



State Karting Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday 25th February 2017
9.30am

Alpha Hotel Eastern Creek
Corner Brabham & Peter Brock Drives, Eastern Creek

KARTING NSW STATE KARTING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

State Karting Council Meeting Opened at 9.28am

Item 1 - Confirmation of attendance, proxies and apologies

Proxies

Coffs Harbour Kart Racing Club
Grenfell Kart Club
Gunnedah Kart Club
NSW Speedway Kart Club
Sapphire Coast Kart Club
Vintage and Historic Karts Australia

Carried By

Lismore
Griffith
Tamworth
Chairman
Chairman
Bathurst

Attendance

Bathurst Kart Club	Greg Dickson
Canberra Kart Racing Club	Michelle Livanes
	Jo Tilbrook
Central Coast Speedway Kart Club	Michael Bell
	Victor Maastricht
Combined District Kart Club	Stephen Wright
Dubbo Kart Club	Ian Hobden
Goulburn Kart Club	Martin Emr
	James Waters
Grafton Sporting Car Club	Bede Martin
Griffith Kart Club	Ashley Woolner
Lismore Kart Club	Barry Fisher
	Judy Larrescy
Manning Valley Kart Club	Darren Chick

Newcastle Kart Racing Club
North Shore Kart Club
Port Macquarie Kart Racing Club

Subaru Karting Association of NSW

Sydney Kart Racing Club

Tamworth Kart Racing Club
The Endurance Karting Association
Wagga & District Kart Racing Club

Wollongong Kart Racing Club
Chief Executive Officer/Chairman
State Secretary
Director Financial Services
Director Industry Services
Director Member Services Metro Zone
Director Member Services Northern Zone
Director Member Services Southern Zone
Director Strategic Services
Officials Coordinator
State Office
Governance Committee Member

Grant Dalton-Kirby
Phil Howarth
Craig Rees
Steve Edwards
Mark Pickering
Laurie Fooks
Warrick Norris
Bob Baker
Dawn Hull
Dieter Both
Tonya Longmore
Andrew Longmore
Steve Southwell
Derek Ferry
Karen Newton
Arthur Mortimer
Max Laybutt
Russell Grimson
Paul Hull
Craig Sargent
Peter O'Neill
Trish Maastricht
Donna Foster
Frank Terenzini

Apologies

Eastern Creek Karts Pty Ltd
State Track Inspector
Speedway Track Inspector
State Technical Advisor
Legal Advisor
Assistant Technical Officer
State Medical Officer

Phil Middleton
Jeff Burton
Graeme Abbott
Grant De Fries
Graham Armstrong
Dr. Cranswick

Absent

Orange Kart Club

Observers

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

Moved Lismore
Seconded Manning Valley
Voting 25-0-0

Motion Carried

Item 2 – Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Motion: Declaration of pecuniary interests noted.

Moved Newcastle
Seconded Port Macquarie
Voting 25-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 3 - Acceptance of digital recorder

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

Moved Sydney
Seconded Newcastle
Voting 25-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 4 - Open meeting to observers

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

Voting Port Macquarie
Seconded Newcastle
Voting 25-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 5 – Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation: That the 12th November 2016 SKC minutes be accepted.

Moved Lismore
Seconded Sydney
Voting 25-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 6 – Reports

Item 6a – Board Chairman/Chief Executive Officer – Derek Ferry

I can't believe how fast the new year is going already we hare coming to the end of January.

While we are only starting the new year racing, it is well under way.

Newcastle was first off the rank with the AKC Shakedown meeting, followed by Lithgow's Ladies Meeting which saw an increase of numbers from the previous year. The first round of the Pro Tour which was held at Todd Road in Melbourne.

The Port Macquarie Kart Racing Club will be holding their Pacific Coast Titles and Round 1 of the Northern Zone to start February off. The second weekend in February will see the first round of the AKC being held at Newcastle. So, as you can see racing is well underway for 2017.

