



Australian Karting Association (QLD) Inc.

State Karting Council Meeting Agenda

Saturday 21st February, 2014

Sunday 22nd February, 2014

Quality Hotel Airport International

Hinkler's Conference Centre

528 Kingsford Smith Drive,

Hamilton. QLD 4007.

PH - 07 3268 6388

Commencing at 1.00pm

Meeting Opened at 1.19pm

Item 1 - Confirmation of attendance, proxies and apologies

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

Proxies

Toowoomba

Emerald

Mt Isa

Gladstone (until Delegates arrive)

Carried By

Tom Kenneally

Brett Airde

Shane Thirlwall

John Martin

Attendance

CLUB

BRISBANE

CAIRNS

CAIRNS

COOLOOLA

EMERALD

GLADSTONE

GLADSTONE

IPSWICH

IPSWICH

MACKAY

MT.ISA

TOOWOOMBA

TOWERS

TOWNSVILLE

WARWICK

Attendee

Ralph van DOORN

Mark HOGAN

Annette DODGE

Jon GALOS

Brett AIRDE

Greg SMITH

Malcolm SAUNDERS

Maureen CAPRI

Ian Mather

Karla OGILVIE

Shane THIRWALL

Tom KENNEALY

Peter THOMAS

Rob Ainge

Alf CAPRI

Position

Delegate

Delegate

Co Delegate

Delegate

Proxy

Delegate

Co Delegate

Delegate

Co Delegate

Delegate

Proxy

Proxy

Delegate

Delegate

Delegate

WHITSUNDAYS	Stacey HADLOW	Delegate
WHITSUNDAYS	Adam STROUD	Co Delegate

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	John McCLEVERTY
Senior Vice President	Shane THIRLWALL
Junior Vice President	Brett AIRD
Treasurer	Annette ENGLISH
Secretary	John MARTIN
State Officials Coordinator	Ralph van DOORN
Track Inspector South	Tom KENNEALY
Track Inspector North	Peter THOMAS

VISITORS

Nicholas RUDZINSKI	Ipswich
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APOLOGIES

State Technical Officer	Terry Sheedy
SEKQLD	Lochie LAWRENCE
BUNDABERG	Robin PETERSEN
VINTAGE	Neil COLEMAN
LIFE MEMBER	John WALPOLE

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

Moved :- Brisbane

Seconded :- Cairns

Voting For - Against - Abstain -

Motion :- Carried

Item 2 – Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Alf Capri

Adam Stroud

Item 3 - Acceptance of digital recorder

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

Moved :- Whitsundays

Seconded :- Cairns

Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Item 4 - Open meeting to observers

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

Moved :- Whitsundays

Seconded :- Warwick

Voting For - 12 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Item 5a - Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes be accepted from the 25th & 26th October, 2014 State Karting Council Meeting be accepted.

Moved :- Toowoomba

Seconded :- Ipswich

Voting For - 12 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Item 5b – Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Peter Thomas asked why there was some voting was 13 and some 14.

Cooloola asked have we had a response on the one off State Title. The secretary on behalf of the SKC write to KA as to why we have not a response in writing yet

Motion 1

SKC requests an explanation & response in writing from Karting Australia regarding Emerald and KQ's proposal to run

Moved :- Whitsundays

Seconded :- Ipswich

Voting For - 12 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

The secretary on behalf of the SKC write to KA as to why we have not a response in writing yet

Motion

That the previous minutes be adopted.

Moved :-

Seconded :-

Voting For - Against - Abstain -

Motion :- Carried

Item 6 – Management Reports

President Report – late item attached

Vice President Report – late item attached

Jnr Vice President Report – late item attached

Treasures Report – See attached

Secretary Report – See attached

State Technical Officer Report – see attached

State Officials Coordinator Report – verbal

Northern Track Inspectors Report - verbal

Southern Track Inspector Report - verbal

Motion 2

State Secretary maintain register of in/out correspondence and include the register in following SKC Meeting.

