

# Karting Queensland

## State Karting Council Meeting

# Minutes



### Venue

Brisbane International Hotel Virginia  
21 Zillmere Road  
Boondall Qld 4034  
PH – 07 3265 7066

25<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
8:00am



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

**State Karting Council Meeting Minutes**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Commencing at 0800am**

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**President's Welcome and Thank you to Karting Australia for the Building Better Clubs Seminar on Saturday.**

**Meeting opened: 8:05am**

**Item 1 - Confirmation of Attendance, Proxies and Apologies**

***Proxies* Nil**

## **Attendance**

**Brett Aird     President**

**Karl Jennings     Vice President**

**Kim Jones             Cairns Delegate**

**Richard Gordon     Rockhampton Delegate**

**Judy Simonds        Rockhampton Co-Delegate**

**John Simonds        Observer**

**Apologies     Mark Hogan**

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

Moved: Ipswich             Seconded: Warwick

For: Cairns, Townsville, Charters Towers, Mt Isa, Whitsunday, Rockhampton, Emerald, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Cooloola, Ipswich & Warwick

Against

Abstain:

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

**Motion:** *That the meeting be (open/closed) to observers.*

Moved: Bundaberg     Seconded: Mt Isa

For: Cairns, Townsville, Charters Towers, Mt Isa, Whitsunday, Rockhampton, Emerald, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Cooloola, Ipswich & Warwick

Against

Abstain:

## **Item 3 – Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

Alf Capri – Kart Shop

Bob Thorburn – Kart Shop

Alex Jones – Kart Shop

Peter Hill – Kart Shop

## **Item 4 - Acceptance of digital recorder**

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

Moved: Whitsunday     Seconded: Ipswich

For: Cairns, Townsville, Charters Towers, Mt Isa, Whitsunday, Rockhampton, Emerald, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Cooloola, Ipswich & Warwick

## **Item 5 – Acceptance of previous minutes**

**Motion:** *That the minutes from the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018 State Karting Council Meeting be accepted.*

Moved: Rockhampton             Seconded: Mt Isa

For: Cairns, Townsville, Charters Towers, Mt Isa, Whitsunday, Rockhampton, Emerald, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Cooloola, Ipswich & Warwick

Abstain:

Against:

## **Item 6 – Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

- Constitution – Item 10b

- Calendar – Item 10e
- TDF to be reviewed in 2020 Budget
- 2019 State Cup – Survey monkey used, Bundaberg awarded the 2019 State Cup
- 2020 applications for State Cup – no nominations received

### **Item 7 – Acceptance of correspondence**

*Motion: Accept correspondence*

Moved: Mt Isa                      Seconded: Rockhampton  
For: All

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

Towers – Starting racing on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, requesting assistance from other clubs with officials. Track will be ready having completed a massive effort to return to racing. Will need officials to assist.

Townsville – 84 licenced drivers, averaging 50-55 karters for each round, 18 Cadets are now at the club. Display at the V8 Supercars and followed up with a Come n Try day this worked really well. We have completed KARM Level 2, updated all the IT items in the tower and have done some track repairs., We are also getting an automatic gate to enter the facility and we have done some, general maintenance, including re-painting track lines.

Cairns – Had some good numbers during the year and great feedback, with one meeting left for the year., The AGM has been held and all executive remain the same, which indicated that members are happy with the executive and the way the club is heading. Come n Try day earlier in the year was very successful, however the second one lacked volunteer help.

Gladstone – Been very quiet as only had one race meet after the State Championships. AGM is coming up with all executive not standing again.

Rockhampton – Have had a couple of meets but have not done much. Juniors have increased which is great to see, lots of practice licences that we are working on mentoring. Setting up the emergency lights and working on the required track inspections items. Looking at running night meetings once the lights are fixed.

Warwick – Club going well clean tidy lots of working bees. Received a grant to cover the grand stand, blower and line maker. Final round of SEQ completed was a great meeting. Christmas meeting to have an egg and spoon race trying to build a great fun atmosphere.

Ipswich – Council has finally Given approval to upgrade sewerage system. AGM was held Friday, new secretary Kallie Sampson, and Vice President – Ray Cowie, all other positions remain the same. Tech finally has a shade sail.

Emerald – Quiet after the AKC, 10 new members, some 6 years old drivers are coming through. Has decided we do too much work and have engaged a sports management group to assist with business management and grant writing.

Bundaberg – Great second half of year with lots of upgrades, good growth in the club Bundy has meet the Plus 1 goal. 4ss has been key to growth.

Vintage – Ticking along happily numbers are growing. In the process of refining their product to show what they are all about and what they can do to show the history of the sport.

