



**Australian Karting Association (NSW) Inc
State Karting Council Meeting Agenda
Saturday 9th October 2010**

**Nepean Rowing Club,
Bruce Neale Drive, Penrith
Commencing at 9.00am**

AKA NSW STATE KARTING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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 - Acceptance of digital recorder

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

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 3 - Open meeting to observers

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

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 4 - Confirmation of July 2010 AGM/SKC Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes be accepted.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 5 - REPORTS

Item 5a – President – Stephen King

Since the last State Karting Council meeting we have been busy finalising the 2011 draft Calendar and the State Cup Series, North, South & Metropolitan. The State Cup is a much needed series for our competitors to hone their skills to compete at a higher level, but still has the competitor competing at a club level.

You will also have noted that due to the National Karting Council elections we now have a new treasurer, Mr. Peter O'Neill. To fill the vacancy in the metropolitan area we have brought on the executive Mr. Bob baker, Bob brings a wealth of experience from the corporate and club area's and will make a great contribution to our sport.

We must commend Mr. Max Laybutt on the outstanding devotion to his duties as State Treasurer. His expertise, combined with his devotion and love of our sport has seen the State financial situation see a remarkable turnaround. Congratulations Max and we wish you every success at the national level.

I attended the National Karting Council Conference as the Co-delegate on the 20, 21 & 22 August, 2010 and we have a new National President Mr. Simon Whiting, Vice President Mr. David Murray. The new team have already introduced the commencement of governance and I believe we will see a more informed and active national Executive. Also Mr. Les Allen was elected as the national Technical Coordinator.

The State Titles have been run and won and congratulations to Tamworth Kart racing Club for their efforts in making this State Championship a success. To Tom Sanderson and his team well done, I know and do appreciate the endless hours of hard work that have been put into this event.

You will note that we have changed the venue for the State Karting Council meeting, this is part of the program to reduce expenditure without reducing services. The meetings are being digitally recorded with desk microphones, so just a note of warning that private comments made between delegates that would have previously not been recorded may now be audible on the recording.

Please encourage your members to attend the Golden Jubilee Metropolitan titles to be held on 20 & 21 November, 2010 at North Shore Kart Club. This meeting is celebrating 50 years of karting.

Item 5b – Vice-President – Derek Ferry

After a refurbishment the come and try trailer is back on the road. The first club to use the trailer was Dubbo, the club worked extremely hard at running their come and try days and have been rewarded with twelve new members. Well done Dubbo.

At this present time the trailer is at Grenfell from there it will travel to Griffith and Wagga any club who wishes to use the trailer please contact Karen at the state office.

For the last two months the Executive have been working on a new series called the State Cup. This series will be run in the three zones replacing all other series.

The State Cup will consist of four rounds in each zone. The winner of each class in each zone will receive a free entry into the Closed State Championships. The class winners in the Closed State Championships will receive a free entry into the NSW State Championships and the class winners from NSW State Championships will have their entries paid for the Nationals. These prizes are only available for NSW licence holders.

The other task I and the calendar committee have been working on is the 2011 calendar. This has been a very involved and long process. Some dates have been changed to fit the State Cup Series into the calendar. The 2012 calendar will be better set out as the State Cup rounds and the Closed and NSW State Championship dates will be the first dates in the calendar.

**Item 5c - Treasurer & NKC Delegate – Peter O’Neill
Treasurers Report**

In this my opening term as Treasurer I would firstly like to thank Max Laybutt and secondly congratulate Max Laybutt for his enormous commitment and efforts over his many years as the State Treasurer.

These are certainly big shoes to fill and I hope I can carry on the good work that Max has laid the foundations for.

As Max presented at the recent AGM, the financial result for 2009/2010 was not as optimistic as previous years, partly due to the loss of the Oran Park track and the income that the Sydney Kart Club derived from it and partly due to a decline in participation rates by all clubs.

Based upon these figures and the general decline in participation rates across the state it would appear that the 2010/2011 financial provision will be similar to or slightly worse than this again.

The Executive has responded to this downturn through reducing running costs and overheads where possible, this is evident by the change of venue for the current SKC, whereby costs have been reduced by approximately \$3,000 over and above what the Penrith Panthers venue was charging the AKA.

The Executive will continue to minimise expenses and costs where ever possible but ultimately we all contribute to the financial stability of the NSW AKA and it is incumbent upon the members of the SKC to share this responsibility and acknowledge their role in maintaining the financial future of the state body.

To achieve this we need to work together to ensure that each and every race meeting held anywhere in the state is as successful as it can be, with preferably the greatest number of entrants that we can muster.

We, as an organisation, need to put aside petty rivalries and differences and concentrate on ensuring the continued financial future of this great sport that we all so ardently and passionately support.

