

Karting Queensland

State Karting Council Meeting

Minutes



Venue

Brisbane International Hotel Virginia
21 Zillmere Road
Boondall Qld 034
PH – 07 3265 7066

18th & 19th August, 2018
10:00am



Australian Karting Association (QLD) Inc.

State Karting Council Meeting Agenda

Saturday 18th August, 2018

Sunday 19th August, 2018

Commencing at 10:00am

Meeting Opened at 10:13am & 12:17am

President's Welcome

Karting Australia Presentation – Kelvin O'Reilly

- Copy of Powerpoint presentation sent to all clubs

Item 1 - Confirmation of Attendance, Proxies and Apologies

Proxies Nil

Attendance *As per register*

*Brett Aird – President
Karl Jennings – Vice President
Peter Hill – Junior Vice President
Annette English – Secretary / Treasurer
Shaune English – State Technical Officer
Mark Hogan – State Officials Officer
Phil Talbot – Track Inspector
Peter Thomas – Track Inspector / Charters Towers*

*Alf Capri – Warwick
Maureen Capri – Ipswich
Bluey Dean – Gold Coast
Richard Gordon – Rockhampton
Judy Simonds – Rockhampton (Co-Delegate)
John Simonds – Rockhampton (Visitor)
Simon Ham – SEK
Connor Robertson – Gladstone
Adrian Jones – Gladstone (Co-Delegate)
Kim Jones - Cairns
Alex Jones – Emerald
Paul Sidnell – Mount Isa
Darren Smith – Cooloola (Saturday Only)
Ben Stephenson – Bundaberg
Andrew Wagner – Bundaberg (Co-Delegate)
Robert Thorburn – Whitsunday
Rick Eisel - Townsville*

Apologies *Allan King - Vintage Kart Club*
Peter Lane – Warwick Kart Club
Scott Howard – Ipswich Kart Club (will join via Zoom)

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

Moved: Gladstone Seconded: Towers

Vote: For – Warwick, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Cairns, Emerald, Mount Isa, Cooloola, Bundaberg, Whitsunday, Townsville, Charters Towers

Carried

Item 2 - Open meeting to observers

Motion: *That the meeting be open to observers.*

Moved: Gladstone Seconded: Ipswich

Vote: For – Warwick, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Cairns, Emerald, Mount Isa, Cooloola, Bundaberg, Whitsunday, Townsville, Charters Towers

Carried

Item 3 – Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Alf Capri – Engine builder/kart shop owner

Bob Thorburn – Engine builder/kart shop owner

Peter Hill – Kart Shop Owner

Item 4 - Acceptance of digital recorder

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

Moved: Whitsunday Seconded: Towers

Vote: For – Warwick, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Cairns, Emerald, Mount Isa, Cooloola, Bundaberg, Whitsunday, Townsville, Charters Towers

Carried

Item 5 – Acceptance of previous minutes

Motion: *That the minutes from the 28th & 29th April 2018 State Karting Council Meeting be accepted.*

Moved: Ipswich Seconded: Rockhampton

Vote: Abstain – Cairns

For – Warwick, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Emerald, Mount Isa, Cooloola, Bundaberg, Whitsunday, Townsville, Charters Towers

Carried

Item 6 – Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Constitution – currently with solicitors
- Administration Role – has been filled with Annette accepting the position
- Fuel Testing – Documentation has been forwarded to the National Technical Officer

Item 7 – Acceptance of correspondence

Motion: *Accept correspondence*

Moved: Emerald Seconded: Towers

Vote: For – Warwick, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Cairns, Emerald, Mount Isa, Cooloola, Bundaberg, Whitsunday, Townsville, Charters Towers

Carried

Item 8 – Verbal report from each club (Max 2 minutes each)

SEK – currently working on having the Honda Engine homologated and encouraging participation. Mixing our formats to help with participation.

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Gold Coast – Update on the where the track development is up to. There is progress however it is a very slow process.