Last weekend Karting NSW held a two-day Officials Conference and training course. We were able to do this because of a grant we received from Sport and Recreation. This grant was only possible through the hard work of Bob Baker OAM not only did Bob secure the grant he also arranged and organized the training course. I would also like to thank Trish Maastricht and the Panel, Mark Horsley and Phil Middleton for their help at the conference.

With the release of the new rules, there have been a few changes.

There has also been changes to class groupings and formats. I know that this has caused some concerns to the Clubs but I ask you to be patient, together we will work it out.

Successful

Item 6b – Director Financial Services – Arthur Mortimer

For the first six months of this Financial Year (1st July 2016 to 31st December 2016) licences and participation rates continued to fall but I believe these have now plateaued. The loss of income for this six months was accompanied with a reduction of expenses such that there was a minor loss of our profit and loss approximately \$1,800.

Race entrants (participation) went from 5,811 in 2015/2016 to 5,355 in 2016/2017 a drop of 456. This reduction was prominent early in the financial year but appeared to level by December. December's participation was only 10 less than the previous December.

Licences issued in this period fell by 122 being 51 practice licences and 71 others (competition/vintage/SEL). It will be interesting to see if issued licences and participation numbers remain steady in the next six months to 30th June compared to the previous like period.

Additionally, unbudgeted, we received a grant of \$46,00 from the NSW Office of Sport and Recreation for Race Officials development and training. Expenditure of this commenced in January with the Officials Conference.

Item 6c – Director Member Services Central Zone – Russell Grimson

Racing has commenced with the first 2 Major events been conducted in the NSW Metro area being Round 1 of the 2017 National Championship at Newcastle which was successful

despite the heat, a fine effort from the Newcastle Club, Officials and many helpers who are to be congratulated.

The second event was the annual Ladies race meeting at Lithgow with 61 entries from all over Australia, a great turnout of girls who all race for the Pink plate. Prior to 1987 the Australian Championship included a ladies only class the entry was for around a dozen or so, the turnout at of 61 at Lithgow is marked improvement. In addition, the charity princess fund raising contest for The National Breast Cancer Foundation which is run in conjunction with the race meeting has raised over \$200,000.00 since 2007 a great result and something that karting can take pride in that we, as a small organisation we are doing our bit to help in the research of breast cancer and medical research in general.

Northshore Kart Club has carried out repairs to their track and Combined Districts are currently having their Lithgow City Kart Raceway resurfaced, the track will be closed for most of March.

I notice that the north of the state and the south of the state are now running their zone events, is it time to introduce a series in the metro.

The numbers of karters are static the juvenile classes are ok but we need more senior karters to make up the short fall in helpers and officials to assist with running kart meetings. Is it time to investigate a club only economy kart class at a moderate cost with low power and hard tyres

In addition, I feel that Clubs are running the Clubs by committee only, possibly we should return to Club general meetings, say about at least 2 a year not including their AGM where the members can get to know there fellow members socially away from the race track which may help.

Russell Grimson.

Item 6d – Director Member Services Northern Zone – Paul Hull

The 2017 karting year has begun with many major events scheduled for the Northern Zone area this year.

All the clubs in the area had a meeting to discuss the race dates for 2017 which was very successful. The clubs were able to arrange their race dates so that they did not clash with one another and as such this enables the karters to participate in more events in their region.

Last year saw the clubs revitalize the Northern Zone Series which proved to be very popular with the karters.

The first round was held in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Titles at Port Macquarie with the second round to be held at Coffs Harbour, the third at Grafton and the final round at Tamworth in conjunction with the Alan Cox Cup.

Once again we would like to thank Bartercard, Zippy Tie Man, Stickerman Signs, and Troy Brown Computer Solutions for coming on board with sponsorship for the series.

It is good to see that all Northern Zone Clubs are being proactive in trying to attract people to obtain their officials accreditation so that they can help with running their race meetings.