Moved :- Brisbane

Seconded :- Toowoomba

Voting For - 9 Against – Gladstone, Ipswich & Warwick Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Motion

That the Reports from Management be accepted

Moved :- Cairns

Seconded :- Ipswich

Voting For - 12 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Item 7 – AGENDA ITEMS

Item 7a – Proposed by Management

2014/2015 Budget for approval – Budget attached.

Motion

That the budget as shown be accepted.

Moved :- Cairns

Seconded :- Whitsundays

Voting For - 12 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Item 7b – Proposed by Management

Auditor for 2014/2015 financial year.

The treasurer is currently reviewing and getting quotes.

Item 7c – Proposed by Management

QANTAS Acquire Membership - Acquire membership costs just under \$90 (one off payment, no annual fee) and means Karting Qld can earn points which can be redeemed for flights. Individuals can still earn their Frequent Flyer points as well as Karting Qld earning points. We could also consider having a credit card with Westpac and earn additional points for items paid for by Credit Card this however does require an account set up. Ultimately it will hopefully mean using points to pay for flights saving Karting Qld some money.

Motion 3 –

Whitsundays moves the motion for KQ to become a member of Qantas Acquire Club.

Moved :- Whitsundays

Seconded :- Mackay

Voting For - 12 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Item 7d – Proposed by Management

Bank Accounts – Currently Karting Qld has 3 bank accounts all of which are with different banks. The Bankwest account was set up due to the SecurePay system with CMS and the low processing costs all licence payments direct from the karter go into this account and then it is used to pay Karting Australia. We then have an account with Bank of Qld where clubs pay race fees etc into, this account has Debit cards for the Secretary and Treasurer to pay various costs eg flights, stationary and is also used for everyday bills eg Telephone, honorariums. The third account is with Suncorp and has been set up as the TDF fund. All three bank accounts earn very little interest and we need our money to be working for us. I personally like the idea of having a separate account for the TDF, it is more obvious and not as easily used for everyday expenses. Do we stay with 3 banks and renegotiate better interest? Do we move everything to Bankwest and set up an additional one or two accounts? If Acquire membership is a yes do we look at having an account with Westpac?

Motion 4

Cairns move that the KQ Treasurer arrange Credit Cards with \$5000.00 limits for secretary and Treasurer.

Moved :- Cairns

Seconded :- Ipswich

Voting For - 12 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Item 7d – Proposed by Management

Writing off of outstanding Bill for Merv Tennant – this bill for \$2,500 incl GST has been outstanding since November 2011. Can I please write this off as a bad debt as it seems unlikely that we will receive the money and not sure it is worth getting a collection agency involved.

Motion 5

Gladstone to move a motion if practical to hand over debt to a collection agency if on a no win no fee basis otherwise to be written off.

Moved :- Gladstone

Seconded :- Ipswich

Voting For - 11 Against - Cairns Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Item 7e – Proposed by Management

2015 State Championship Series – Discussion Items

Extra four classes – Proposed - Junior Performance, Restricted 125 Light, Restricted 125 Heavy, Restricted 125 Super Heavy.

Tyre Pooling - proposed

Entry Fees –

Motion 6

State Title fees are as follows

\$100 Registration Fee

\$200 Entry Fee each round plus tyre pooling

Moved :- Warwick

Seconded :- Ipswich

Voting For - 10 Against – Gladstone, Emerald Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Trophies for top five places in each class for the series will be provided by the State.

State will provide Blue plates to series winners in each class.

Permit fee to each host club will be \$20.00 per entry.

State will pay for advertising prior to each round in Kart Oz.

Each round of State series will have a Series Chief Steward, Chief Scrutineer and Clerk of Course.

The state will pay for accommodation and travel of these Officials.

Item 7f – Proposed by Management

Review of State Policies – See attached items for Review

There are some policies not completed yet but will be forwarded asap.

Mailing labels

Motion – That this policy is deleted.

Moved :-

Seconded :-

Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Motion

That if any policy only has a change from AKAQ to KQ that policy change is accepted.