Cairns – Race day nominations have increased over last year. Having been doing displays and come n try days, membership is looking good. Business plan for the new track is being written.

Gladstone – Been a busy year with a new ingrid / outgrid area, canteen upgrades and scales shed, all done in 8 weeks.

Rockhampton – New retaining wall has been put up using sandstone blocks. Membership numbers have been increasing and the volunteers are working hard to make improvements. Track inspection was completed with various works required including emergency lights.

Ipswich – Lights have been fixed and now all approved. Running come n try days. 40 attendees at the Come N Try day with 12 members signing up.

Warwick – Lots of working bees to bring the track up to date. V8 tyres have arrived and are being bolted together.

Towers – Track isn't quite ready for racing. Received V8 tyres which have been fantastic and are being bolted together. Hoping to start racing end of September.

Emerald – Had a fantastic AKC meeting. Plus 1 program has been working with 8 new members joining the club.

Whitsundays – Received a grant to extend canteen area and walk ways. Numbers are on a steady rise with both race meets and membership. Working on getting ready for States in 2019.

Cooloola – Received the track safety grant from KA, toilet and shower block is finally going in on Monday.

Mt Isa – Struggling with numbers. No longer have access to water directly and will need to cart water in.

Bundaberg – Currently working on getting the track ready for States in September. Looking at resealing the track in mid 2019. Shake down is the 15th September with the Junior Development with John Grother.

Townsville – race day numbers have been increasing approx. 25% higher then last year. New grandstand is in place and general tidy ups have been occurring. Nicholas Rudzinski has been doing timing training with various members and lap tops & infrastructure has been upgraded. Treasurer resigned and has been filled by Kevin Speed. Track sealing is happening on Tuesday. NQ Series was a very successful meet.

- Bundaberg to share with Annette who they are using for the sealing of the track

Item 9 – Management Reports

Official Co-ordinator

- Lots of clubs are having issues in getting officials – sign them up on the day
- Share officials
- Video Schools have been occurring and have been successful – email will go out to all clubs offering the available dates, takes 1.5 hours
- States was fantastic meet
- Rule changes – not a lot received, and they will be proof reading the rule book
- Rotax weight changes came via industry not normal channels
- Consider using full track yellow in the State regulations for all clubs
- All interstate officials need to be approved through National

State Tech

- Have been doing trainings around the state.

- Schools have been combined with a race meet and works really well.
- Corresponding with National Tech about various items.
- Providing on going support to all techs.

Jnr Vice President

- Positivity from last meeting has been continuing
- Gladstone State Titles went really well and the lead up went smoothly, Bundaberg is looking good and all preparations are going well.
- Have been able to work on productive tasks rather than putting out fires.

President

- Numbers are looking good with retention rate being met.
- Welcome dinner at Gladstone was fantastic way to start the weekend on a good note. Brett had good feelings. Set a positive mood for the weekend.
- Plus 1 program, clubs have been taking this on board and it's great to hear.
- Look after your officials and karters when considering the calendar.

Vice President

- Junior Development Program – Dates have been set for all 3 trainings
- All is going well and I'm focusing on how to keep Juniors interested

Treasurer

- Loss of \$36,119.66 for end of financial year
- Currently we are making a profit for the calendar year
- Treasurer honorarium has not and will not be taken for the calendar year saving \$6,000 and with the Secretary position moving to an Award wage it will save \$10,000.

Track Inspector – North

- Whitsunday & Towers have had their inspections done by Tony Manson
- Townsville has been done and the report being written
- Cairns partially done

Track Inspector – South

- All southern tracks completed
- Bundaberg is having the pre-States inspections
- Mount Isa will be done in approx. October

AGENDA ITEMS

Saturday

Item 10a – Plus 1 program

- Presentation by Kelvin – copy of which has been sent to all clubs
- Discussion on the presentation and reminder that KA is here to help
- Support is available via the admin officer

Item 10b – In Camera

- No objections to move into a in camera session
- Discussed & resolved

Item 10c – 2019 Calendar Proposed by Management & Incorporating Late Agenda Item by Cairns Kart Club – This will also be carried over to Sunday

