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2007 NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

This time last year as co-delegate for the host State, I made the Welcoming address to the NKC at the AGM. In that address I asked you as delegates to put aside personal issues and agendas. I asked you, whilst still being mindful of your responsibilities to your constituents, to take a more open and holistic view of the sport and make a step forward into the future.

I sit here this morning proud and optimistic, I say to you my sense of pride and achievement should be felt by you all, as we stand ready to deliver our sport, our passion, into a new era.

A new and exciting era, created and nurtured in no small way by you as the delegates, who I believe, will be remembered and revered historically as the ones with the foresight to see the future and the courage to act on it. Too many at this point in time, see little difference but you and I both know that collectively we have engineered and initiated the processes to take the sport into the next decade and beyond.

I personally and neither could the sport, have asked and expected anymore than what you have done. Your ability to make and enact on the tough decisions will stand the test of time and will ultimately even if belatedly deliver our sport into the twenty first century.

My vision last year was, that everyone in the room at sometime in the distant future would be able to sit back in a quiet moment of reflection take a look at the hugely successful and relevant activity that Karting has become and think about this day, this time. I wanted you to be able to feel the glow of satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that you had a significant role in creating that success. I now believe our vision will become reality.

You have set the necessary processes in motion and this year, I believe will no doubt go down in our Karting history as a watershed. It will be remembered as the time Karting was finally armed and positioned to take on the real competitors. The many other sports and recreational pastimes that are part of the kaleidoscope of choices on offer to potential Karters.

There is still work to be done, there always will be, however as we face the tasks ahead at this meeting and indeed the ones that will continue to confront us in the future, please take a moment at this time to absorb and enjoy the wonderful sense of achievement. You deserve it.