Moved :- Gladstone

Seconded :- Mackay

Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Legal Policy

Motion – That the legal policy be changed to \$1000.00

Moved :- Gladstone

Seconded :- Ipswich

Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

TDF Policy

Motion – TDF – Changes as presented in red be accepted
Moved :- Whitsundays
Seconded :- Townsville
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Track Inspection Fee

Motion – That policy changes as presented in blue/red be accepted.
Moved :- Toowoomba
Seconded :- Cairns
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Scrutineer & Technical Inspections

Motion – That changes as presented in blue/red be accepted
Moved :- Towers
Seconded :- Cairns
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Summary – Entries per class

Motion – To do delete this form
Moved :- Cairns
Seconded :- Ipswich
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

CMS Discrepancy Form

Motion – Retain
Moved :- Townsville
Seconded :- Cairns
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Competition Summary Report

Motion - Retain
Moved :- Whitsundays
Seconded :- Cairns
Voting For - Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Meeting Closed at 6.11pm on Saturday
Meeting Opened at 8.13am on Sunday

Delegates Expenses

Motion :- Accept as proposed
Moved :- Gladstone
Seconded :- Mackay
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Secretary & Licencing Officers

Motion : Accept as proposed.
Moved :- Gladstone
Seconded :- Whitsundays
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Competition & Event Licences

Deferred for further investigation
Motion :
Moved :- Seconded :-
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Management Committee Delegations

Motion : Accept as proposed
Moved :- Gladstone
Seconded :- Towers
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

State Officials Policy

Motion : To accept as proposed
Moved :- Towers
Seconded :- Cairns
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Officials Race Day Documentation Requirements

Motion To accept changes as proposed
Moved :- Towers
Seconded :- Whitsundays
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Officials Reimbursement Form

Motion – Accept as shown.
Moved :- Whitsundays
Seconded :- Mackay
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Practice Policy

Motion – Accept as shown.
Moved :- Whitsundays
Seconded :- Ipswich
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Qld Officials Reimbursement Policy

Motion – Accept as show.
Moved :- Towers
Seconded :- Townsville
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Race Calendar & Alterations

Motion : Accept as proposed
Moved :- Whitsundays
Seconded :- Gladstone
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Race Reports – Complaints

Motion : Accept as proposed
Moved :- Cairns
Seconded :- Toowoomba
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Reports

Motion – All reports by management Committee will be on this form
Moved :- Cairns
Seconded :- Toowoomba
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Motion 7– Move a motion to move Cooloola to the Southern Zone

Moved :- Gladstone
Seconded :- Toowoomba
Voting For – Gladstone Against – Cool, Ips, Mack, Toow, Towns, Towers, Warw, Whit
Abstain – Cairns, Mt Isa, Emerald
Motion :- Defeated

State Zone Policy

Motion – Accept policy as shown
Moved :- Cairns
Seconded :- Ipswich
Voting For - 11 Against – Gladstone Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Technical Inspections

Motion – Whitsundays
Seconded :- Ipswich
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Technical Inspection Report

Motion – Accept as presented
Moved :- Cairns
Seconded :- Toowoomba
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Vehicle Hire

Motion – Accept as presented
Moved :- Cairns
Seconded :- Gladstone
Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion :- Carried

Website Policy

Motion – Accept as presented

Moved :- Mackay

Seconded :- Whitsundays

Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Race Permit Applications Policy

Motion – Accepted as presented

Moved :- Toowoomba

Seconded :- Ipswich

Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Item 7g – Proposed by Management

State Title Roster for 2016 and beyond. We now have a three round State Championship Series.

To be revisited at another time.

Motion 8 – That John McCleverty be appointed as Queensland’s KA Executive Commission

Moved :- Cairns

Seconded :- Towers

Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Item 7h – Proposed by Management

CLG – How do we move forward.

Motion 9 – Cairns move that the current constitution be revisited to look at cleaning up & updating for future approval.

Moved :- Cairns

Seconded :- Toowoomba

Voting For - 11 Against – 0 Abstain - Gladstone

Motion :- Carried

Item 7i – Proposed by Cooloola

Heat Stress

Secretary to write to KA regarding original request to Medical Officer as SKC concerned at no answer yet.

Item 7j – Proposed by Cooloola

Discussion on effects of State Championship Series

Already covered by agenda item 7e

Item 7k – Proposed by Rockhampton

Approval of wet weather tyres for Qld Sportsman Class

Motion – That we include all wet weather tyres.