In conclusion, congratulations must go to Barry Fisher from Lismore Kart Club for receiving an Australia Day Award.

Thanks,

Paul Hull
Director of Member Services Northern

Item 6e – Director Member Services Southern Zone – Craig Sargent

The end of 2016 saw some great racing to cap off the season, with the final round of the Southern Star Series at Wagga, as well as the other major meetings in the zone. The South Pacific Titles in Orange, the Canberra Cup and the Sapphire Cup in Bega.

Once again, the Southern Star Series was a great success and a credit to all of the officials and competitors who made the series such an enjoyable series to be apart of. As well as a stash of prizes including a IAME KA 100 engine.

I'm sure 2017 will again present its challenges, with the few changes to the regulations, and hopefully a bit more flexibility will allow for smoother club day meetings.

Lest all hope that the new constitution passes smoothly and we can all band together as a group of like minded individuals and clubs to take our sport further and to the level it should be.

Good luck and a safe 2017 to all.

Craig Sargent
Director Southern Zone

Item 6f – Director Strategic Services – Peter O'Neill

Welcome to 2017 and another exciting year of karting, the new rule book is out and as usual KA has not disappointed us by being boring. Indeed whilst the number of rule changes is less than in previous years, the rules that have changed will have an influence on the way we conduct our race meetings and ourselves. I would recommend that everyone

familiarise themselves with the changes so you will not be caught short, regardless of which end of the rule you may be on.

On 21 & 22 January this year the Officials Training Conference was held at Penrith Panthers and from all reports was well received and proved a huge success, I'm sure Trish Maastricht our Officials Co-ordinator will fill in all the official details.

From a Strategic Services perspective I would like to report that we are finalising the roles of Member Protection Information Officer and Complaints Officer within the State office in addition to formalising the policies and procedures that support the responsibilities associated with these two important functions. Included in this will be information provided on the Karting NSW website for all to access.

Another ongoing strategic responsibility is the Working With Children Check required by The Office of The Children's Guardian and NSW Sport & Rec, the latest information from both organisations is that the WWCC should be extended to cover all staff and volunteers in contact with children. Whilst this may seem onerous for our volunteers it is free and only takes a few minutes, the implementation of this will be directed by the office through Club Secretaries and will only relate to accredited officials of all grades initially.

Karting NSW have once again submitted proposals for grant funding through Sport & Rec and are awaiting the outcomes, if successful one particular program is specifically directed at generating increases in club membership at all clubs via a state-wide initiative. Stay tuned for any development.

The new Constitution is also up for consideration and I recommend all clubs give serious thought to the future of Karting NSW and the member clubs that constitute it and how best we can all benefit from a modern, structured and accountable approach.

Thank you to the other Board members and the SKC for your continued support to date.

Yours in karting
Peter O'Neill
Director Strategic Services

Item 6g – Director Industry Services – Max Laybutt

We have not held any "arranged" meetings of the Industry group for this year, however I have spoken with a number of Industry people, and they really are reflecting the same issues as most of the Karter's are concerned with.

The tyres remain a major discussion with everybody, it is clear that, KA, are not prepared to make any adjustment or provide any satisfactory response to the overall request from the majority for a change in some classes, and due to excessive grip level, excessive wear rate, and generally the overall cost, they believe it is effecting class numbers at club level.

A concern that the overall cost of entry to our sport has increased dramatically and is excessive and seen as a deterrent for many new “possible” Karter’s to join our sport. A recent survey of those who attended the “Junior Sprockets” program held in NSW listed entry costs as a main concern and of the approx. 40 attendees only 2 have continued on and sought a licence, while only 2 more have it under consideration.

The loss of Karter’s from club level competition karting continues to rise, particularly in the Cadet 9, and lower performance senior groups and this needs major consideration and discussion at all levels of our administration, Industry members feel that this seems to be a discussion that Boards at both State and National level are reluctant to have.

