

Karting Queensland

State Karting Council Meeting

Minutes



Venue

Leichhardt Hotel
Cnr Denham and Bolsover Streets
Rockhampton QLD 4700.
PH – 07 4927 6733

29th & 30th April, 2017
1.00pm



Australian Karting Association (QLD) Inc.

State Karting Council Meeting Agenda

Saturday 29th April, 2017

Sunday 30th April, 2017

Commencing at 1.00pm

Elizabethan South Room

Meeting Opened at 1.15

President's Welcome

Item 1 - Confirmation of Attendance, Proxies and Apologies

Proxies

Warwick held by Brett Aird

Whitsundays held by Peter Thomas

Attendance

Bundaberg	Delegate	Ben Stephenson
Bundaberg	Co-Delegate	Errol Davidson
Cairns	Delegate	Nic Beehag
Charters Towers	Observer	Peter Thomas
Charters Towers	Observer	Alan Rowe
Cooloola	Delegate	Jon Galos
Emerald	Delegate	Michael Rolfe
Gladstone	Delegate	Connor Robertson
Gladstone	Co-Delegate	Adrian Jones
Ipswich	Delegate	Nicholas Rudzinski
Mackay	Delegate	Hayden Schneider
Mt Isa	Delegate	Tony Campbell
Rockhampton	Delegate	Karl Jennings
Rockhampton	Co-Delegate	Judy Simonds
Rockhampton	Observer	Steve Peatey
Townsville	Delegate	Rick Eisel
Vintage	Delegate	Alan King
Karting QLD	Sth Zone Track Inspector	John Grother
Karting QLD	State Technical Inspector	Norm Trost
Karting QLD	State Officials Coordinator	Mark Hogan
Karting QLD	President	Brett Aird
Karting QLD	Vice President	Shane Thirlwall
Karting QLD	Junior Vice President	Greg Smith
Karting QLD	Treasurer	Annette English
Karting QLD	Secretary	Robert Ainge

Apologies

Peter Lane

Shane Nixon (For late arrival)

Andrew MacMaster

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

Moved :- Rockhampton

Seconded :- Emerald

For: All

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 2 - Open meeting to observers

Motion: *That the meeting be open to observers.*

Moved :- Gladstone

Seconded :- Rockhampton

For: All

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 3 – Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Norm Trost - Kart shop owner and engine builder

Michael Rolfe - Kart shop owner

John Grother - Hire karts owner

Item 4 - Acceptance of digital recorder

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

Moved :- Gladstone

Seconded :- Townsville

For: All

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 5 – Acceptance of previous minutes

Motion: *That the minutes from the 26th & 27th November, 2016 State Karting Council Meeting be accepted.*

Moved :- Ipswich

Seconded :- Mackay

For: All

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 6 – Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Item 10f – Discuss Come & Try Trailer program for 2017

- There have not been any responses from clubs for this item

Item 7 – Acceptance of correspondence

Motion: Pass correspondence over until tomorrow

Moved :- Gladstone

Seconded :- Bundaberg

For: All

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Item 8 – Verbal report from each club (Max 2 minutes each)

Rockhampton

- KA Safety Grant approved - Race America lights have arrived and are being tested at the track
- Club is working ways to do driver training and help new karters find their feet
 - Eg Track walk and assisting new karters with general kart maintenance

Bundaberg

- Trying to get more members, working on improving their facility and engaging members

Cooloola

- Having issues getting officials for race meetings
- Cadets 9 and 12 won't be qualifying ongoing to help reduce the pressure on the kids.
- Have had an increase in Cadet 9 & 12 members
- Concerns that parents are entering their children into racing too early, education and buddy system working to help in this area
- Work has been started to improve pit area but weather has hindered progress.