- 3:30pm Scott Howard joined the meeting via Zoom
- 8 Club days?
- Zonal competition to be 1day events for SQ & maybe NQ

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- 4:00pm split into zones to discuss the Zonal competition and club competition
- Southern Zone – 3 rounds with clubs having the choice of 1 or 2 days incorporated with club competition: Ipswich, Warwick & Cooloola
- CQ – all to stay as is (will include the special meet eg. CQ Reef n Beef) all within the first part of the year
- 5 club days for central zone cubs – Rocky & Emerald, Gladstone & Bundaberg for CDR
- Junior Series – Warwick, Cooloola & Bundaberg (consider finishing at Warwick as it has the strong numbers)
- NQ 4 rounds over 3 weekends with 1 or 2 days for the club to decide
- Townsville 8 club days, memorial event
- Two track challenges
- Each zone has to run the same classes as State Cup
- TaG 125 masters at the SQ will still get an invite but run as TaG 125 medium

Item 10d – 2019 State Regulations Proposed by Management & 2019 Zonal Competition Proposed by Sub Committee

- 5 zonal winners from each zone – gets invite to State Cup: each zone to decide how they would like this to work
- Grid kids – V8 in Townsville & Ipswich (prize or random draw)

Meeting adjourned at: 5:00pm

Sunday

Meeting recommenced: 8:01am

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Fuel testing – we agreed to purchase one from Russia however after further investigation it was determined that it would not be appropriate.

Meeting closed at 12:00pm

AGENDA

ITEMS



Subject	Number of race meetings held per year
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Motion	
Discussion item (if no motion to move)	Cairns Kart Club would like an increase in the number of race meetings we hold in 2018.
Issue	As the racing calendar runs from February to December, Cairns inclement Tropical weather (particularly Feb, Mar, Apr, Oct, Nov, Dec) can make it difficult to race each of the scheduled dates due to the speedway surface making the track inaccessible. An increase in race meetings would allow more racing, and greater flexibility should any meetings be rained out.
Issue statement / report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written outline provided (in 'Issue') <input type="checkbox"/> Additional information provided as an attachment <input type="checkbox"/> No written outline
Background	There does not appear to be clarity regarding the decrease in the number of race meetings held per year. Having read the meeting minutes from previous SKC meetings no motion can be found stipulating the decrease in race meetings.
Recommendation/s	That members DISCUSS



Subject

Zonal Competition and State Cup 2019

Motion

Discussion item (if no motion to move)

Options for discussion and consideration to change Zonal Competitions to be a determination of entry to the State Cup

Outline

Option 1

Each Zone runs one zonal meeting all on the same weekend. The Top 5 from each zone gets an invite to the State Cup.

Option 2

2018 Zonal Series will determine invitees for the 2019 State Cup with the Top 5 from each series/each class and the Top 5 winners from the State Championship.

Option 3

First round of each Zonal Series determines the State Cup Invites. Still the Top 5 from each.

Option 4

Leave the State Cup as a standalone event.

Background

We would like to see the State Cup become more prestigious and an increase in patronage.

Things to consider:

- Previous Cup winners may wish to defend their title
- Should there be a roster for the State Cup?
- Would we like to see the State Cup be in the zone that doesn't have a round of the State Championship?

Recommendation/s

That members of the SKC agree to an option in principal to be voted on at the AGM.