The rise in numbers of Karter’s going across to “Other” areas of the sport available to them needs to be addressed, by all levels, starting with the clubs themselves who are finding it difficult to obtain people to take on many of the required Club Administration roles.

The general feeling is that with participation rate, and licence numbers continuing to fall, many industry people have already left the sport, and many others are finding it difficult to maintain their businesses.

It is planned to conduct another industry Gathering in the coming months.

Regards
Max

Item 6h – State Officials Coordinator – Trish Maastricht

Welcome to 2017. This is going to be an exciting year for Officials in NSW as a number of changes are happening already and more are in the pipeline.

Firstly, it was wonderful to see so many faces, new and old, at the recent Officials Conference in Sydney, however it was equally disappointing how many people who had accepted the invitation but didn’t turn up, which resulted in money from the grant being wasted.

The vast majority of people who did attend felt that it was a very beneficial weekend and that they walked away feeling more energised and equipped as Officials. The feedback from attendees was for Official training to be redeveloped into a similar format. I will be making enquiries about how this can occur, as all current training formats are developed by KA.

During the conference, attendees were shown the exciting new platform for an online training that will be introduced as a part of the Officials Training program. We will provide further details shortly.

There are 3 upcoming regional Officials training sessions, which will encompass CMS training, Risk Management and Train the Trainer for each Club. The Train the Trainer is for each Club to have a Club based trainer for Grade 4 Officials. Details will be released by State Office shortly.

The Officials panel are meeting in the next few weeks to finalise the training program calendar and plans for the year. The main schools will be conducted in areas that have a large number of Officials who require training this year. Remember, you can attend any school in the state as you aren't locked in to just your region. Also, please remember that you only need to attend a school every 2 years. Schools will continue to be based on a regional structure, so again I ask the Clubs to support your members who are Officials to travel to the training school. Please remember what support these people provide to your Club and show that they are an important member of your team.

Members of the Officials Panel are going to be focussing on visiting every Club in their region at least once this year in the form of an Unannounced Visit. This will be to provide support, guidance and education for Officials and Club Executives. We will also be taking this opportunity to support Officials who might be ready to progress through the grading system.

Finally, we will also be scheduling a number of larger race meetings throughout the state that will be used for the purpose of upgrade assessments. All upgrades are competency based, bringing karting into line with most other sports in the country. This means that every Official must be able to demonstrate the necessary skills and competencies required for each step through the grades prior to upgrades being approved. As a sport we expect competitors to act in a professional manner at all times, it is therefore vital that we have the same standards expectation for all Officials and volunteers.

A list of meetings that will be used as opportunities for assessment will be released shortly after confirmation with the Clubs involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind Officials that the NSW Officials Coordinator and Officials Panel is your first line of support, so please don't hesitate to contact either, Steve Fisher, Darcy Cox or myself if you have any questions or suggestions.

Kind regards,
Trish Maastricht
Stateofficialscoordinator@kartingnsw.com.au
0412 976 922

Motion: The acceptance of published reports.

Moved Manning Valley
Seconded Lithgow

Voting 25-0-0
Motion Carried

Item 7 – Board Transaction List

Date	Decision	Reason
Dec 2016	Signed Sports Marketing Agreement with Orange Council for sponsorship of Round 1 2017 State Championships.	

Item 8 – Update from Clubs

At a recent Board meeting it was decided it would be beneficial to hear from our Clubs on how they are promoting themselves to share the information with other clubs. Each Club will be allotted a timeslot up to 5 minutes.

Barry Fisher was congratulated on his Australia Day award for his service to karting.

Item 9 – Agenda Items

Item 9a – Track Development Fund Trust Deed of Assignment.

Carried over from previous SKC meeting

Update from the Board from their request to KA to provide the document which appoints AKA Ltd as the Trustees of the National Track Development Fund.

We have to write to KA for a response, they are waiting on advice from Ian Simpson Solicitors.

