

President Report General Meeting 21/4/2018

Welcome to my first report as IKC new President. I have been full steam ahead in these past two weeks trying to implement strategies to get our club great again and working with the committee to resolve a few issues.

Firstly, thanks to Kevin Castles our previous President for all his time and effort he has put into the club and wish him well on his future endeavours. Kevin will still carry on being a committee member with IKC.

I spent all last week at the track. First on the agenda was fixing our lights that blew up. A big thanks to Electro industries who sent their boys out for three days to find the issue and then run all new cable and fix our problem. This may come under our insurance and we are currently in the middle of processing this to hopefully save the club money. I have managed to fix both mowers and have them up and running and mowed most of the grass on the infield. We also fixed the hot water issue by fitting a new hot water unit and now have red hot showers ready to go. A big thanks to Travis McNeil from Evo Heat for supplying us with the new unit. I also had a good look around the place and we have a lot of work to do to bring facilities up to scratch.

Nigel has sourced all new toilets, sinks, fixtures and fittings to revamp the old toilet block. This will happen over the next few weeks with a new coat of paint and tiles it will look fantastic for under \$500. We have also taken over 5 tonnes of tyres to the recycler and a cost to the club. We will now not allow any old tyres to be left at our venue and all old tyres must be taken with you.

I'm really looking forward to our working be on Saturday. Its looking at over 40 people already and it will completely transform the clubs look, really looking forward to all the tyres and kerbs to be freshly painted! Thanks to all those that have offered up their time and it would be great to see more members attend (many hands make light work).

Dash for cash has been run and won!! Thanks for all the positive feedback we received it was great to show you all we can run a club meeting to a time schedule, have a lunch break and finish by 5pm. We can't always guarantee this, but we will now use this a template to run all our meetings. It was also great to see the random draw back as I feel this produces the best drivers.

Going forward my first major hurdle is sorting out our lease with the local council. It is no secret our lease is up in the next few years and plenty of rumours are circulating, none of which are true. I have meetings setup with the mayor and will be in deep discussions to make sure the grounds remain leased by IKC. I will let all members aware of how we are travelling as it progresses.

I'm also having a meeting with a grant writer next week to go over our strategy and 3-year plan of attacking grants best suited to our needs. First up is a \$150k grant which we would use towards a new toilet block and lighting. Following that is the main one of \$2mil, this is offered for infrastructure upgrades (track resurfacing & Club house). Once again it depends on how the grants are structured and what we can use them for.

We recently had a very successful come and try day run by Russell our Junior development officer last Sunday with a lot of people's help. We will be targeting these days and a lot more of them to boost our members and introduce new people to the sport of karting. Anyone wanting to Donta and equipment please let Russel no, so we can take it off your hands.

Pro Tour is coming up on the 3,4,5,6 May and we are still chasing club members to help as volunteers. Remember this will go towards your club championship points as club duties. Also, our next meeting 19th May is our Restricted Title Meeting so make sure you all get your entries in for what will be a great day and another meeting that will run to a time schedule. We are also chasing volunteers on this meeting as well if you can email racesecretary@ipswichkartclub.org.au.

People will see the new tram lines painted on the track instead of dead man's land. This will be spoken about in drivers briefing but please check your rule book on start procedures and penalties.

I'm really looking forward to the rest of the year to show what we as a committee and members can produce with making IKC great again. Please remember negative comments and talking only brings negative results. If you have any issues big or small, negative or positive please just talk to a committee member or if that isn't working email me direct on president@ipswichkartclub.org.au.

Safe Racing

Scott Howard

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