AGENDA ITEM – 10e



Subject	State Secretary Casual Vacancy
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Discussion item (if no motion to move)	Expressions of interest requested to fill this casual vacancy.
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Issue	Annette has accepted the paid Administration position and has therefore resigned as State Secretary.
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AGENDA ITEM – 10f



Subject	TDF Fund
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Motion	That the TDF amount of \$3 per entry be temporarily redirected to general funds to assist the association return to a profit..
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Issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The downturn has meant a reduction in income• Costs are going up• Equipment required by the state needs to be updated eg tech tools, printers, computers etc• Postage / freight is required to help with promoting the organisation
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Background	<p>Currently the TDF with all loans paid off has \$214,975.38 in it (current held cash \$149,253.16).</p> <p>Last year the TDF took in \$16,269.00</p> <p>The association has survived through a very tough down turn spurred by the GFC and the resulting decline in expendable cash that has seen a decline in membership and participation. As participation numbers increase, as we are starting to see, the association will also see the flow on from the increase. However, the increase in revenue will take time to return KQ to the previous strong position. As an association we can not return to the poor financial position we found our selves in prior to 2012, we need to direct income cleverly to see us return to a strong financial position as quickly as possible.</p>
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Recommendation/s

- Cap the TDF at \$150,000.00 available cash
- Redirect the current \$3.00 per nomination TDF levy into the KQ operating account.
- Review the financial position of KQ in January 2020 when setting the budget.
- Reduce operating expenses, such as review the number of face to face meetings (average \$15000.00 per meeting)
- Develop a policy for the TDF to be self replenishing
- In 2020 we look at the \$3 fee be used to for an Asset replacement fund eg. Tyre scanners, radios, tech tools

AGENDA ITEM – 10g



Subject	The Betterment of Karting in QLD
Motion	To be decided
Discussion item (if no motion to move)	Utilising the SKC's full potential in order to better karting in QLD
Issue	<p>Clubs are not utilising the facilities available to them to create change/develop karting at their own clubs and as a whole in Qld. This is becoming frustrating to Clubs who would like to see karting rise from its current downward trend and reinstate it to a viable level.</p> <p>All the recent changes to motors, tyres etc. is what we have to work with. If it or anything else is presenting an issue for clubs then these issues need to be raised as agenda items at an SKC Meeting to ensure they can be dealt with using correct process.</p> <p>Issues need to be brought forward with factual evidence to convince SKC and Club members there is a genuine issue. What affects one Club may not affect another.</p> <p>A Committee must act as a whole for what is all agreed as the best way forward, but if there is no issues brought forward to the meeting the SKC cannot act. Unfortunately, some members feel it is easier and possibly safer to have open and closed conversation within their own club and never bring it to the SKC for discussion and support.</p> <p>Karting QLD and Karting Australia are there to assist and facilitate the operations at your club. If something isn't working or there is confusion surrounding an issue they are there to help. It is as simple as help us to help you. Bring the issues to the table and they can be discussed and acted upon.</p> <p>It cannot be guaranteed that all the Clubs problems can be solved but working with the governing bodies is an awfully good step in the right direction.</p> <p>If you make the most of the opportunities being presented to you, then change and outcomes are real possibility. KA and KQ are not going to help you if you won't help yourself.</p> <p>This is something that Clubs need to think about when it comes to facing problems within karting. Sitting around and waiting for it to all go away will not make things better.</p>

**Issue statement /
report**

Written outline provided (in 'Issue')
Additional information provided as an attachment
No written outline

Background

- Last 2 Agendas have been filled with issues presented by management.
- Lack of agenda items tackling the real issues facing karting.
- Lots of Talk No ACTION
- All of the issues seem to be widely talked about prior and post meetings but these are never presented to the committee.
- Continual talk about the same issues not relevant to the betterment of karting.

Recommendation/s

- That members **DISCUSS & THINK** about the issues facing their Club and whether or not they are making the most of the facilities available to them.
- Development of processes for Club's to use Eg:
 - Quarterly Review template KA/KQ issues to help them prepare for SKC meeting;
 - SKC feedback, item and motion templates;
 - Clubs having an allocated KQ Executive member who has monthly zoom conference with Club executive teams;
 - Development and presentation of training workshops for each of the Executive positions in Clubs that would occur on SKC meeting weekends. The vision is that not only would this provide invaluable skill building for the Executives of Clubs but that it would increase consistency of processes, provide the opportunity for connection and networking across Clubs and have the SKC meeting process exposed to more of our Club representatives.