Item 9b – KNSW and KA Memorandum of Understanding

Carried over from previous SKC meeting

Submissions from the Board and Clubs to be discussed prior to the Board requesting a meeting with KA to commence a formal review.

Once submission received by WKRC as follows:

WKRC (Inc)
PO Box 266 Gymea
Post code 2227.
Email: WKRC@optusnet.com.au
Ph. 0425 279 847
02 9525 9862

- Interpretations (a) Remove Executive Commission in favour of more General meetings.
 3.1 (iv) All correspondence in and out to be noted and published.
 Xix State to have discretionary power to implement state classes as required.
 3.2 Remove
 3.3 (4) Add in KA to provide update of quarterly licence holders and participation numbers.
 3.9© Remove Executive Commission and replace with 'General Meeting' of Ordinary Member.
 3.10(a) add in following a majority vote of the Ordinary members properly instructed by the Associate members.
 3.11 Remove entirely
 3.13 The agreement may be altered when the two parties agree on the terms of any alteration. The Ordinary member will not indulge in any changes until formally agreed upon by the associate members.
 3.16© Add in –'through proper consultation with the associate members'

 Structure Do not alter the affiliate structure as is presently arranged.
 The Ordinary Member will be free to create its own constitution.
 Maintain the integrity of the election process at any AGM, notifications of such will be sent to the registered office of the Ordinary member, and the State Secretary, who will forward as a matter of priority to the associated members for the ordinary member to seek direction on voting before any General Election.

Sponsorship Remove the clause 'giving preference to national competition.' All sponsorship to be distributed pro rata to associate members.

Administration to Remain

Kids Karting To remain.

Committee
 WKRC

Motion: We leave the new MOU, to be revised by the new Board when they are elected.

As the registration of the constitution may take some time, Sydney believe the Board should go into care taker mode from today. The new Board isto review the MOU once they are appointed.

Moved Sydney
 Seconded Griffith
 Voting 24–1-0
 Motion Carried

Item 9c –Train the Trainer Training

Update to be provided by Director Strategic Services.

Plan to hold the training prior to a meeting at Coffs Harbour to enable the attendees to go and have live training the day after the theory training.

Bob Baker discussed attendees with Grafton, Lismore, Coffs Harbour, Gunnedah, Tamworth, Port Macquarie & Manning Valley at the SKC meeting. The letters will be released to the Northern Clubs shortly.

The venue will be Opal Coast Resort at Coffs Harbour

Three people from each club will be invited race secretary or back up race secretary, Senior Official who is capable to offer training to grade 4 Officials and a senior Official who can be trained in the Officials side of the CMS.

The date for Orange will be finalised after the training at Coffs Harbour to ensure the format works well.

Sydney date to be confirmed.

**Item 9d – Club Development Fund
Proposed by Sydney Kart Racing Club**

Motion: That the motion to create the NSW Club Development Fund currently in place be rescinded as it has too much of an impact on the financial viability of Karting NSW. This type of funding is now being made available from Karting Australia.

Moved Sydney
Seconded Combined
Voting 25-0-0
Motion Carried

**Item 9e – Pre Entries
Proposed by Dubbo Kart Club**

Thursday 15th December 2016

Karting NSW
admin@kartingnsw.com

RE: Suggestion for discussion to mandatory pre-entry to race meetings.

Karen;

I would like to have the following suggestion put before the SKC at the next meeting please.

The Dubbo Kart Club would invite other clubs to consider and discuss the possibility of going to mandatory pre-entry for all race meetings conducted in NSW. This would be further aided if it was to be introduced Nationally and perhaps might be something worthwhile KA considering.