Mt Isa

- Working on sponsorship, have secured enough to cover running costs
- Lost Cadets and Juniors but have had some new Seniors join
- Own Come and Try karts being considered
- Have started a new Facebook page with professional looking videos to promote the sport

Townsville

- Same committee as last year with exception of new Treasurer
- Raceday numbers down but membership has been increasing, over 100 licensed members now
- Had no Cadet 9 & 12 at start of year but there are now some new Cadets
- Have secured Junior Sprockets in conjunction with Townsville 400 V8s

Cairns

- Have had 2 race meetings postponed due to weather and poor drainage. Waiting on council to fix it.
- Have received a grant for Come & Try karts which should arrive mid-year
- Raceday numbers down, a lot of members are travelling away to other tracks
- New track is progressing slowly but as expected

Gladstone

- Have run 2 meetings so far this year, good numbers - high 60s

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- Holding less race meetings which has had positive feedback
- Hire karts have been very beneficial to the club, particularly gaining new members

Emerald

- CQ Series had 120 karters
- New Canteen and officials building working well
- Busy year ahead, particularly with the AKC coming up

Mackay

- Some damage to the track from cyclone Debbie
- Raceday participation up this year
- Race Monitor now being used
- Cadet & Junior numbers increasing

Ipswich

- Has been a busy year
- Weather has affected all meetings this year - numbers down
- Last 2 meetings in 2016 also affected by weather
- Busy with track improvements
- Removed chip bark from all areas except main straight
- Created new gravel traps in consultation with Tony Manson
- Focusing on improving the culture at the club
- Working closely with Queensland raceway
- DJRTP and Triple8 donating used Supercars tyres for use around the track
- \$25,000 grant from liquor and gaming to upgrade toilets
- Have had successful come and try days
 - 3-4 new karters each time they hold a come and try
- Kicked off the Bring a Mate program at Ipswich
 - 11 Bring a Mate participants with 4 new members and 3 karts sold since.
- Development days working well with Cadets
- Club sponsorship with Patrizicorse donating 2 karts as random prizes at end of year.
- Have been having discussions with Endurance Karts about doing more together
- ProTour next weekend,
- Ipswich Motor Sport precinct originally asked for the lease back but IKC have said no and the Ipswich Council is now keen to invest in the karting precinct.

Towers

- Was an oil sealed dirt track, ran many national level meetings from 96 – 2005 (Check dates)
- Cyclone Yasi destroyed access to the facility
- Have since improved the road in to be “all weather” using grants
- Main problem with the facilities was the pit area, in and out grids became unsafe
 - Concreted 22x20m shed now over in/out grids and pits
- Have been making major improvements to the facility via grants and donations
- Have now laid bitumen on 397 metres of the track and increased some of the width.
- Currently backfilling the curbing - having issues sourcing the curbing profiles as they are not standard and are very expensive to have made

Whitsundays

- Fair bit of damage from washout, movement of barriers from Cyclone Debbie
- Nothing structural, working on fixing the facility

Vintage

- First event of the year at Warwick in 2 weeks' time
- A lot of focus and energy being put into the Australian Kart Prix in August
- The club is keen to help other clubs with promotion and anything else they can do to assist
- Showed great promotional video to the meeting made by a professional video company.
- High profile international drivers attending and demonstrating at the Kart Prix

- Emphasis will be taken away from the on track activities and more on the off track promotion.
- Are working within the rules to ensure they put on the best event they can.
- Will be holding time trials – 2 drivers per kart and averaged times to ensure fairness
- Displays of Cars, Motorsport etc as well as karts and equipment from inception until 2017
- Will have up to 22 karts on track for demonstrations - biggest numbers seen since 2014 (Last kart prix)
- Looking for officials for the event
- The club are very grateful to Ipswich Kart Club for hosting the event
- Acknowledged that the sport is cyclic and we are going through the same ups and downs we have for the last 50 years
- Will be using a well-known commentator/mc for the event
- Many unique displays and a gala dinner which will be a big event and a lot of fun

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 10a – Proposed by Management on behalf of Vintage (See attached)