Moved :- Nil

Seconded :-

Voting For - Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Lapsed

Item 7l – Proposed by Ipswich

Discussion on Safety Training Assessments

Motion – That legal advice be obtained regarding the STA document.

Moved :- Towers

Seconded :- Townsville

Voting For - 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Whitsundays and Mackay left at 1.00pm

Item 7m – Proposed by Brisbane

Race of Stars financials

Qld Series Financials

Security of KQ emails

KQ ISP requirements

STA and OLT protocols

Officials training for 2015

Motion 11 – Cairns moves a Senior Official from each club be flown to Brisbane for an intensive official's course with the purpose of being able to go back to their clubs and conduct local officials schools themselves.

Moved :- Cairns

Seconded :- Ipswich

Voting For - 10 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Item 7n – Proposed by Towers

Charters right to vote

Discussion held. It is established that Towers is recognised that they are Fully Affiliated members.

Late Agenda Items -

Item 7o – Proposed by Rockhampton

IAME KA100 Parity

Exec to investigate.

Item 7p – Proposed by Cairns

Pro Weight Classes
QLD Sportsman date extension.
Additional Race Meeting on 4th July

Motion 12 – Cairns moves that can we can run a meeting on the 4th July.

Moved :- Cairns

Seconded :- Cooloola

Voting For - 10 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Motion :- Carried

Secretary will write to KA confirming QLD Sportsman extension.

Meeting Closed Sunday at 1.50pm

MANAGEMENT

REPORTS



President Report SKC 21/02/2015

It has been an interesting start to 2015 with the introduction of the new and improved rule book lay out, I'm not sure what exactly was wrong with the old rule book, but to say the new one has caused a lot of extra work and confusion would be an understatement, add to this the shambolic introduction of several new engines and you get a lot of angry karters not to mention our State Tech, Steward Coordinator and Secretary who have spent many hours trying to make it all workable as well as trying to make sense of it all.

The State championships are to be run as a series, not quite sure how this will go when you consider the size of QLD, if you said you were going to hold a round in Melbourne most people would say you crazy, but Melbourne is closer to Brisbane than Cairns. At last count Victoria Championships had around 195 entries, so not sure how we will go here in QLD with a state the size of ours.

The management committee has held a face to face meeting to go through many topics as per the minutes of that meeting.

Shane has been working overtime on reviewing and or rewriting policies to bring them into the 21 century, many are out of date and no longer relevant or just simply ignored, the SKC need to decide if they want these policies followed or if the management committee can simply ignore them if it doesn't suit.

We have moved away from MYOB accounting software to Xero cloud accounting, Annette has done a great job of getting up to speed and getting a handle on the new accounting program.

The one truly unbelievable thing I have found since becoming President is the complete lack of record keeping over the past 2 years, invoices which raise more questions than they answer and basic minutes as found on the KQ web site seem to be the only records we have, there are no records of any correspondence etc. we are now also in the position where we basically have no records of the past at all due to several changes of secretary over the past years. To overcome this problem in the future, the management committee have decided to change our record keeping to a cloud based system where all files will be stored in the one place no matter who the secretary is or he/ she lives and can be easily accessed by all members of the management committee.

I believe it is time to involve the Karting industry within the structure of the SKC, I ask that the SKC approve an industry forum, this will hopefully go a long way to getting all the stake holders on the same page.

Regards,

John McCleverty



Vice Presidents Report

The first few months since the AGM have been a challenging time. I have learnt many things that you don't get to see standing outside looking in.

There has been a large amount of frustration stemming from the implementation of the new Rules and Engine packages from Karting Australia and the stuttered introduction of the 2015 Australian Karting Manual. I am sure there are more to come over the next few months as the racing year progresses and we try to get the best outcome for our state.

Brett Aird and I have looked at having stickers made up to give to all Queensland drivers to assist in promoting and have Karting Queensland branding exposed to a wider audience. I was hoping to have the prototype available to present at the meeting but have been let down by the supplier. I will go to another company to have them created now.

