



**Karting (New South Wales) Incorporated.**

**Annual General Meeting & State Karting Council Meeting  
Agenda**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**Nepean Hawkesbury Room, Nepean Shores  
6-22 Tench Avenue, Penrith**

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**KARTING NSW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Annual General Meeting to Open at 9.00am**

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

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

**Proxies**

**Carried By**

**Attendance**

**Apologies**

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

**Item 2 – Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

**Item 3 - Acceptance of digital recorder**

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Voting  
Motion

## **Item 5 - REPORTS**

### **Item 5a –Board Chairman/Chief Executive Officer – Stephen King National Karting Council Delegate Acting State Track Inspector**

Well, the time has come for my final report. History will tell whether we made a difference, but before that you get to hear my version. Since being elected we have introduced the following:

That the term of office for Executive positions be limited to two terms in that position (4 years).

**Achieved.**

All State Karting Council agenda items are to be displayed on the Karting NSW website.

**Achieved.**

Late agenda items at the State karting Council that are of significance will be referred back to the clubs for discussion and an electronic postal vote taken.

**Achieved.**

Executive members of the State Karting Council must stand down when elected to the executive of the National Karting Council.

**Achieved.**

The National Karting Council delegate must vote as directed by the State Karting Council and where no direction is given will supply a written report to the State Karting Council as to circumstances and the manner in which he voted.

**Achieved.**

A review of the Race calendar be undertaken and a race dates be allocated on a basis that is fair to all clubs.

**Achieved.**

That Race Permits be allowed to be transferred to other clubs.

**Achieved.**

That the Executive and the Club Delegates of the State Karting Council formulate a 5 and 10 year plan for the future of karting in New South

Wales.

**Achieved – strategic plan.**

Executive meetings will be notified to all clubs and a point form bulletin of matters dealt with issued within 48 hours of the meeting.

**Achieved.**

That the State provide training to Club Executive members in various fields such as financial planning, meeting procedures, facilities management, etc.

**Achieved.**

All State Karting Council executive members are to attend a minimum of 8 race meetings in a calendar year and be available to discuss matters on a personal or club basis.

**Achieved.**

That a Junior Development program be introduced, the position of Junior Development Coordinator be established.

**Achieved.**

The introduction of the State based series – State Cup – North, South and Metropolitan.

**Achieved.**

Introduction of the Closed State Titles on a rotational basis between Country and Metropolitan clubs.

**Achieved.**

Constitutional Change – we have presented a Governance Constitution to the State Karting Council and it has been approved.

**Achieved.**

The joint purchase of property at 12 Macquarie Street, Penrith as our offices.

**Achieved.**

The introduction of the position of Coordinator, Major Events. Mr. Glen Egan even in this short time has made an impact on how our events are planned and undertaken.

**Achieved.**

The restructure of budgeting and finance for the association to ensure the long term future and growth.

**Achieved.**

The introduction of Industry meetings and creating a working relationship with the stake holders. This has led to the introduction of "Kids Karting" for 5 to 7 year olds.

**Achieved.**

The review of Officials/Scrutineers Training and restructure of the "Training Programme". Alongside the trail of Technical and Further Education Training (TAFE).

The introduction and implementation of W,H & S and Risk Management for State and Clubs.

**Achieved.**

A review and comprehensive audit of Tracks and their compliance within New South Wales. This has led to compliance issue's being reduced to a minimal level. This has led to an improved relationship with both the New South Wales Police and Department of Sport & Recreation.

**Achieved.**

These achievements could not be made possible without the hard work and assistance of my State Office Staff, fellow Board Members, Elected Officials and the affiliated clubs of New South Wales.

Regrets we've had few but if I had to do it over again I would not change very much at all. We have set a very solid foundation for the future growth of our sport.

I wish to thank and gratefully acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the State Office Staff, Karen Newton, Debbie Hutt, Debbie Wilkinson and Donna Foster. Without their support we would not have been able to achieve the results we have.

This association has a long and proud tradition and we have adapted to the changes that have confronted our sport with grace, dignity and a sense of purpose. For this I will always be profoundly proud to have been a part of this sports management. I wish the association and its members the very best for the future.

**NATIONAL DELEGATE.**

Since our last meeting the National Karting Council has met with the Board of Australian karting Association Limited.

Mr. Michel Doohan was elected the Chairperson of the Board of AKA Ltd.

At the request of the Board the Future Engine and Cadet/Rookie Engine review/Tender has been suspended pending a review by the Board of AKA Ltd.