- Formation of a Promotions Sub-Committee
 - First point is to identify what we do and how we do it
 - Promotion of our sport is severely lacking
 - Facebook is a powerful and underutilised tool for promotion that all clubs should be using.
 - Most clubs do not have a promotions officer
 - Local newspapers can be approached and a long term plan for free promotion put in place through their sports writers, including regular results, special events
 - Clubs need to be involved in their community
 - Opportunity to work with Scouts who can use raceday/club experience for their own development and is a great opportunity to connect with new people
 - Vintage have made their own promotional brochures which have worked very well. These can be distributed in the community
 - States will be receiving promotional material including branded marquee covers which can be utilised by clubs
 - Are we engaging with all members of our karting families? Can we get the brothers/sisters/mothers/fathers involved at different levels?
 - Social days are a great opportunity for engaging karters and their families
 - Advertising opportunities in other motorsport publications
 - Radio stations often have a community budget where they will assist with the cost of advertising
 - Opportunity to partner with Supercars?
 - Television exposure brings sponsorship
 - We need a marketing plan to help us bridge the gap and elevate us to the next level.
 - All clubs to go back and nominate members (expressions of interest) who would like to be involved in the marketing sub-committee. Submissions to be sent to the State Secretary 1st June
 - There is \$2000 in the KQ budget for promotion
 - All clubs agreed that we would progress with forming the promotions subcommittee with the first step being to receive names of interested parties.
- Alternative Constitutions put forward
 - Alternative constitutions will be sent out to clubs for consideration

Item 10b– Proposed by Management on behalf of Gold Coast (See attached)

- Xtreme Karting affiliation
 - Discussed - Karting Queensland supports Gold Coast Kart Club over Xtreme Karting

Motion:

AKAQ Secretariat to reply to Gold Coast Kart Club in support of their development and will not accept any application from Xtreme Karting for affiliation with KQ at this point in time.

Moved :- Rockhampton
Seconded :- Gladstone

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Townsville, Warwick

Against: 0

Abstain: Whitsundays

Item 10c – Proposed by Rockhampton (See attached)

- Payback of loans by non-affiliated clubs
 - Clubs need to comply with the loan conditions whether affiliated or not otherwise their loans become due in full.
- Formation line response
 - Discussed, we will all work harder to ensure responses from all involved are more timely and everyone is kept in the loop regarding delays
- Come 'n' Try karting
 - Discussed options for come and try, best option is to run a come and try straight after a race meeting. Clubs to utilise the come and try proforma
- Fuel additive concerns
 - We acknowledge that fuel additives are a major concern
 - People using them don't seem to care about the serious potential health risks associated with using them
 - Brett has found a laboratory who is willing to devise a test and identify the substances used.
 - Cost is \$1500 to devise the test, then a per test cost for samples
 - Clubs should be running control fuel at every meeting, it is also a great opportunity for sponsorship from the local fuel supplier.

Motion:

Motion for all clubs to use controlled fuel for all race meetings. This will be added to the State Regulations.

Moved :- Townsville
Seconded :- Emerald

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Townsville, Warwick, Whitsundays

Against: Cooloola

Abstain: 0

Motion:

To set a baseline and approve 10 tests and associated costs at a NATA certified testing facility

Moved :- Townsville
Seconded :- Ipswich

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Townsville, Warwick

Against: 0

Abstain: Whitsundays

Item 10d – Proposed by Gladstone (See attached)

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- Offer of support to all clubs affected by recent weather events
- Congratulations to Emerald on hosting a very well run Round 1 of the CQ Series
- John Lane Life Membership
 - A response from John Lane was asked for and was received 29th May
 - This response was read out and discussed

Motion:

John Lane to have his life membership revoked in line with Section 8 (c) of the Australian Karting Association (QLD) constitution

*Note Letter sent to John Lane 11/05/2017

Moved :- Gladstone
 Seconded :- Emerald

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Townsville, Warwick
Against: Cooloola
Abstain: Whitsundays

- Clarification request
- Fortnightly newsletter, regular communication
 - Regular communication will help clubs.