I was asked to review all the policies and procedures for our association and was enthusiastic about taking on this project as I have a passion about policies, procedures and training to ensure the correct and consistent running of organisations. During this time it has become evident that a lot of the policies had been forgotten or ignored over the years and has probably contributed to some of the frustration of members that ask for them to be followed. Moving forward we will have an updated modern policy and form register together that is easy to access and utilise.

I am working towards having Position descriptors for all roles developed so there is a clear and precise set of documents that outline roles and responsibilities of each position in the elected roles of Karting Queensland. This will assist the running of the association in many ways.

I would like to thank everyone that has assisted me over the last few weeks and months and look forward to doing it again.

Shane Thirlwall
Vice President Karting Queensland.



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JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

SKC Meeting 21-22 February 2015

Welcome to 2015 and what a hectic first couple of months it has been with the introduction and implementation of the new engines and rules.

The engines were obviously expected and we all accepted that we would have some learning to do to get the best out of them. What wasn't expected was the number of new rules, and changes to rules that have been introduced so quickly. I would like to thank Ralph, Terry and John Martin for dissecting and helping with the implementation of the new rules. For the first few weeks following the online version of the 2015 Manual being released there was a flurry of emails highlighting changes, voicing concerns and I even saw a couple of positive comments, thanks guys but I'm sure the work isn't over yet.

Following the January management meeting I was asked to talk with Townsville, Toowoomba and Emerald clubs to discuss and propose the additional classes for the 2015 State Championship Series. Thank you to the 3 clubs for their prompt replies and it was very reassuring when all 3 clubs proposed the same additional classes, it's good to see that 3 clubs separated by such a large distance can all be on the same page and have the same vision for the series.

I'm looking forward to seeing the Championship Series evolve and I hope that everyone gets behind it and gives it chance to succeed. Something can't fail until you give it a go. I wish the clubs the best of luck and make myself available to assist if required.

I was also asked to look into online file storage. As the new executive transitioned into their rolls it became very apparent that Karting Queensland is lacking an archive of past files and correspondence, basically we were all given a password to an email account only to find a blank page, no history. I hate looking back, however when you take on a roll within an organisation like this it would be good to at least see what your predecessor was working on and the direction they were heading as it would make finding your feet a lot easier.

Following a lot of research (I had a lot of security concerns) Dropbox would be my recommendation for online storage. I still have some small concerns and it will be up to the executive to manage this properly.

As Shane mentioned in his report we have been discussing stickers as a cost effective way of advertising the sport in Queensland, give a kid a sticker and its going to get stuck somewhere. As I said to Shane in our first conversation about this, Karting would be the only sport I'm aware of that

doesn't give anything in return for your membership other than a rule book. This is only a small thing but at least we are giving something back without costing the organisation a lot of money.

Now for a little bit of a whinge. When proposing the additional State Championship Series classes the three clubs worked very promptly in getting their replies to me and they were then forwarded on to the Management Committee, this is where it stopped. I was advised that they would have to be presented at an SKC Meeting for voting on. I believe we need to review the available methods of voting on issues like this so as not to lose momentum and peoples enthusiasm.

Yes we didn't find out until the New Year that we would be running a series and not the stand alone championship as we had planned, but we still have to comply to the best of our ability with the requirements of KA such as submitting the Sup Regs three months prior. As of the 21st we are 49 days out from Emeralds round and we still don't have Sup Regs because we haven't been able to vote on and accept the additional classes, I may have been advised incorrectly and if so maybe we need to look at a policy on voting outside of a SKC Meeting. When you look at the time left before the first round we have halved the time available and this simply isn't acceptable or fair on the clubs trying to move forward with preparation for their series round. This is only one example and I'm sure there will be more. Rant over.

As we move on, please look to the future and not the past. We spend far too long looking back without any improvement or gain for our members. I leave the SKC Meetings asking myself if we actually achieved anything or did we just waist time arguing about the past and he said she said scenarios. Let's work together so we can all look back at the end of the year and say yep we actually archived something for our members.

Regards



Brett Aird
Junior Vice President
0400 409 042





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Treasurer's Report

FEBRUARY 2015

Since the AGM I have been working with the Executive on changing over signatories and getting documentation.