Mt Isa – Struggled with numbers and running race meets, last two meets cancelled. Water supply has been sorted, track inspection has been completed and working on the requirements. Maybe Mt Isa can do a collaboration with NT. Looking at working with Charters towers in 2019.

Whitsunday – Race numbers have been consistently higher then previously. Working on getting ready for State Championship and getting grants.

Cooloola – Membership up 20%, last race meeting cancelled due to a storm and drainage issue. Sunday afternoon travel is not good so moving meets to Saturday. Planning ready for the State Championship and working with the Council to get assistance.

## **Item 9 – Management Reports**

These were left for the AGM.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Sunday**

Item 10a—2019 Budget estimate, presented by Annette (Treasurer)  
Budget for 2019 is hoping for a break even whilst still being realistic

Item 10b – Special Resolution: Australian Karting Association (QLD) Inc Constitution  
Discussion from Vintage and a couple of amendments  
Motion: Acceptance of the AKA (Qld) Inc Constitution

Moved: Ipswich            Seconded: Warwick

Abstain: Towers

Against: Nil

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

Item 10c – Reduction to Single Face to Face meeting 2019 Proposed by Management.

Document presented by Peter Hill

Motion: That the next SKC meeting be an electronic based “Zoom” style meeting in the Zonal Setting.

Moved: Ipswich            Seconded: Bundaberg

Abstain: Whitsunday

Against: Nil

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

Item 10d – Reduction to a single-track inspector to reduce costs and logistics Proposed by Management.

Motion: a) To alternate track inspector attendance at annual training to maintain 2 track inspectors in Qld.

b) For the inspectors to schedule 6 clubs (3 clubs in northern zone & 3 clubs in Southern zone)

annually so each club has an inspection every two years.

Moved: Rockhampton            Seconded: Emerald

Abstain: Nil

Against: Nil

For: Cairns, Townsville, Charters Towers, Mt Isa, Whitsunday, Rockhampton, Emerald, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Cooloola, Ipswich & Warwick

Morning Tea

Item 10e – 2019 Calendar Proposed by Management.

Motion: To accept the calendar for 2019

Moved: Whitsunday            Seconded: Mt Isa

Abstain: Nil

Against: Nil

For: Cairns, Townsville, Charters Towers, Mt Isa, Whitsunday, Rockhampton, Emerald, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Cooloola, Ipswich & Warwick

Item 10f – Total Race Distances for Zonal Series for each Round Proposed by Rockhampton:

Discussed and decided that it was a zonal issue not a state issue.

Item 10g – Tyre Testing Preference Poll proposed by Cairns:

Kim spoke on item and Brett advised how Karting Australia gave us a run down on how the decision was made. Tyre debate is cost, yet previously drivers would put new tyres on anyway. The result of the tyre survey was discussed and explained, note there will be a transition period.

Item 10h - Simultaneously run State Championships proposed by Cairns

The requirement to have all State Championships on the same weekend is no longer required however Qld & NT are working on not clashing.

Item 10j – 2019 State Regulations Proposed by Management.

Discussed and added Qld Sportsman

Added Open Performance weights

Motion: To accept the State Regulations as proposed

Moved: Gladstone      Seconded: Ipswich

Abstain: Nil

Against: Nil

For: Cairns, Townsville, Charters Towers, Mt Isa, Whitsunday, Rockhampton, Emerald, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Cooloola, Ipswich & Warwick

Item 10k – Blue Card Implementation process proposed by Management

Blue card list has been sent out. Officials without Blue Cards cannot be listed.

There are very few officials able to hold a position next year.

Item 10l – 2020 State Championships (late Agenda Item from Gladstone)

To go back we need to:

A. Prove our 1 off 'state cup' can be well supported

B. Make our zonal series more prestigious

C. Get approval from KA

D. Get a 'brand'

Conner presented Gladstone side and reasons for the need.

A. Too much racing in the calendar

B. May be better supported

Some members of the SKC believe less/no zonal meetings would be better and a larger state series.

SKC unsure and undecided on the best way forward, Sub Committee recommended to find out what the karters would like

Motion: That a Sub Committee be formed (is that all the motion actually said? Doesn't really state what they are to do.