Motion:

Karting QLD Executive to provide clubs with a more regular form of communication in the form of a newsletter on a trial basis

Moved :- Gladstone
 Seconded :- Mackay

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10e – Proposed by Cairns (See attached)

- State and National forms
 - Agreed that more clarification is needed on some forms and who they are released by – eg the National Grid Procedures document has the words “State Regulations” on them
- Policies and procedures
 - We will try to do all new policies or policy changes in batches
- Affiliation requirements
 - Discussed, points of Constitution and Rule Book referred to.
- Vote of no confidence - KA board
 - Was discussed at the last SKC meeting, no support was given by the other states.
- KARM
 - This is best practice and clubs should be embracing it as a tool to assist them in running their clubs. Shane Thirlwall has offered to assist any club who needs help to complete the process.
- Toowoomba and Charters Towers clubs
 - Discussed as part of Item 10f

Item 10f – Proposed by Management

- Discussion regarding Toowoomba and Towers Kart Clubs’ dis-affiliation

- Toowoomba Kart Club discussed
- Alan Rowe and Peter Thomas spoke to the council regarding re-applying for affiliation.

Motion:

Karting QLD to present a case to the Australian Karting Association to re-affiliate Charters Towers Kart Club.

Moved :- Gladstone
 Seconded :- Townsville

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned 6.18pm

Sunday

Meeting recommenced: 8.30am

Attendance

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Cairns	Delegate	Nic Beehag
Charters Towers	Observer	Peter Thomas
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Karting QLD	Secretary	Robert Ainge

Confirmation of Attendance

Motion: *To accept the Attendance Register for Sunday*

Moved :- Ipswich
Seconded :- Mackay

For: Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Cooloola, Emerald, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Townsville, Warwick, Whitsundays (All)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

AGENDA ITEMS Continued

- Repayment of Toowoomba loan
 - Toowoomba has continued to make regular payments on their loan
- Discuss whether to consider any application for affiliation by Toowoomba Kart Club for 2017

Motion:

State Karting Council to consider an affiliation application from Toowoomba Kart Club for 2017 provided all necessary requirements are met

Moved :- Gladstone
Seconded :- Emerald

For: All

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- Refund of money paid without invoice by Toowoomba

Motion:

To refund any non-invoiced payments from Toowoomba and Lockyer Valley made to Karting Queensland

Moved :- Emerald
Seconded :- Mackay

For: All

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- Discuss formalising the terms of John McCleverty's full suspension
 - Agreed, Mr McCleverty's suspension is in place as per the notes in the President's Report

Item 10g – Proposed by Management (See attached)

- Review of Policies

Motion:

Accept all policies under the condition that typing and spelling errors are removed

Moved :- Emerald
Seconded :- Mackay

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10h – Proposed by Management (See attached)

- Upgrade secretary's laptop, pass current one to Junior VP
 - JVP doesn't need the laptop and it would be better to donate it to the Towers Kart Club who are in need of a laptop for CM:S

Motion:

Secretary's laptop to be upgraded and the current laptop be passed to Towers Kart Club

Moved :- Emerald
Seconded :- Mackay

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10i – Proposed by Management

- Date Received stamp to be added to supregs
- Purchase of Adobe Professional

Motion:

State Secretary purchase Adobe Professional and all supregs to be date stamped

Moved :- Gladstone
Seconded :- Cairns

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10j – Proposed by Management

- Track inspections to be valid for the following calendar year, not the current year
 - Track inspections completed at any time in a calendar year will be used to approve the Track License for the following calendar year.
 - Track Licenses will now be valid from 1st January to 31st December rather than for 12 months from the date of the inspection.