The Wet Weather Tyre Tender has been referred to the Board of AKA Ltd for a review prior to any tender process being released. This could potentially lead to an extension of the current contract pending review.

The Board of AKA Ltd are seeking the service of a Chief Executive Officer to assist the Board with the reviews and day to day running of the organisation.

A memorandum of Understanding is currently being prepared by the Board for circulation to the States. Once this has been received it will be distributed to review by the Clubs.

The Board are reviewing the Committee structure and appointments, preparing a Strategic Plan and Transition plan. It is expected these documents will be available towards the end of the month.

The Board are confident that they will be ready to take over on the 01 September 2013.

The NKC have referred to their next meeting in August matters dealing with the alleged conduct of an Official.

The matter dealt with at the Committee's Conference will be dealt with at the August NKC meeting.

Kids Karting is progressing and it is envisaged that it will be ready for introduction to the clubs possible at the end of August, 2013.

I have briefed the NKC on the ME51 Committee in relation to Safety Barrier Standards and crash testing of karts. This mostly relates to the Hire Kart industry however could have serious implications for our sport. This will continue to be monitored.

Live Credit card payments is currently being reviewed and a quote for its introduction being prepared.

### **STATE TRACK INSPECTOR.**

It is with pleasure that I submit the State Track Inspectors Report for 2013/2014.

The track inspections where undertaken in the month of May, 2013 and the following tracks where inspected:

Sapphire  
Picton (WKRC)  
Eastern Creek (NSKRC)  
Newcastle  
Lismore  
Grafton  
Coffs Harbour  
Port Macquarie  
Manning Valley  
Tamworth  
Gunnedah  
Dubbo  
Combined District (Lithgow)  
Canberra  
Wagga Wagga  
Griffith  
Grenfell  
Orange

This is the second inspection carried out under the Karting New South Wales Track Inspection Handbook.

I am pleased to report that the standard of our track is much improved and all tracks where licensed for a further twelve months.

I am aware that with the introduction of the Track Inspection Handbook, this has caused concerns, however after 2 years we have all tracks well on the way to being totally compliant.

I wish to thank the clubs for their tireless work in preparing and maintaining the circuits.

As my tenure has expired, this is my last report as the State Track Inspector. I wish to thank the State Office Staff for their support and assistance, without this I would not have been able to undertake these duties. I also wish to thank Sgt Kris Cooper of the New South Wales Police and Mr. Graham Coulton, Department of Sport & Recreation. I further wish to thank the Board of Karting New South Wales and the Affiliated Clubs.

I wish you every success in the future,

Yours in Karting  
Stephen King  
CEO/Chairman

**Item 5b – Director Financial Services – Tony D’Annibale**

The end of the Financial Year has come and gone. Taxpayers are doing their tax returns, business’ are getting their final audits for the year, pretty boring stuff really. Being at the track is definitely more exciting.

The budget for the 2012-2013 period was for a profit of \$2,599, the final result was a profit of \$23,992.

With credit to the States Financial Controller, Mrs Debbie Wilkinson, I’d like to outline some of the differences from budget to actual;

- Licence Income generated additional profit of \$8,142, this was due to an increase in licence fees.
- In my April report I summarised participation rates year-to year (2011-2012 to 2012-2013), at that time there was a decline of 108 entries. The gap did not increase further but still there was a decline of 92 entries full year-to-year which equated to a difference of -\$1601.00.
- Even though Pit Crew Waiver cards are compulsory in certain areas of a clubs facility, clubs are not ensuring pit/guardians purchase these; therefore there is a difference of -\$2,101 to the budget.
- Fines and charges were ahead of budget by \$5,545.
- Additional interest of \$3,190.
- The budget for legal fees was \$3,000 but due to the generous services of Mr Grant De Fries this figure dropped to \$337.
- Staff expenses were lower than the budget figure by \$5,614.
- Track inspection expenses were lower than the budget figure by \$2607.
- New office setup expenses. e.g. data cabling, telephone, safety switches, removalists etc was above budget by \$8,575.
- IT expenses brought forward. See below.

### **IT Expense**

I have long recommended to the State Board that we need to replace the Server by the end of 2013 due to the operating system support being dropped at the end of 2013 and the fact that the hardware was approaching 9 years old. We had to bring this forward by 6 months as the server was becoming increasingly unreliable. The State was able to take advantage of the EOFY sales to purchase a new server at a greatly discounted rate. The State now has a server with the performance and reliability required by the office over the coming years as well the peace of mind of 3 years warranty.

