights.

It was agreed that NO meetings would be held on SKC Meeting dates.

Cooloola Coast expressed concern that most of their meetings clashed with either Toowoomba or Warwick, as there were new clubs, viz, Emerald, and Whitsundays, who were now putting in race dates; This, in turn, put more strain on clubs in the central and northern sections. This brought up the subject of whether Cooloola should now be moved to the Southern section. Cooloola Delegate was OK with this, but needed to go back to his club to get approval.

Motion 4 – “Cooloola to discuss with club regarding the change from Central to Southern Zone and report to the SKC Meeting”

Raised – Cooloola Seconded – Mt. Isa

Motion Carried – Unanimous

In the meantime it was suggested that Cooloola, Toowoomba, Warwick & Ipswich go outside, during the morning tea break, to see what could be done about shifting race dates so that there was a minimum of clashes between the four clubs. This was done with a minimum of change to the club dates, which made the outcome better, with no clashes.

Many race date changes for the whole of Qld were then done.

The State Secretary to compile all the changes and send out to clubs a new calendar for checking.

Rockhampton put in an agenda relating to the dvd's that were developed from the “Supercheap Series” which was paid for by the Association to the tune of \$20,000.00, with no sighting of the dvd's.

Much discussion was held on this, resulting in the following motion

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Motion 5 – “That the Treasurer searches the records relating to the Supercheap Series and reports the findings to the next SKC Meeting”.

Raised – Toowoomba Seconded – Ipswich

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Ipswich put in an agenda on the Commission for Children’s Blue Card issue for Officials, etc, at meetings. President spoke on this, noting the more it was explained to him by the Commission, the more it became unclear. He was told that the Clubs should have a Risk Management Strategy in place instead. This resulted in the following motion

Motion 6 – “AKA QLD Management prepare a risk management strategy for clubs, to be distributed before next SKC Meeting for approval by SKC”.

Raised – Brisbane Seconded – Rockhampton

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Ipswich Put in an agenda relating to the Tag class weights to be the same as Rotax & Leopard classes.

There was some discussion on this, with some clubs opposed to it, some for it, resulting in the following motion

Motion 7 – “Reduce the current weight associated with the class TAG Light and TAG Heavy to be 160kg and 180kg”.

Raised – Ipswich Seconded – Warwick

Motion Carried – For – 6, Abstain – 2, Against – 5

Discussion was held in relation to the position of the “Officials Co Coordinator”

Motion 8 – “Appoint Chris Robinson to the Position of AKA QLD Officials Co Coordinator for the period until the next AGM”

Raised – Towers Seconded – Cairns

Motion Carried

Ipswich Put in an agenda relating to an Ipswich Club karter “Joshua Crossingham” who was requesting an upgrade to "A" grade based on his podium placing at the 2011 State Championships.

Short discussion on this, with Delegates being advised that he had recently relocated from NSW to Qld, hadn’t realised the timeframe for such an upgrade, was asking for consideration on his request. The following motion was put forward

Motion 9 – “That Joshua Crossingham be granted an upgrade to “A” Grade status”

Raised – Ipswich Seconded – Warwick

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Ipswich put in an agenda to have the postponed Prostate Cancer Charity event conducted at the new date of 24th November. The following motion was raised

Motion 10 – “Ipswich requests approval to run the postponed Prostrate Charity Event on 24th November, 2012”

Raised – Ipswich Seconded = Gold Coast

Motion Carried - Unanimous

General Business:

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There was a discussion on a new tyre up for tender, resulting in a motion put up to ask the NKC if they were going to make karters use a specific tyre for Sportsman Classes, or will the SKC be able to do this. This motion put forward was **Motion 11 – “Does the NKC intend to determine the tyre type available to karter’s and remove the choice from the SKC as is currently available under Rule 36.04(1).”**

Raised – Rockhampton Seconded – Townsville
Motion Carried – Ipswich, Gold Coast, Cooloola abstained.

The current Constitution was brought up, noting it was approved on 3rd September, 2012, with the President advising that if any of the clubs had a problem with the new Constitution, they are invited to bring their concerns back to the next SKC meeting.

Brisbane proxy referred back to the discussion on the Previous Motorsport Experience for licences issue, requesting that a \$150.00 fee be placed on those requesting a dispensation for this, money to be non-refundable, a policy to be drawn up on this, and the fee to go to AKAQ. A motion was raised

Motion 12 – “Policy to be introduced that an upfront fee of \$150.00 be paid upon application of previous motorsport experience. The fee to be non refundable regardless of outcome”.

Raised – Brisbane Seconded – Mt. Isa
Motion Carried – Unanimous and to become effective immediately.

It was asked where the “Come & Try” karts were. Mt Isa said they were at their track. It was decided that AKAQ will get them back down south, Jeff Johnson, Townsville, said he would work out a roster for them; It was also mentioned that Clubs pay \$1,000.00 per year to have the karts in working condition when arriving at track. No decision was made regarding this suggestion.

Towers mentioned a problem with Townsville and their lights, advised that Townsville had practiced under lights when the lights had been declared unfit; short discussion on this between Townsville and former Northern Track Inspector with a difference of opinion on whether the lux meter used was correct (calibrated) or not. It was stated to the Townsville Kart Club that their lights were currently non-compliant and under no circumstances are they to practise or race under lights.

This resulted in a discussion on whether Track Inspectors need to be trained; Does CAMS have people to do this? All the Track Inspectors can say is that at the time of inspection, the track complied to the rules; Clarification needs to be sought from NKC, resulting in the following motion –

Motion 13 – “To put to AKA that track inspectors be trained in the competency of Track Inspections by a competent training organisation”

Raised – Rockhampton Seconded – Mt. Isa
Motion Carried - Unanimous

Mt Isa asked if/when a Stewards School will be conducted at his Club; He had been told that a Stewards School was going to be conducted, but it didn’t happen. President asked Mt Isa to forward the correspondence requesting a Stewards School again to the State Office. State Secretary to approach Chris Robinson regarding running a school.

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There was a discussion on Insurance cover and how far it went, which related to a karter who had been injured at a CIK meeting; The Insurance did not cover the Medicare gap, that part did not seem to be covered, we should find out what the Insurance really covers. It was noted that Chapter 3 in the AKA Manual gives a summary of what the Insurance policy covers.

Cooloola Kart Club wished to have it noted that they will be applying for a loan to the AKAQ.

President thanked everybody for their input and closed the meeting at 3.00pm.