



## **Australian Karting Association (QLD) Inc.**

### **State Karting Council Meeting Agenda**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

**Brisbane International - Virginia  
Cnr Sandgate Road & Zillmere Road  
Boondall. QLD 4034.  
PH - 07 3265 7066**

**Commencing at 12.00pm**

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**Meeting Opened at 12.20pm**

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

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

<b>Proxies</b>	<b>Bundaberg</b>	Carried By	<b>Greg Smith</b>
	<b>Whitsundays</b>	Carried By	<b>Shane Thirlwall</b>

#### **Attendance:**

Cairns:	Nicholas Beehag
Cooloola:	Jon Galos
Gladstone:	Greg Smith, Adrian Jones (Co Delegate)
Gold Coast:	Pat Buckley (Saturday only)
Ipswich:	Maureen Capri
Mackay:	Hayden Schneider
Mt Isa:	Scott Geary
Rockhampton:	Judy Simonds
Toowoomba:	John McCleverty, Allen Leeson (Co Delegate)
Towers:	Peter Thomas
Townsville:	Rick Eisel
Warwick:	Alf Capri
President:	Brett Aird
Secretary:	Robert Ainge
State Officials Coordinator:	Mark Hogan
Sth Zone Track Inspector:	Tom Kenneally
Treasurer:	Annette English
Vice President:	Shane Thirlwall

**Apologies:** Norm Trost, Shane Nixon, Ian Mather, Andrew MacMaster, Stephen Peatey, Vintage KC, Whitsunday KC, Emerald KC, Bundaberg KC

Moved :- Mackay  
Seconded :- Ipswich  
Voting For - 13 Against - 0 Abstain - 0  
Motion :-

### **Item 2 - Open meeting to observers**

**Motion:** That the meeting be open to observers except where it relates to legal matters.

Moved :- Toowoomba  
Seconded :- Cairns  
Voting For - 13 Against - Abstain -  
Motion :-

### **Item 3 – Verbal report from each club (Max 2 minutes each)**

What is happening at your club – what’s working for you?

- Gold Coast have land near Jacobs Well, about to lodge development application - start construction in 6mths
- Townsville numbers slightly down due to economy etc, but not too bad overall
- Mackay numbers down 160 members in 2015 down to 95 in 2016
- Cairns numbers down considerably. Have done a survey of members – overwhelming reason for non-participation is cost.
- Ipswich installed new spectators stand, currently working on new facilities block. Focusing on new members, particularly cadet 9
- Warwick recently did SEK Challenge R1, good meeting overall
- Mt Isa have only had 1 meet so far - numbers down. Biggest issue is lack of Juniors. Come and Try day booked for May
- Toowoomba did a recent survey which was discussed. Member numbers down from 85 in 2015 – 55 in 2016, participation also down
- Cooloola numbers down, cost is driving members away. Club may close within 2 years if things don't improve. Members aren't practicing because the tyres are going off too quickly. Have been working on ways to reduce costs like reducing total meeting time to reduce the hourly cost of the ambulance. Promoting Come & Try sessions to attract new members.
- Towers have received a grant to redo drainage and resurface their track. Work has begun, hope to have the track finished by June. Will be all bitumen and concrete.
- Rockhampton club numbers down but recent round of the CQ Series was a great success. Have refurbished canteen (from a grant). Numbers down due to costs
- Gladstone have only had 1 meeting so far in 2016 with good numbers. Have a hire kart company utilising their track – helping to grow the club. GKC encourages social events outside of karting eg Bowls. Hold practice sessions with a bbq to help new members. Traditionally haven't charged for practice, a lot of members use this time. Have focussed on getting potential committee members filled early with mentorship program. 22 people recently attended official's school, they have a buddy system so that new officials get to learn with a buddy on race days. Focus on keeping the grounds clean and tidy. Have dropped their number of meetings back and have focussed dates on not clashing with other clubs in their area. Focussing on socialising and having fun to encourage members to stay and expand their involvement beyond race days.

## **Item 4 – Discussion Items**

### **Motion 1**

Toowoomba move that every club be involved in all group discussions at the same time

### **For**

Whitsundays, Toowoomba, Mt Isa, Warwick, Ipswich, Cairns, Towers

### **Against**

Gladstone, Bundaberg, Townsville

Discussion Items

1. Grass Roots Improvements
2. Constitution

**5.07pm Meeting adjourned**

## **Sunday**

**7.00am – 8.00am Breakfast**

**8.00am – 8.20am Checkout**

**8.30am Meeting recommences**

**Meeting Reopened 8.30am**

### **Confirmation of attendance**

As per Saturday's attendance

Apologies Pat Buckley (Sunday only)

### **Item 4 Continued**

1. Constitution continued
2. Budget
3. Review of Policies
4. KA Club Circuit Safety Grants

**Cooloola called a phone/video hookup Special General Meeting to discuss and vote on the agenda item/s not able to be voted on at this meeting. Seconded by Towers**

Date agreed is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm

## **Item 10 – DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Item 10a – Proposed by Management**

Update on current legal matters.