Other associated costs was the implementation of backup software to safeguard the data and work of the State and the cost to an external firm to install the server and transfer the data and software from the old server.

Another project I was given at the beginning of this year was the means for the State to store all correspondence and records electronically.

After a review of three software packages the recommendation to the State was for the use of OpenDocMan. OpenDocMan is an extremely user friendly document management system with an annual licencing fee below \$200 dependent on the USD. I built up a “play” document management server for the staff to learn and test on before the new server arrived and the State went live with document management.

The “go live” date was July. All licencing paperwork from July is now stored electronically and can be retrieved via keyword searches in an instant. Ten filing cabinets of historical licence paperwork has now been scanned into PDF documents and can be accessed electronically by the staff. A decision has not been made if these thousands of historical records will be input into the document management system.

The State needs to run at a profit. With an accumulation of funds it will be possible to purchase assets to assist in the running of the sport, i.e. cameras for high profile race meetings to assist C of C's and Stewards, fund training and planning sessions for the clubs and volunteers. If the State needs to implement its own marketing program it will have the funds available to do so.

I'd like to thank the staff for their commitment and professionalism.

I have, and continue to enjoy working with the other members of the Board and representatives of the NSW Clubs to do my part in assisting with the betterment of the sport in NSW.

Yours In Karting,  
Tony D'Annibale



**Item 5c – Director Member Services Central Zone – Aaron Borg**

**Item 5d – Director Member Services Northern Zone – Paul Hull**

**Item 5e –Director Member Services Southern Zone – Derek Ferry**

We are now half way through the racing year already, and what a great first half year of racing it's been. Starting in late April with Griffith's Yellow Tail Cup, once again this event keeps improving and growing. The dinner the major sponsor provided for all the competitors and their families on Saturday night was excellent.

The next major meeting was the second round of the Southern Star Series held at Wagga. With 148 entries and great weather it was a good recipe for a great meeting. Congratulations to Wagga Kart Club what a great effort by the committee and club members who worked extremely hard to prepare to the track and facility for this meeting and also went out of their way to make the visiting karters feel welcome.

The next major event to take place in the south was Grenfell's annual Bob Hinde Memorial. Once again the Grenfell club has raised the bar, with 189 entries which would have made 200 plus if not for the rain on Friday and Saturday morning. Once again the committee and club members had been working extremely hard to prepare the track and complete their new control tower. It was pleasing to see full fields in all classes and good racing all weekend in all classes. To the committee and the members of Grenfell keep up the good work.

The next major event coming up in mid-July will be the third round of the Southern Star Series, which will be held at Dubbo Kart Club on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July I am sure round three will be as successful as the previous two rounds. That finishes July in August we will be back at Dubbo on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for their ever popular Gold Cup and the weekend after, it will be back to Grenfell for the fourth round of the Southern Star Series. In September it will be time to head south to Wagga for their annual Tas Ohara meeting.

As you can see the second half of the year will be just as busy as the first half of the year and just as successful.

It pleases me greatly to see the southern zone clubs and their members working and supporting each other's race meetings.

I am sure this is the reason the southern zone is having such successful major meetings so far this year and I see no reason for that to change if the clubs and their members continue to work with each other and support each other's meetings. Keep up the good work.

Regards  
Derek Ferry  
Director Member Services Southern

**Item 5f – Director Strategic Services (Planning & Training) – Bob Baker**

It is my privilege to provide my report on the activities and results achieved in my portfolio for the past year

To say that it has been busy would be the understatement of the year. We have seen good progress made on our move to work with TAFE NSW for our training so much so that we have signed an agreement for the production of a Level 4 Stewards Online Training Course which when completed will be reviewed and tested by the training committee. It is important to realise we are approaching this carefully as we have a strong training regime in place and will not let that go easily.

During the 2012/2013 period so far we have seen many advances in the track standards which obviously have had a very positive effect on our risk management status. I have also been very pleased with the work some clubs have done in this area but we still have a long way to go. Like any management process until it is in use by all affiliated clubs we are still at risk. Again I would like to remind clubs that your club rather than the peak body may be at legal risk if our processes are not being followed. It is worth noting that due to a changed requirement from DSR we will have to redo our Risk Management Plan into the new format. This should be completed by the end of the year.

