

Australian Karting Association Inc

National Karting Council Meeting

MINUTES



Venue: Stamford Plaza,
150 North Terrace, Adelaide
8th & 9th December 2012



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AKA NATIONAL PRESIDENT
AKA NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
AKA NATIONAL SECRETARY

CRAIG DENTON
DAVID KISSOCK
PAM ARNETT

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NORTHERN TERRITORY
QUEENSLAND
NEW SOUTH WALES

GARY LIGHT
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MARK HOGAN
STEVE KING

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LEE HANATSCHECK
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OBSERVERS:

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ST GEORGE
IKD
AKA TYRE TESTER
AKA TYRE TESTER
KARTING DIRECT

LES MAY
DREW PRICE
CHRIS DELL
DONALD STEVENS
TROY HUNT
DAVID BREWER Jnr
MARTIN BRYANT

Starting time: 9.06am

1. Opening remarks by the President/Chairman – Chairman Craig Denton.

Welcome to Danny Maxwell Co delegate for Northern Territory.

2. Meeting to be open to Observers

Moved QLD

Second NSW.

Carried.

3. Minute procedure – acceptance of digital recorder as an official recording for the purpose of minute taking by the minute secretary.

Moved ; NSW

Second: TAS

Carried

4. Accept minutes from the previous meeting.

Moved: NT

Second: NSW

Carried

5. Business arising from those minutes and items as listed in Appendix A - Nil

6. Pecuniary Interests declared by NKC and AKA executive members and Staff members:

David Kissock – No

Nathan Burgess - No

Pam Arnett – No

Bob Baker - No

Brian Sparrow – No

Steve King - Part time engine tuner

Gary Light – Part time engine builder

Mark Hogan - No

Steve Pattell – Part time shop proprietor

Michelle Lino – No

Steph Peters – No

John Mc Cleverty - No

Mark Close – No

John Gatt - No

Rod Clee - No

Danny Maxwell – No

Brett Hughes – Kart Shop proprietor

Sue Wallace - No

Craig Denton – Part time shop proprietor.

Lee Hanatschek – Part time media consultant

7. Apologies: Nil

8. Coordinators/Exec to give a five minute update on there area and discuss any additional items.

National officials Coordinators:

State championships have all be run.

2013 Manual is all being put together and will be sent to the printer on Monday 10th

December hoping to be out by the 21st December.

Marketing report:

DVD for how to go karting.Quotes.

USB \$2.27 or \$3.28 or credit card style.

State championships format changes.

National events report:

Held a telephone hook up with club/state representatives and AKA officials in regards to 2013 Nationals . The sup regs are currently being put together.

Unit Trust meeting:

Margret Ryan is appointed as trust unit finances.

Storage – putting up a double garage. Steve to work with a company in to regards this.

Action Items from last NKC meeting:

WA state champion for Jmax. – Completed

Scrutineering forms – gone for legal opinion – Craig Denton

Fuel – removal of ELF from the manual. Discussion

Ian Black – IKD. Agreement discussions with Craig. – Underway.

Electronic manual on DVD. – Majority wanted this to be in hard copy.

9. Governance Update

The governance committee updated the NKC on the change of chairperson. Hender will give an update in there presentation – completed.

10. Future Engine Update

New Engine report:

Cadet Rookie Engine Committee - Steve King:

Report on where there committee is at present with engine. Tender document has now been sent for legal opinion and is presented to the meeting for approval.

National Clubman Engine Committee Gary Light:

5 expressions of interest received. After vetting and seeking further information it has been reduced to 3 manufacturers, lame, Vortex and Maxter. Different ways of doing this, we will pick two engines and test them and decide from there. NKC will be briefed Sunday morning for decision.

Pee Wee class: Committee:

Committee has meet, received many submissions and will get back to the NKC in regards to the details that need to be put together. The committee will come up with a package that will consist of the cost, rules, training and promotion.

11. Treasurers Report

Craig presented a verbal financial report on where the AKA is at with the current situation on finances. The financial documents to be presented to the NKC.

12. Secretary Report – No report to date.

13. Vice President Report

Thank you to everyone for their help and support at both executive, NKC and National office. Troy Hunt for the testing of the tyres.

14. National Committee Report.

15. 2013 Nationals Update – Report from Nathan Burgess.

The canteen is currently being put up and all is on track.

National events coordinator and National track inspector to attend the open meeting in February to assess that the club has completed what is required for the March 2013 Nationals.