NKC Delegate Report

The National AGM was held in Yeppoon Queensland recently and a number of the executive positions were hotly contested, culminating in the following changes taking place –

- National President - Simon Whiting (from NSW)
- Vice President - David Murray (from VIC)
- National Technical Coordinator - Les Allen (from NSW)
- National Prosecutor - Howard Whitehouse (from NSW)

Voting in all other positions resulted in no change from the previous incumbent.

One of the most important issues arising from the election of the new executive members was the tabling of a draft Constitution change in relation to the proposed introduction of governance.

The draft Constitution has been made available to all clubs and I urge every member to review it and submit any comments they have via the A1 process (ie karter to club, club to state office, state office to national office).

As is usual there were many individual items encompassing the Administrative, Technical, Stewards, Track, IKC and Industry committees recommendations that are too numerous to detail here, for a full report please refer to the official minutes of the meeting at the state website under the Agendas/Minutes tab.

Item 5d – Metro Committee Member – Bob Baker

Having been appointed to fill this position until the next AGM I have set about getting the information together about the Metropolitan Clubs.

It is my intention to make contact in the next 4 weeks with firstly the Presidents and then the Delegates in an effort to ascertain the issues for them and gain an understanding of the matters that I may be able to help with.

I look forward to being of assistance to the Metropolitan Clubs.

Item 5e – Country Committee Member – Tony Agland

Firstly, due to prior commitments (Bathurst races) I will not be attending the SKC Meeting.

Recently, we in the Southern Zone held an informal meeting at my home on the Saturday night of the Orange Southern Zone race weekend.

I was grateful for the attendances of Steve King and Derek Ferry from AKA NSW, as well as all the interested people from the Southern Zone clubs.

The main purposes of the night were to discuss the future of the Southern Zone series or something to replace it, the State Cup series and the closed and open State championships – as it affects the southern clubs.

Lots of positive feedback and discussion took place. One of the things to come out of the night was the general recognition that the clubs don't have enough involvement with the organization or promotion of the Southern Zone series. The clubs seem to do a really good job of promoting their other major meeting but when it comes to the Southern Zone series they tend to sit back and let others do all the work. I hope things are better with the State Cup and Closed State Championships.

I must say again how pleased I am with the general operation of the State Council. Everybody works really well together, on that note I am sure you will agree with me that the loss of Max Laybutt as our Treasurer is indeed our loss and the National bodies gain. Having said that, the new Treasurer, Peter O'Neill will do a sterling job for us.

I would like to welcome aboard Bob Baker as Peter's replacement as Metro delegate. Bob and I have worked together before and I feel sure that Bob will do an excellent job.

Assistant Country Committee Member North – Steve Fisher

With the lack of entries at most country clubs being the major concern, it is at a convenient time that we are introducing the State Cup format. No longer will there be Southern and Northern Zone series, but a state based Cup that will hopefully benefit all clubs city and country.

I hope to over the next twelve months help the northern clubs work more closely together to promote and utilise this concept to their advantage.

Motion: Acceptance of all reports

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 6 – Agenda Items

**Item 6a – Proposed Changes to the Industry Representative State Policy
Carried over from July 2010 SKC (Agenda Item 5b)
Proposed by Dubbo Kart Club**

3rd March, 2010.

Attention :- The Executive.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Change of State Policy - Industry Member.

The Dubbo Kart Club is of the view the suggested changes to the State Policy - Industry Representative currently issued for Voting (Ref NSWPV/10-04) need to be re-worded to align with the present Constitution and to provide clarity.

First, this Policy should be named **State Policy - Industry Member of the Executive**. Clause 9. g) of the Constitution refers to such a position and differs from the identity of the “one Industry member” referred to in Clause 7 of the Constitution that appears to refer to an Industry Member of the State Karting Council.

Second, as Clause 9. 3) c) appears to permit for the election of only six (6) officers of the Executive, three (3) in any one year and three (3) named officers in odd numbered years this Policy should provide for the method of election of the seventh officer of the executive until the Constitution is amended to take care of that anomaly.

We thus suggest the following wording:-

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Member Clubs are to be requested to submit recommendations of suitably qualified persons to for the position of Industry Member of the Executive to the Executive at least two (2) months prior to the Annual General Meeting in any even numbered year.

The Executive shall select a minimum of two (2) persons for Nomination from the list of recommendations and submit these Nominations to be voted on by the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Such Nominations to be forwarded to the Members at least one (1) month prior to the Annual General Meeting together with details of why these Nominated persons are suitably qualified to be the Industry Member of the Executive.

This change to the present State Policy will allow Kartshop Retailers, Kartshop Wholesalers, Manufacturers of Karting Products and Importers of Karting Products the ability to be represented at the Executive level of the State Karting Council. This will assist in giving a balanced view of the Karting scene as a whole to the Executive and thus to the Australian Karting Association (NSW) Inc.

We request this alternative view be circulated to all Member Clubs prior to the Vote on this matter being finalised.

The Status of the “one Industry member” referred to in Clause 7 of the Constitution requires separate consideration.