In the area of Work, Health & Safety we are well positioned to address the new impost on all sports from the Australian Sports Commission. They have issued a document setting out the way they expect sports to address this issue. Over the coming few months I will be re issuing our WH&S practice manual to incorporate these changed conditions. We as an organisation need to be vigilant in watching over the health and safety of our competitors, officials and volunteers.

As you all know our initial Strategic Plan finishes this year and at recent conference for Club Presidents we began the process of implementing a new one which will take us up to 2018. A lot of work will be done getting it all together but it should be out in the Clubs by early next year.

I would like to place on record my appreciation of the work Karen and the other office staff carry out on my behalf. We are very lucky to have such a helpful efficient group assisting.

Yours in Karting Bob Baker

### **Item 5g – Director Industry Services – Ian Saville**

I am disappointed that the TAFE training has fallen over due to the apathy of individuals who despite assurances of funding for training have not followed through with a date, venue or the funding! Who is fooling who?

The Kids Karting project has stalled and is in real trouble given that Steve King did so much of the official leg work with the regulatory bodies. The trade is ready to go with the motor submitted under the homologation process and several importers have sourced suitable karts. Please get this back on the agenda otherwise it will be lost to apathy also.

I attended the annual conference in Melbourne and presented the tech issues raised earlier this year. I am hopeful that the NKC will this time approve commonsense repairs and do something about TBC ... OR ... simply allow it to be done and stop the problems.

The idea of an EXPO was presented to the conference but the feeling I received was one of not really our issue! Again I think I have been fooling myself as to the willingness of the sport to promote itself. Just keep on being a fill in on someone else's show and don't try too hard.

Finally I wish Steve King well. He is abiding by strict guidelines he helped to impose for the betterment of our sport and I trust the new CEO will continue with the commitment and dedication that Steve has given for the past 2 terms .

### **Item 5h - Personal Assistant to Chief Executive Officer – David Kermond**

#### **Item 5i – State Officials Coordinator – Mark Horsley / Philip Naughton**

I would like to acknowledge the work of all of our officials, we seem to always pull together and get the job done, in what sometimes become difficult situations. This camaraderie is seen by all and envied by many. Well done everyone.

I am proud to say that the standard of driving has lifted in NSW. This is evident by the reduced number of red flag incidents and the number of medically treated injuries. That can only be attributed to the continued effort of the officials we have.

The year saw several officials upgrade and a few come back from absence which was fantastic to see.

The BIG question is “how do we get more people to step up”? This is a problem we have Nationally not just at State level.

This year we condensed the training program in an effort to limit the amount of in room training and encourage more on the track training. The training sessions were received well by the clubs and the trainers enjoyed the feedback which

came back via the paperwork. Again in 2014 I would like to combine the training sessions with race day weekends so that the trainer can assist on the race day and answer on track issues.

The Infringement Notice system has been received well and is being used exactly in the way it was intended. Several meetings have been conducted without hearings by using the system.

Even though the training is finished for this year, extra sessions can be arranged should the need arise, requests for this must be made to the office.

I would like to thank the Board for their support and look forward to working hard in the role.

Mark Horsley

#### **Item 5j – State Technical Advisor – Graeme Abbott**

#### **Item 5k – State Tribunal Registrar – Diane Kermond**

Another 12 months gone and I again need to say a big thank you to all the lovely ladies; Karen, Debbie, Debbie and Donna for all their assistance when required and for stepping into the position of State Tribunal Registrar as well.

Thank you to all the people who came in to sit as tribunes – your time, and professionalism, in taking on the position is greatly appreciated.

Now to the numbers for the 12 month period – there were 13 tribunals held with two (2) proceeding on to AKAC.

Diane Kermond  
State Tribunal Registrar

#### **Item 5l – Junior Development Officer, Position 1 – Russell Grimson**

Over the past 13 years we have developed a Junior Development Program that has introduced a great deal of new junior drivers into our sport and you only have a look at the participant figures to confirm that generally and when you analyze the figures the growth in our sport is in junior karting. Hopefully this due in part to the junior development program we have introduced and retained stable and affordable classes

It is a shame that we loose a number juniors around the 15 to 18 age to other endeavors in life but history shows 20 years hence some return to sport with their kids, one can only think it is due to the great time they had in their junior days.

On the down side we have requested all clubs to assist by advising contact details of all clubs junior development officers. The details have not been

supplied but it is now necessary under Sport and Recreation regulations to provide them with these details. I ask you to provide the state office with the necessary information.

I look forward to continuing on as Junior Development Coordinator for couple more years and look forward to improving the training system even further including a program for the advanced level junior drivers

Our future events include our junior training event in January to be followed in the autumn at Wagga and hopefully in the north of the state later in the year.