Agenda:

1. Tyre Tender – documents as distributed –(In camera)
2. Governance – Presentation from Hender Consulting. (In camera)
3. Junior Development Plan
Troy Hunt presented a program for a National Junior development. Troy to present to the NKC costing for national junior development days including a concept of how he believes he can work with the states to expend upon the programs that are currently being run..
4. AKA QLD
 - a. “ Reduce the current weight associated with the class TAG125 light and TAG 125 Heavy for the Rotax Max 125 and Parilla Leopard X30 125 to 160kg and 180kg, respectively. This is in reference to section 40.02 of the 2012 AKA Manual and the intention is to reduce the number of variables that both TAG and Rotax/Leopard competitors are required to accommodate.
Moved: QLD
Second: NT
Lost
5. 2013 AKA National calendar.
 - a. AKANT dates for 2013 NT State championships.
 - b. AKA AGM /Committee meeting dates to be confirmed. (see attached 2013 National calendar.
6. Karting NSW.

A1 Communications (of all types) must follow the official path
d) Under exceptional circumstances communications may occur at other levels of karting which do not comply with this Rule. Where this occurs all replies should be in accordance with Para(c) unless Privacy Regulations may be breached.
Moved: VIC
Second:NSW
Carried

Appendix A

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS (from last minutes):

WA has been given approval for run a stand-alone State Championship for JMAX due to exceptional circumstances.

Action Item: Brian Sparrow to liaise with Karting WA to establish stand alone Championship event regulations. – completed

Item 4: **QLD** – “How to go Karting” DVD’s

To be provided from National’s Promotions budget free of charge to Clubs – Treasurer to look at figures and data of orders and get back to NKC.

Action Item: Lee to get a quote for 5000 DVD’s to be produced.

Lee has sought costing on DVD’s.

Item 7: **NSW** – Requests the Medical Clearance form replaces the AKA Medical Declaration form on the National Website – Held Over
Action Item: Medical Clearance form to go to CMS team for National website.

- This has gone onto the secretaries CMS list.

Item 11: **WA** – Scrutineering Forms

Question to Insurance Company to see if this form is still to be signed by the competitor.

Outcome: Rulebook states we have to have a signed scrutineering form so it must be done.

Action Item: Can the scrutineering form be signed off electronically?

- This has been sent off for legal opinion.

Action Item: Fuel National Tech committee to report back on the implications of the removal of ELF BFK07 fuel from the AKA Rule book.

To be discussed.

Item 20: **AKA** - Pro Tour

Reason: These events are National events and now that the series has grown to seven events it is harder to fit these seven events into the National Calendar without having clashes. The proposal to have the Pro Tour events included in the IKD promoter's agreement will be presented.

COVERED

Action Item:

President to update the promoter's agreement with DD2 and National Events.

- Craig Denton has met with Ian Black and had discussions on this.
- The agreement is in place and will be presented later to the NKC.

Item 24: **TAS** – Officials Shirts - Update on payment and future purchases

Action Item: Introduce a purchase order system refer to item 24. Completed

- Official's attire – AKA needs to order more of these shirts. Due to the different sizes and types it has been hard to order sizes.
- Brian to supply a budget that is required in regards to more official shirts.

Action item:

The AKA needs all states to supply number of shirts and sizes required.

- AKA to seek legal advice on the wearing of Hi Vis vests.

Item 26: **TAS** – Barcoding Software Upgrade - Update on this programming

Action Item: Gary Light to provide an update.

- Gary Light has a copy of the CD for all states and National office.

Action Item: Lee Hanatschek to put a survey together regarding having an electronic version of the AKA manual instead of the print version.

Action Item: Delegates to seek feedback regarding an electronic version of the AKA manual instead of the print version.

- AKA Manual to remain in hard copy at this stage.

Motion: A start penalty appealable to the steward's of the meeting on production of audio Visual evidence.

Moved: NSW

Second:NT

CARRIED

- QLD and NSW looking into cameras and Video. Work in progress.

Action Item: Brian to review the above item and advise of any other requirements to Implement this rule.

Action Item: Technical Committee to look at the exhaust length measurement procedure to have a common approach as the rule book state that the measurement will be to the weld in one place but the end of the divergence cone in another.

They will also need to review the J pipe in reference to the compliance to the homologated measurements. Discussed the lack of assistance to competitors on the track when a red flag is called suggest we need to ensure that crew go on to the track for each race.