Motion:

Track inspections to be valid for the following year and the policy to be updated

Moved :- Cairns
Seconded :- Townsville

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10k – Proposed by Management

- Delegates Roles & Responsibilities Workshop
 - Discussed, delegates need to work more closely with their clubs
 - Clubs to provide their delegates with clear voting directions prior to the SKC meetings

Item 10l – Proposed by Management

- Update State Regulations - minimum entries to be included; Mackay preferred gridding format to be added; qualifying no longer compulsory (Gladstone agenda item at AGM); B Grade licence holders for TaG 125 restricted in Zonal comp be at the discretion of each zone.
 - Control fuel to be added
 - Reverse grid
 - Cadet 9 & B clarification
 - Permitted formats for grids to be updated

Item 10m – Proposed by Management

- Mackay TDF loan review

Motion:

State Treasurer to negotiate with Mackay for a new loan and payment plan. New loan document to be brought to the next SKC meeting.

Moved :- Rockhampton
Seconded :- Bundaberg

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10n – Proposed by Management

- State Titles Budget
 - Budget discussion postponed due to State Championship situation - to be discussed next meeting.
- Litigation expenses
 - Claim from Harris 3D discussed, KQ agreed to fight the claim with an initial allowance of \$5000 for legal costs approved

Motion:

State Executive to defend claim from Harris to the expense of \$5000

Moved :- Ipswich
Seconded :- Whitsundays

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

- Unannounced visits - Policy, checklist and \$9,100 budget for approval

Motion:

Policy and checklist for unannounced visits as tabled at previous SKC meeting and budget of \$9100 to be approved.

Moved :- Cairns
Seconded :- Mt Isa

For: All

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10o – Proposed by Management

- Tribunal Registrar to be opened for application
 - Expressions of interest to be called for the position
 - Scope of roles and responsibilities to be developed
- Tribunal Procedure to be formalised
 - A procedure will be created to step out the process
- QLD Prosecutor to be appointed
 - Expressions of interest to be called for the position
 - Scope of roles and responsibilities to be developed
- Tribunes to be sourced from groups outside of karting - e.g. Rotary
 - Discussed using a combination of lawyers, ex karter, etc
 - To be explored further

Item 10p – Proposed by Management

- Junior Development update
 - Has been very successful where it has been run
 - JD program will continue to be rolled out across the state

Item 10q – Proposed by Management

- Request for submissions from interested clubs to hold the 2018 State Cup

Motion:

Proposals for State Cup to be submitted at the AGM 2 years in advance. 2018 proposals required for July 2017 meeting.

Moved :- Gladstone
Seconded :- Ipswich

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

- Set new date for the postponed R1 QLD Karting Championship Mackay meeting
 - Alternative dates and the impact on karters discussed and considered

Motion:

State Titles for 2017 be as follows due to Cyclone Debbie:

Ipswich: 30th June to 2nd July

Mackay: 24th to 26th November

And Mackay to be allocated the 2018 State Cup

Moved :- Emerald
Seconded :- Rockhampton

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Item 10r – Proposed by Management

- Standardised Karting Queensland Loan Agreement
 - KQ needs to update the loan application and agreement documentation

Motion:

Allow Karting QLD to spend a maximum of \$1500 to have the Karting QLD Loan Application and Agreement viewed and assessed by legal to ensure it complies with all relevant laws and requirements

Moved :- Whitsundays
Seconded :- Ipswich

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

The following Agenda Items were either not received via the A1 process or were received incomplete. The members of the SKC to decide on whether they shall be accepted and discussed or not.

- Accepted
 - Club delegates were reminded of the proper process for the submission of agenda items

Item 10s – Proposed by Cooloola (See attached)

- Letter from Toowoomba
- Copy of minutes
- Insurance concern

All items were covered in previous discussions

Item 10t – Proposed by Emerald

- Track Development Fund application
 - Emerald put forward their proposal for a TDF loan

Motion:

To approve the TDF loan as per application

Moved :- Emerald
Seconded :- Mackay

For: All
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Meeting closed at 12.02pm