I point out the state policy document regarding junior development are on the state web site and suggest you have read of the policy and If you have questions contact Karting NSW.

I must pay tribute to the team who assist with the running of Karting NSW training program from the girls in the office to the trainers who give their time to assist, thank you a job well done.

To all the junior drivers who are now achieving success as juniors or seniors well done (incidentally the first batch of midgets from the first training day in 1997 are now seniors) were have the years gone.

Until Next time  
Regards and good karting  
NSW Junior Development Officer  
Russell Grimson

#### **Item 5m – State Prosecutor – Mark Horsley**

2013 started off busy with a series of tribunals being held and dealt with accordingly.

Since Easter we have had only three tribunals which is a sign that the stewards at the meetings are handling the hearings well and any penalties being imposed are being accepted by the drivers.

We are trialling the system whereas tribunals are now being conducted on a predetermined date on a roster similar to what the National office does with AKAC hearings. If this is successful we will look at publishing these dates for next year so the officials can inform the appellants immediately of the date and time of the tribunal. These dates will of course be within the time limits for tribunals as per the rule book.

I would like to thank the Tribunes for their work again this year and the State Tribunal Registrar for her tireless work.

Regards  
Mark Horsley

**Item 5n – State Events Coordinator – Glen Egan**

**Motion:** Acceptance of all reports

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

**Item 6 – Confirmation of 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012 AGM Minutes**

**Motion:** That the minutes be accepted.

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

**Item 7 – Receive and Accept the 2012/2013 Audited Financial Statements**

**Motion:** That the 2012/2013 Audited Financial Statements be accepted.

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

**Item 8 – ELECTION OF POSITIONS**

**Item 8a – Appointment of Scrutineers**

**Motion:**

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

**Item 8b – Election of Board Positions**

<b>Board Positions</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nomination Accepted</b>	<b>Nominating Club/s</b>
Board Chairman/ Chief Executive Officer	Max Laybutt  Glen Egan		Manning Valley Orange Goulburn Newcastle

Director Member Services Northern Zone	Paul Hull		Tamworth
Director Member Services Southern Zone	Derek Ferry		Grenfell Griffith Orange

**Motion:** Accept all Board election results.

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

### **Item 8c – Voting Cards**

**Motion:** All voting cards to be destroyed.

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

### **Item 9 – Appoint an Auditor**

**Motion:** Auditor for 2013/2014 to be appointed. The Board recommends the appointment of Berger Piepers Chartered Accountants.

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

### **Item 10 – Appoint a Legal Advisor**

**Motion:** The Board recommends the appointment of Grant De Fries as Legal Advisor.

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

### **Item 11 – 2013/2014 Karting NSW Budget**

**Motion:** The Board recommends the endorsement of the 2013/2014 Karting NSW budget by the State Karting Council.

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

Annual General Meeting closed

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## KARTING NSW STATE KARTING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

State Karting Council Meeting Opened at

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Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

### Item 5 – Confirmation of Minutes

**Recommendation:** That the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013 State Karting Council minutes be accepted after the following amendment.



The second line of Page 16 the final two words should be "or classes" and not "for classes".

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

## **Item 6 – Agenda Items**

### **Item 6a – Review of State Policies**

Approximately one third of current State Policies for review by the SKC.

Chaplin  
Child Protection Risk Management  
Come and Try Days  
Come and Try Trailer (to be deleted)  
Communications Policy  
Critical Incident Procedures  
Disabled Access  
In Camera SKC Meeting Items  
Junior Development  
Licences  
Member Protection  
National Karting Council Delegate  
Non AKA Events  
Officials Support Guide Version 1  
Practice Policy  
Practice Sign on Sheet  
Reimbursement for Delegates Attending SKC Meetings  
Responsible Service of Alcohol  
Safety Vest Clothing  
SKC Late Agenda Items  
SKC Minutes  
State Championships Policy (Under review by State Events Coordinator)  
Teleconference Usage  
Term of Office for Board Positions  
Track Inspections

### **Motion:**

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

### **Item 6b – Accredited Trainers Proposed by Wollongong**

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The CEO  
Karting NSW.

At the meeting of the Wollongong Kart Racing Club held on the 08 May 2013 it was resolved by a vote of members to request Karting NSW to make the following consideration in respect of rule **13.18** to allow for “Accredited Trainers” permission to be on track under a designated training session in company with Cadet/Rookie/Junior licence holders.