The suggestion would be to have all entrants at a race meeting pre-enter via CMS prior to the day of the event; including making prepayment for the event. There are a number of positives to this approach:

1. The officials would have a firm number of entries they know they need to work with prior to arriving on the day. Race order, combined classes etc could all be determined on the day prior to the meeting saving considerable time in preparation on race day. It would also assist officials in being able to run race meetings more efficiently as they would have an idea of possible issues in relation to time required etc to get the race meeting completed; meaning any possible issues relating to distances etc could be rectified earlier in the day rather than as issues arise.
2. It is likely to assist with bringing more competitors to race meetings as they would easily be able to see how many entries are going to be at a meeting rather than the current situation of turning up on the day and hoping there are others to race against.
3. At the moment most race days are tied up in the morning with and where from one to three hours in taking entries and getting set up for racing. Obviously by enforcing mandatory pre-entries this would mean that instead of having all this time wasted in the morning, racing would be able to get away earlier or have a more friendly 'start time' for competitors to arrive at the track.
4. There is no exchange of money etc at the track; meaning that club members or officials are not burdened with counting and reconciling money and the additional safety aspects of not having large sums of cash at the trackside. This also means that competitors are able to make payment by credit card or bank transfers etc which are typically not available at the track.

If for whatever reason a competitor pre-entered and was unable to attend we would suggest that as long as the competitor makes contact with the organisers prior to racing being commenced then a refund would be able to be issued.

The collection of race entry fees could be undertaken by either KNSW or the club with money be remitted to the to other as required. The advantage of having KNSW collect all entry fees at the time of pre-entry is that all costs related to permit fees etc are collected immediately by KNSW meaning clubs would no longer accidentally fall behind with payments.

This could be held by KNSW and remitted to clubs at the end of the month taking out all payments due for various invoiced items including permit fees, stationary, protest/appeal fees etc with the remainder then being electronically remitted to the clubs. This also gives a central point for all payments to be made regardless of the location of the meeting and also gives competitors and clubs a single point of contact in relation to financial matters. Alternatively clubs could collect their own entry fees and remit money to KNSW as is currently the case.

Yours sincerely,
Ian Hobden
President – Dubbo Kart Club Inc

Motion: *KNSW to request to KA that pre entries stay open to midnight on Thursdays*

Moved Port Macquarie
Seconded Canberra
Voting 25-0-0
Motion Carried

Motion: Compulsory pre entries for all race meetings be discussed by KA

Moved Dubbo
Seconded Sydney

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Item 10 – Late Agenda Items

Motion: Allow late agenda items.

Motion Carried

Item 11 – Officials for Clubs

Proposed by Lismore

22 February 2017

SKC & NSW Kart Clubs

During our committee meeting last night, a discussion was held regarding the regular emails officials receive calling for assistance to run meetings.

We request the SKC discuss & come up with requirements to be placed on clubs to have officials trained up.

We realise that they will need to start as level 4, but should work their way to level 3.

Can you please resolve a minimum number or percentage that each club should have of level 3 & 4 officials.

Club should be able to run the majority of meetings with their own officials & only call on assistance **occasionally** from officials from other clubs or for big meetings.

Regards

J Nommensen

Jodie Nommensen
Secretary - Lismore Kart Club

Discussion held.

Item 12 – Starting Query
Proposed by Lismore
Karting NSW
Attention: Karen Newton

Re: 2017 starting Procedures

As you would be well aware races have always traditionally been started with a green Light or a national flag, the 2017 manual now states:

Competition Rule 22

(xiv) The Starter will give the Start signal as the Drivers approach the Control Line and only if they are satisfied with the formation and speed of the Karts.

(xv) The static red or yellow lights being switched off will signal the Start of the Competition.

(xvi) A Driver will be permitted to accelerate only after the Start signal has been given.

Could you please provide clarification if the green light is the start signal or do clubs have to have their lighting system modified to reflect the yellow or red light being switched off to reflect the start.

Also can you please clarify if the maintaining positions is after passing the formation for the first or second time or can the positions be changed until they get to the formation for the second time, after this point drivers cannot change positions.

I am

Jodie Nommensen
Secretary
Lismore Kart Club

Discussion held.

General Business

Discussion held on class groups at race meetings.

Meeting Closed: 1.50pm