It was very quickly advised that the accounts of Karting Qld were being processed through MYOB with a version that was owned personally by Richard. We now had the issue of having to buy an accounting package. I priced MYOB, Quickbooks and Zero cloud based in order to make treasurer change over easier.

Xero \$50 per month
MYOB \$70 per month
Reckon \$38 per month/per user

Zero was the only package that would allow additional user access for free. I use QuickBooks (Reckon) at work and knew that MYOB was very similar, so after researching Zero decided to accept the challenge and change over. The biggest selling points for me were that I could allow all the executive read only access for no additional cost and that Kristelle McCleverty would do the changeover and set up the accounts.

Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet as at 31 January has been provided.

As you probably read over the Christmas Break, Toowoomba received confirmation that they were successful in obtaining their track grant. In January Karting Qld and Toowoomba signed the agreed loan agreement of \$35K and this money has been deposited.

Annette English
Karting Queensland
Treasurer



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REPORT - STATE TECHNICAL ADVISOR

18th February, 2015

Apology

Please accept my apology for not being present this weekend, as we have a 90th birthday celebration involving relatives from a wide area to be in attendance.

2015

2015 has started with a great deal of fun, new engines, a totally revised Karting Manual format, and quite a few new approaches to the rules, technical and otherwise. As so often happens with such a total revamp, some unexpected outcomes have come to light. Some have been suitably amended, but there remains some work to be done.

I understand that there was to be a board meeting last night (Tuesday), so hopefully, the bulk of any remaining improvements have been concluded.

New Engines

In all, 9 new engines are finding their way into the Karting Australia home this year. Two involve endurance karting, so I will not go into any further detail with those.

There are 5 new Rotax engines, designated Evo. They include the DD2 Evo, Rotax Max Evo, Junior Max Evo, Mini Max Evo, and the Micro Max Evo. The latter 3 engines are based on the Junior Max platform, with the Mini and Micro Max engines detuned mainly by use of a cylinder base plate to lower the compression ratio, and restricted exhaust adaptors.

The Evo engines have incorporated about 10 improvements, which are capable of retro-fit to existing engines. One of the most significant is the new ignition system.

To date, the Mini and Micro Max engines are approved for use in the 2015 Rotax ProTour only for 2015. The Junior and Senior Max engines have been inspected against homologation documents, but as yet are not approved for use. The DD2 engine still requires some paperwork to be submitted. It is anticipated that these 3 engines will be approved for use after June 1st, 2015.

For mainstream karting, the IAME KA100 and Vortex Mini Rok are now in use at most circuits in Queensland. There has been some bedding down of technical regulations with both engines as we are gaining some experience with their use. Any changes from the initial homologation documents revolve around reducing the tendency of engines to move toward going out of compliance through gasket crush and liner settling, and the use of the AKA CC plugs. There are other adjustments aimed at tightening the technical specs.

I would have preferred an introductory honeymoon period where this process would have evolved more gradually.



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Secretary Report to SKC – February 2015

The new team has been working well together. We have had one video conference and one face to face meeting.

The new changes in 2015 have caused many many enquiries by phone and email and that has extended my workload considerably. I believe I have provided a satisfactory response to those enquiries.

The new “Licence Review Policy” has seen favourable responses for Qld drivers with only one denial.

Clubs are still finding it difficult to get their Race Meeting request in by the 30 days. There has been a new template recently distributed for use at club level. The management believes that apart from the Key Officials we also require names for Starter, Grid Marshall, Scales Marshall and Noise Marshall. This will be required from now on.

Please remember that all officials are listed on the KQ website to help clubs with obtaining Officials for their Race Meeting’s and this list is update to date.

This is password protected and is for Club Management use only.

Licences are still progressing at the same level as last year.

Participation at 2014 race meetings finished at 8371 which was a 14.4% increase on the 2013 calendar year. Participation this year is 655 to date from 9 meetings compared to 697 from eleven meetings last year.

The 2015 manuals have been distribute to all clubs.

Clubs are responsible for entering all STA and OLT endorsements. This facility is available at Club Management level in CM:S.

John Martin

Karting Queensland
State Secretary