- Debtor has now paid his debt to our solicitors and the matter is closed.

### **Item 10b – Proposed by Management**

Extreme Marquees sponsorship of 2016 QLD State Championship

- Extreme Marquees are donating 1 x marquee for each of the host clubs for the State Championships which will continue next year. They will also provide an item of value to be agreed. 2016 item is a KQ branded inflatable promotional Arch.

### **Item 10c – Proposed by Management**

Secure Pay – reminder and discussion that this can be utilised by all clubs – what are the barriers for acceptance and use?

Discussion ensued. Clubs to sign up with SecurePay if it suits their particular circumstances.

### **Item 10e – Proposed by Cooloola – see attached**

Discussion

- Unsafe practices – eg young competitors having to put large amounts of weight on their kart.
- Unrealistic ages for classes
- Rising costs directly impacting numbers and participation (licenses down 17%, Participation down 29%)
- Our sport has become elitist at the expense of losing the club racers who have no aspirations to race at National level. These club racers are the major source of the clubs' income.
- Technical rules not being set with associated costs to karters being taken into account
- To be voted at Special General Meeting

### **Item 10d – Proposed by Management**

Western Australian State Regulations – Classes and minimum weights – discussion:

Page 8 Sportsman KA3 Class 8) Weight

Page 9 State Series and Below – Additional Divisions 1) – 5)

- Discussed

**12.00pm – 12.30pm Lunch**

### **Item 10f – Proposed by Toowoomba – see attached**

Junior Vice President be replaced with Drivers Representative

- Suggested “State Drivers Representative”

- Proposed to be added to the new Constitution

#### Minutes

- Discussed – secretary will comply with time frames for uploading minutes

#### State Title Rounds

- Reasoning for selection of host round discussed and accepted – the previous roster has been used as a basis for selection based on suitability, availability and preparedness of the host club to hold the Championship. Eg Mackay scheduled for this year but will run next year to allow them time to be prepared.

#### MOU

- Under review by Constitution Sub Committee
- Several points have been identified and need to be addressed

#### Revision of Budget

- Already discussed

#### Update briefing on Constitution from Sub-Committee

- Discussed

#### **Item 10g – Proposed by Management**

Decide the future of the Come and Try karts - only 4 clubs require them this year / the financial burden to upkeep them and move them around the state. They look outdated and do not present a professional image to potential karters.

- Contact John Walpole and Graham Drew from Brisbane KC and discuss whether they have any objections or suggestions.

#### **Item 10h – Proposed by Management**

Discuss QLD State Cup proposed by Emerald for 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> June

- Are utilising an existing race meeting - the Coalfield Titles

#### **2.00pm – 2.30pm Business Arising during meeting – Items**

Clubs to advise if they need gauges for engine measuring

Clubs to check their constitutions to ensure that they have some protection for officials outside of race days. Eg against bullying/threats. Clubs need to have a disciplinary process in place.

#### **Ipswich & Cairns late agenda items**

Not discussed due to time constraints

#### **Meeting Closed at 1.50pm**

# **AGENDA**

# **ITEMS**



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Toowoomba and Lockyer Valley Kart Club Agenda Items for SKC Meeting.

### **Junior Vice President Position**

Be replaced with Drivers Representative. This may generate more input from drivers who feel they don't have a say about the sport.

### **Minutes of Management Meetings**

Are not being posted on the website and are required to be officially conducted each month, resolve that they be printed on Association letter head and be placed on KQ website within 7 days of the meeting by the Secretary.

### **Update briefing on Constitution from Sub – Committee**

Discuss draft

### **State Title rounds –**

Rotation and Selection (what is the rotation system now being used in variance to the BY LAWS

### **Discuss the review as indicated - (see note from MOU below)**

#### **Term**

*This Agreement commences on the Commencement Date and shall continue until terminated by AKA or in accordance with this Agreement.*

*This Agreement may be reviewed and amended by agreement of the parties within 12 months after the Commencement Date, and thereafter as required by AKA.*

### **Discuss and resolve item in the MOU – in particular the matter of autonomy**

E.g. AKA requirements include

- Acknowledge that the Ordinary Members are an autonomous body and undertake not to compromise that autonomy in any way except: in accordance with this Agreement, except
- when an Ordinary Member is in breach of this Agreement or the Constitution or Regulations.

### **Revision of KQ Budget**

Reason: Considering that the first 3 months of 2016 Karting entry levels in Qld are down by 600 + entries representing a reduction of **\$12,000.00** of income to the Association – this cannot be sustained and in real terms may reach a figure of \$36,000 reduction in income.

### **Update briefing on Constitution from Sub-Committee**

Yours in Karting.

Tom Kenneally

President Toowoomba and Lockyer Valley Kart Club.



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1<sup>st</sup> March 2016

To Secretary of Karting Queensland,

With reference to the next Karting Queensland State Council Meeting, Cooloola would like to place on the agenda the following agenda item.

“Queensland to vote against any Management supported nominee being returned to the Board of Directors of Karting Australia”.

Jon Galos  
President Cooloola Coast Kart Club