Moved: Whitsundays

Second: Emerald

For: Cairns, Townsville, Charters Towers, Mt Isa, Whitsunday, Rockhampton, Emerald, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Cooloola, Ipswich & Warwick

Item 10m – In Camera (follow up from last meeting)

Resolved

Meeting closed at 12:34pm

# **AGENDA**

# **ITEMS**





# Rockhampton Formula "K" Kart Club Inc.



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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Total Race Distances for Zonal Series for each Round</b>
<b>Motion</b>	The Rockhampton Formula "K" Kart Club (RFKKC) requests that the total race distances covered at each round of a zonal series are similar (within a kilometre approximately.)
<b>Discussion item (if no motion to move)</b>	RFKKC requests: a. For all zonal series rounds the distance travelled in competition is approximately the same distance (to within approximately 1km).
<b>Issue</b>	As the results of the zonal rounds, lead to an invitation to compete at higher levels, all rounds need to be consistent in length.  
<b>Issue statement / report</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written outline provided (in 'Issue') <input type="checkbox"/> Additional information provided as an attachment <input type="checkbox"/> No written outline
<b>Background</b>	For the 2018 CQ Series, one club extended their length making the race meeting longer and causing problems with timetabling.  CQ Zonal Total Distances covered for 4 rounds 2017 44.1km; 43km; 43.2km; 43.5km 2018 50.4km; 43km; 43.2km; 43.5km
<b>Recommendation/s</b>	That members discuss and reach a voted on agreement.



#### AGENDA ITEM 10H

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**Subject**

**Lack of information on tyre testing for Tyre Preference Poll**

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**Discussion item  
(if no motion to  
move)**

Cairns Kart Club and our members are concerned with the lack of testing and supplied results of testing for the options of the tyre preference poll (13/09/2018). Is there any proper tyre testing including data on fall off rate after multiple (eg. 3) race meetings with proper rest periods to simulate racing across different weekends? Has there been any tests simulating the increased track temperature here in Queensland?

The Cairns Kart Club is concerned that there is insufficient information for kart racers to make an informed decision that is going to give a better option than is currently required.



#### AGENDA ITEM 10I

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**Subject**

**Simultaneously run State Championships**

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**Discussion item  
(if no motion to  
move)**

Is there flexibility within the States to organise the different State Titles on different weekends to allow our members who wish to complete eg. NT Titles or NSW(?) State Titles, can do so?



## AGENDA ITEM 10k

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Blue Card Implementation</b>
<b>Discussion item (if no motion to move)</b>	<p>Update on where we are up to with all officials having Blue Cards. A spreadsheet for each club will be issued.</p> <p>From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 all officials listed on Supplementary Regulations must have submitted a Blue Card application.</p> <p>What do clubs do for officials with no Blue Card that offer to assist on the day?</p>



## Gladstone Kart Club Inc.

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**Secretary Jenny Morris 0412 250 988 Treasurer Chris Jones 0447 792 979**

**Licence Secretary Connor Robertson 0457 550 699 Race Secretary Adrian Jones 0408 157 861**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>2020 State Championships</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<p>Gladstone Kart Club move a motion that the SKC prepare a proposal to be presented to Karting Australia that Queensland be approved to move to a single round State Championship model for 2020</p>
<b>Issue</b>	<p>Queensland has complied with the move to a multi round State Championship model in line with direction from KA despite concerns that it would not be an ideal match for our geographic and demographic issues.</p> <p>We believe that we have given the new model a reasonable amount of time to show success and that the hosting Clubs of the 2018 Championships worked together in an efficient, effective way using a variety of strategies to attract nominations. Despite this, numbers were well below what the single round Championship model attracted.</p>

We clearly acknowledge that there are a variety of contributing factors to the reduced nominations however strongly believe that the Championships being run across more than one round is the most significant factor. Our belief about this is based around a number of points drawn from our observations since the introduction of the multiple round Championship model:

- The geography of our State means that Clubs are not positioned closely enough to each other meaning that a large amount of nominated drivers are required to undertake significant travel and therefore associated costs and time. A multiple round State Championship therefore increases this further by replicating these costs more than once per year therefore reducing nominations;
- The culture of racing a Championship is then impacted negatively by the low nominations resulting in a reduction/dilution of the value and prestige placed on a Blue Plate which is having a roll on effect further reducing nominations;
- The opportunity for drivers to have one specific race meet each year where they prioritise nominating to be part of the State Championship experience as a whole – racing, comradery, family and novelty.

Additionally we have concerns that not only does the multi round Championship reduce nominations for the Championship but then also has impact on the flip side of this – if drivers do choose to run a multi round Championship, it is highly likely to impact on drivers support of local and home racing due to prioritising funds to be diverted to multi round Championships. We feel this is then a lose-lose situation either way.

We in no way are dismissing that a multiple round model is suitable for certain areas and levels of racing but to us the data indicates it is not a model that has been successful for Karting in Queensland.

**Recommendation/s** That if the motion attracts a seconding Club that the SKC allocate the task of enacting the motion to one member of the Executive in conjunction with one representative from each of the moving and seconding Club.