Les Allen to get back to the NKC during the weekend.

Action Item: Refer to Tom Nipperess for a resolution.

Red flag. No information in regards to this as yet.

NSW moved: To go in camera. Second: WA.Carried.

Discussion on the following in Camera.

Governance Board report: Completed (in camera)

Tyres selection for 2013/2016. (in camera).

General Business:

1. CM;S system.

Craig is waiting on John Martin to merge the outstanding items into bugzilla.
There are items that need urgent attention in the secretaries and CMS.
The officials section was an item that needed to be completed.

A discussion on the credit card and many items that are listed on the Secretary list.
These items have been listed for a couple years and also the credit card issue needs to be dealt with to alleviate the non-payment of licence/s and entry fees.

The only payment for licences and entry should be credit card only. This is due to the direct deposits listed and the payments are not deposited and the states have to chase up the applicants for the payment.

2. Historic Association:

Historic Association chairman David Murray has asked if they could have a face to face meeting in February 2013. A phone hook-up is not that productive.
This is to be an agenda item for the 17th January 2013 hook up and a budget to be collated and put forward to the NKC. The meeting to be held in Melbourne or Sydney.

3. Managing traumatic Critical Incidents:

Document sent to National office from NSW – this document to be sent out to all states.
Following an incident in Victoria recently it became more evident that the AKA needed to have a policy for this to assist anyone that has been put into a situation .

NSW to supply names of any chaplains or other motorsport persons that could help in any incident situation for someone needing assistance.

4. Websites – AKA to have club website cost is approx. \$8,000 initial set up. Clubs to be in control at a cost of \$600.00. Hosting fee for a server.

States that are using AKA section for states . NSW and Queensland have come on board with the National website pages.

Saturday NKC meeting finished: 5.27pm

Meeting opened Sunday 9.06am

1. Presentation by Martin Bryant on 5 – 7 year old.

Suggestion that we do not have only one kart type.

The committee will take his views on board as well as the submissions that have been received.

2. Addendums yet to be released:

This addendum could not be released in regards to Rule 13.19.3.6 this was not passed to be implemented immediately.

Moved: NSW

Addendum 30 to be effective immediately.

Second: TAS

Carried.

Addendum 20 – IKD

Section in this addendum needs to be clarified before the addendum can be released.

IKD representative to get back to the AKA with clarification of the rule change.

3. New Engine report

National and Clubman Future engine committee presented the details relating to the submissions received and there recommendations.

Moved: WA

That we move forward with the project and request the two companies to produce engines.

Second: NT

Carried

4. Rotax 125 Rules

Moved NSW

Remove rule 19.1 also in all Rotax tech spec's.

Second:WA

Carried

5. Review of the Stars of Karting for 2012. Presented by Craig Denton

Lee presented the media that has been completed.

2012 Budget – came in around \$20,000 under budget.

Suggestion that TAG light and Heavy be official support classes and that they be given state championship status. This will allow the AKA to promote the new category tyre and formalise this throughout the Country. Suggest that the final round be the National Championships for TAG. This was not viewed favourably so a final round shoot out could be an option. Les May from Dunlop stated that he would offer \$5k towards the series.

Moved:WA

TAG light and Heavy to be support classes for four rounds of the Stars of Karting and that they will be given state championship status for those rounds. The final round for these classes to be a shootout only.

Second:NSW

Carried.

CIK Tyre tendering currently being undertaken, three brands currently being tested.

Hook up with the IKC committee on Wednesday night to make a tyre decision. Does the NKC want to be involved in the final decision?

Tyre contract:

Moved: VIC

That the IKC committee will be responsible to select the tyre selection for next tender period.

Second: NSW

Carried.

KF3 provisional licence:

KF3 Interim Provisional A Grade junior licence

A driver may compete in the KF3 category in the year of their 13th birthday providing they meet the following strict requirements. There shall be no dispensations given outside of this criteria.

- Hold a minimum of a B Grade licence for the past 12 months
- Be a current holder of a junior license
- Display a Green P Plate on the rear of their kart until their 13th birthday

This rule only applies to drivers intending to compete in the KF3 category in the CIK Stars of Karting Series.

This license does not provide the ability to participate in the AKA junior performance categories that require the competitor to be 13 years of age.

This grade of license shall be revoked if a driver,

- a) Fails to compete in the first available round of the series.
- b) In the view of the Chief Steward and Clerk of Course the competitor is deemed to have insufficient driving ability for the category.