Currently that rule as follows:-

Licence Divisions: Track Use Restrictions

The following limitations apply;

**(a)**

All AKA licence holders are only allowed to practice in the class that their current licence is endorsed for.

**(b)**

An AKA “E Grade” Practice Licence is the minimum licence requirement for persons using an AKA Homologated kart on an AKA licenced circuit.

**(c)**

Cadets and Rookies are permitted to practice and race together.

**(d)**

Cadets and Rookies are not permitted to practice or race with Juniors or Seniors at any time.

**(e)**

Juniors are not permitted to practice or race with Cadets, Rookies or Seniors at any time.

**(f)**

Seniors are not permitted to practice or race with Cadets, Rookies, or Juniors at any time.

Our club would submit that through a recognized course run via AKA that licenced holders accredited under this system be allowed to be on track during designated training periods. This would allow the accredited Senior driver the opportunity to perform on track training under a controlled environment. Paragraphs (d) (e) & (f) would still apply in relation to practice sessions.

The accredited trainer would be for instance permitted to operate a low horse power engine to lead a field of karters in single file whilst restricting the trainers kart to reach maximum speed around the circuit. The trainee karters would not be permitted to pass the trainers kart and must remain in single file.

We would like for this matter to be listed on the agenda of the next SKC meeting for debate and consideration to be forwarded to the NKC for further consideration.



N, Scullion  
Secretary WKRC  
09 May 2013.

**Motion:**

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

**Item 6c – Karting NSW Fee Increases  
Proposed by Lismore**

AKA NSW

Lismore Kart Club is writing with regards to the Memorandum sent out last week with the proposed Karting NSW Inc Fee Increases.

Current situation is that regional clubs are losing memberships, the economy is currently doing it tough and it is any wonder that Karting is becoming an expensive sport. Regional wages / income are much lower to the City counterparts and it is understandable that numbers in regional areas are down.

As President of Lismore and hosting the NSW Closed State Titles, I was having a look at current membership which seems to be increasing and then having a look at the number of club members that are not able to enter into this event and have realised what is going on.

Club members that live just over the border, join the Lismore Kart Club as we try to keep our membership costs down. LKC tries to encourage families joining the club. We understand that this is an expensive sport. But they apply for a QLD licence because it is so much cheaper than NSW.

Looking at a new competition licence if a family with 2 children want their kids to race this is the difference:

NSW New Competition Licence 2 x \$280 total \$560

QLD New Competition Licence 2 x \$225 total \$450 (saving of \$110)

**Difference in other costs**

NSW Licence renewal \$255

QLD Licence renewal \$204 (difference of \$51 so with a couple of kids that is over \$100 saving every year)

**AKA supporting the clubs**

NSW Club Affiliation Fees \$400.00 (plus \$2.50 per Karter)

QLD Club Affiliation Fees \$113.00

NSW Track Licence and Inspections \$320

QLD Track Licence and Inspections \$281

(NSW pays more than \$326 that QLD counterpart)

QLD \$18 permit fee per entrant

NSW \$21 permit fee per entrant

AKA are now holding a strategic planning weekend to try to work out the SWOT within the NSW clubs but if AKA could look at how their fees are affecting the local karter, we are not surprised that karting is becoming unfordable for the average family.

As a regional club we are asking the AKA the reconsider their fee increase especially in this current economic climate and assist the regional clubs, stop supporting the corporate interests and start supporting the average karter.

Kind regards

Diana

President Lismore Kart Club

**Motion:**

Moved

Seconded

Voting

Motion

**Item 7 – Discussion Items**

**Item 7a – Strategic Planning Update  
Proposed by the Board**

**Item 7b – Junior Development  
Proposed by the Board**

**Item 7c – Major Events – Closed State Titles, the future off  
Proposed by the Board**

**Item 7d – State Series  
Proposed by the Board**

**Item 7e – Pro Tour / CIK  
Proposed by the Board**

**Item 7f – 2014 Nationals – Newcastle Update  
Proposed by the Board**

**Item 7g – 2013 Track Inspections  
Proposed by the Board**

**Item 7h – Risk Management / WHS Update  
Proposed by the Board**

**Item 7i – 2014 Race Calendar  
Proposed by the Board**

**Item 7j – Constitution Review  
Proposed by the SKC**

**General Business**

**GB1 –  
Proposed by**

**Motion:**

Moved  
Seconded  
Voting  
Motion

**State Karting Council Meeting closed**