Kindest regards,
Arthur Mortimer.
Delegate of the Dubbo Kart Club.

Motion:

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

**Item 6b – Demerit Points System
Proposed by Executive**

OBJECTIVE

To establish a National Standard Demerit Point Penalty System for use by Stewards to deal with minor matters without the need to have hearings.

Further, to standardise penalties from State to State for the same offences, thus giving a consistency that is currently lacking and leading to confusion by competitors.

OVERVIEW

Steward of race meetings have to continually deal with minor infringements of the rules by way of a formal hearings. The Demerit Point System would allow the clerk of the course and the Stewards with the agreement of the competitor to deal with minor matters by way of Penalty Notification Form.

Each driver is allocated 20 points to their respective license. A driver who breaches a rule can be dealt with by way of a Demerit point penalty. This point penalty is deducted from their points. When a driver losses all of the points within a twelve month period they are automatically suspended for a period of 3 months.

The points lost from an infringement are returned to the driver's license after a period of 12 months from the date of the infringement.

The driver would be spoken to by the Clerk of the Course and have a choice of accepting a Demerit point penalty or attending a Stewards hearing.

If the driver accepts the demerit point penalty then a Penalty Notice is issued (Currently used AKA form).

If the driver wishes to contest the infringement then a stewards hearing is held. If found guilty, a standard penalty applies. The original demerit points plus a fine of \$50.00 per demerit point (i.e. 3 demerit points & \$150.00 fine). The driver still has the provisions of Chapter 8 (Appeals) for the hearing.

The Demerit points for each offence are listed in a Penalty List and cannot be varied by the Stewards of the meeting. This will give consistency throughout the our National organisation.

Motion: Forward the demerit points system proposal to National for ratification by the NKC.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 6c – State Cup Series Proposed by Executive

Document to be distributed

Motion: Accept the tabled State Cup Series.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 6d - Practice State Policy Carried over from July 2010 SKC (Agenda Item 6w)

Document to be distributed

Motion: Accept the tabled Practice State Policy.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

**Item 6e - Revised State Championships State Policy
Proposed by Executive**

To accept the revised State Championships State Policy that was circulated on the 29th September 2010.

Motion: Accept the tabled State Championships State Policy.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

**Item 6f - National Draft Constitution
Proposed by Executive**

Motion: To accept the draft 2010 National constitution that was circulated on the 15th September 2010.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

**Item 6g – Technical Team
Proposed by North Shore**

Consideration that when the Technical Teams attend race meetings, that the cost of their attendance be subsidised by AKA NSW. Having a Technical Team attend a meeting puts an extra cost on the club. This would also encourage clubs to bring in a technical team to assist in ensuring that karts are being run in a legal manner.

Motion:

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

**Item 6h – Licences – Junior Performance Classes
Proposed by North Shore**

Consideration for the age to run in the KF3 / Junior Performance classes to be the year of your 13th birthday (i.e. if you turn 13 in June you can start racing KF3 / Junior Performance in January of that year). This would bring our rules into line with the current overseas rules.

Motion: Forward to National office for ratification by the NKC.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

**Item 6i – Rule 32.09 Proposal
Proposed by Newcastle**

PROPOSAL TO THE STATE KARTING COUNCIL FOR RULE CHANGE	
	Date: 29 th September 2010
Rule 32.09	Submission by: Newcastle Kart Racing Club
History:	<p>At the previous State Karting Council the Newcastle Kart Racing Club put forward a proposal suggesting the introduction of a Master's licence to allow certain B grade licence holders to participate in Restricted 125 Class events.</p> <p>The Master's licence failed to gain any support in that form. The Newcastle Kart Racing Club membership has modified the proposal and now places the following proposal for consideration by this Council.</p>
Requested Change	<p>This proposal requests that rule 32.09 be revised to include:</p> <p>That all B grade drivers be permitted to enter in C grade (Restricted 125 Class) races at the discretion of the organising club responsible for the race meeting.</p> <p>The B grade driver would not be required to downgrade his or her licence on the condition that the competitor is ineligible to earn club championship points in that C grade competition.</p>
Follow-up	Should this request be accepted by the State Karting Council, we request the proposal for change to rule 32.09 be forwarded to the National Karting Council for consideration.
Submitted by:	Philip J Naughton, Delegate, Newcastle Kart Racing Club.

Motion: Forward to National office for ratification by the NKC.

Moved
Seconded
Voting
Motion

Item 7 – Discussion Items

Item 6a – Trophies and Awards
Carried over from July 2010 SKC (Agenda Item 6a)

Item 6b - State Marketing/Sponsorship Agent
Carried over from July 2010 SKC (Agenda Item 6b)

Item 6c - Strategic Planning Session
Proposed by Executive

Item 6d – Postal Votes
Proposed by Port Macquarie
Correct protocol on conducting postal votes

Item 6e – Voting
Proposed by Port Macquarie
Open discussion regarding for and against motions.

Meeting Closed at