The drivers will be observed by the Series Clerk of Course and/or Series Chief Stewards and will start at the rear of the field until these officials are satisfied with the performance of the driver and/or the driver attains the age of 13 years.

Discussion was held re the ability to roll this out to all Junior performance classes. As this is in a controlled environment with qualifying it was felt that this is a large difference between having 12 year olds competing at club level.

Moved: NSW

Second:WA

Abstained: NT

Carried

National Office:

Telephone lines for National office need to be replaced we have had trouble since moving to the new office We have looked at a system that will suit what is required cost is over the AKA executive spending approval.

That the AKA executive precede with the quote that Dancom supplied for approx. \$5,500 for new phone system for the National office.

Moved: NSW

Second: NT

Carried

Following on from this Steve Pattell has offered to seek a better quotation through his contacts.

Chapter 27 – Engine Eligibility

Rule 27.02 g) & 28.02 1 g need to add:

Maximum exhaust length from the exhaust mounting flange (aluminium face of the cylinder) to the Centre of the welds at the end of the divergence cone of the AKA 14 Muffler is 445mm.

Moved: NSW

Second: Vic

Carried

Fuel:

Discussion on VP racing fuel GKX98 – lapsed

Chapter 16

Moved:NSW

Add to rule 16.09 (vi)

However, rule 4.09 (f) maybe employed with the assistance of video or cinematographic evidence.

Second:QLD

Carried

TAG 125 – Weights and Tyres.

Moved:QLD

ELIGIBLE ENGINES TAG	LIGHT WEIGHT	TAG HEAVY WEIGHT
Rotax Max 125:	160kg	180kg
Parilla Leopard RL 125:	155kg	175kg
PRD Fireball 125:	155kg	175kg
SQ Cheetah 125:	155kg	175kg
Parilla Leopard X30 125:	160kg	180kg

Dry Tyres:

Dunlop SL6

Wet Tyres

MG WZ Whites, Mojo W2, Dunlop KT6SLW1

Second: SA

Carried

New engine committee for Rookie/Cadets

That the tender document has been reviewed by AKA legal. NKC accept for distribution.

Moved:WA

Second:QLD

Carried

Official's shirts:

Brian spoke about the Officials shirt and the design of the National technical. Officers. Brian to supply quote and quantities.

Chapter 25. Guards

Remove 25.11 Guards. Delete photo and the following wording:

The OEM engine sprocket guard for the parilla leopard and the SQ cheetah 125 maybe modified as per the following diagram. The corners may be radiused to a maximum of 10mm.

Moved: NSW

Second: VIC

Carried

Comer SW80 Seals.

Moved : WA

Comer SW80 Crank case seals are to be listed as non tech item.

Second:VIC

Carried

Reinstatement of Ralph Van Dorn AKA official's licence.

Tasmanian delegate spoke about last NKC meeting it was asked that Ralph's accreditation be reinstated as technical officer for Queensland only.

Moved: TAS

That Ralph's accreditation is reinstated as Technical officer in Queensland only.

Second: QLD

LOST.

In camera session

Moved: VIC

Second: WA

Carried.

Meeting Closed: 2.43pm

ACTION ITEMS:

AKA Official's shirts: Pam Arnett / Brian Sparrow

- Action item for the states to supply number of shirts and sizes required.

AKA Executive:

- AKA to seek legal advice on the wearing of Hi Viz vests.

Scrutineering form: AKA Executive:

- This is currently being looked into legally.

CM:S system.

- Craig to contact Scott in regards to the credit card direct payments for licences and entries. This to be a priority.

Managing traumatic Critical Incidents:

- NSW to supply names of any chaplains or other motorsport persons that could help in any incident situation for someone needing assistance. Forward documents to all states/NKC.

Super karting:

- Letter presented a letter from Mick Sully – WA in regards to the AKA taking on Superkarts, Long track. Sprint Kart – Short Track. Dirt Track – Speedway.

David Murray and Les May to investigate the possibility of the AKA taking on Superkarts etc. Craig Denton to check with Cams and the Insurance.

AKA Phone: - AKA executive

- That the AKA executive precede with the quote that Dancom supplied approx. \$5,500 for new phone system for the National office.

Official's shirts:

- Brian spoke about the Officials shirts and sizes that are required and working on a design for the State technical Officers shirt. Brian to supply quote and quantities to national office.