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Victorian Karting Association Inc Minutes for Council meeting 12th May 2011 held at the function room "**Taylor's Lakes Hotel, Melton Highway, Taylor's Lakes**

Starting Time: 7.30pm

Apologies: Kevin Mc Kinnon (VKA Scrutineering Coordinator), Bairnsdale Kart Club

Delegates in attendance:

Ballarat, Oakleigh, Geelong. Go Kart Club of Victoria, Eastern Lions, Rochester, Goulburn Valley, Gippsland, Bendigo.

On Skype: Portland, Warrnambool, Swan Hill, Ross Gathercole (VKA Track inspector) due to technical problems they were unable to hear the meeting.

VKA Executive in attendance:

David Murray, Russell White, Alan Barclay, Pam Arnett, Harold Arnett, Sylvia Stania, Trevor Crane.

Acceptance of Council Minutes 14th April 2011

Moved: Rochester

Second: Bendigo

Business Arising from Minutes 14th April 2011

Non approval of the Technical report in last month's minutes. The VKA president has listened to the tape of that meeting and confirms that the Oakleigh delegate did state that the technical people were corrupt. He also agrees that the reported minutes were correct.

To be dealt with later in the meeting.

Treasurers Financial Report:

Alan presented the financial report to the delegates present. A couple of issues that Alan is to come back with an answers next month.

Moved: Gippsland

Second: Rochester

Reports:

State President

Come n try trailer is completed and picked up. Karts are nearly ready, just a couple of things that need to be finalised. Once this is done it can be used by clubs.

Planning meeting for AKA .

This meeting went well although Saturday seemed to be a waste. However some good ideas and planning came out of Sunday.

State Delegate

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Discussion Date: 30th April/ 1st May 2011

CLASS STRUCTURE

Medium term and future longer term plan created for class structure which deals with:

- a. immediately reduce and/or combine classes eg 10 maximum per event
- b. The need to create some form of grading or channeling of competitors into experience levels
- c. Evaluation of engines currently in use and which are delivering value for money
- d. Tyre situation with the aim of reducing the number of specifications in use to simplify the situation for the karter
- e. Reduction of technical variables where possible Entering via 125 restricted not compulsory 125 Restricted Competitors being able to go up to Open 125 but then go back without complication.

It was decided that a pair of committees would be formed for the purposes of future planning and engine configurations in the categories mentioned above. A committee chaired by AKA New South Wales President and NKC co-delegate Steve King, in consultation with Craig Denton and Chris Dell, will

Investigate the options for improving the parity of the current engines in the Midgets and Rookies categories.

Karting WA President and NKC delegate Gary Light will chair a second committee in consultation with Kevin McKinnon and Drew Price with a focus on the National and Clubman engines.

“These committees have been formed to investigate the options that are available, or are planned to be available in the future, for these categories.

A significant amount of time was dedicated towards the future of the 125cc categories and improving the product for the Australian Karting community.

NATIONAL OFFICE

2-3 full time staff other than the admin staff other than office admin staff

An open door policy where these staff are allowed to deal with the queries/needs of the sport.

ADMINISTRATION

Create a survey similar to what was done in NZ gathering key info from karters/others

Create class associations where competitors involved in the class are taken notice of

From above appoint drivers representative with a voice channel and seat at AKA conferences

Tiered licencing and club membership structure/fees and simplified application system

System to allow people to test drive a kart at nil/low cost with minimal formalities

State/National championship restructure so that championships are more defined/valued/meaningful.

Information package to promote karting to make it easier and less intimidating for people to enter.

Track grading system with only certain level tracks allowed to promote state or national titles taking into account location, accommodation, track length, pit size, car park size, amenities

OFFICIAL

New culture of cooperation from both the official & the competitor quantified by mission statement and standard operating procedure (SOP) Creation of a system that has key persons of authority at events for both competition/admin & technical matters Consider engine sealing and certification process across various classes. Try to eliminate engine builders being engine measurers at tracks as it creates much friction

EVENTS

Reduce time at the track on the day of event eg 8am to 4.30pm

Increase track time vs hours spent at the track eg 60 to 80 laps per day as a goal.

Consider event structure alternatives eg half classes Saturday/half Sunday

Improved race calendar planning targeting the needs of the majority

AKA Licence issuing

Time was also spent discussing how the AKA can further refine technology to make the newcomers experience of joining the sport as streamlined as possible. In conjunction with aiming to improve the parity of engines in these two groups of categories, both committees will also be investigating the options of the specifications of future engines in these categories.

State Steward Coordinator

17/04/11

OPEN MEETING

ENTRIES 91

BAIRNSDALE

No Penalties

01/05/11

COUNTRY SERIES RD 3 ENTRIES 162

WARRNAMBOOL

Rule 15.08

Passing under yellow

Place penalty

2x Rule 16.23(a)

Kart contact

50 point penalty

Rule 16.05(b)

No transponder

Exclusion from section of event

Rule 16.23(a)

Kart contact

100 Point penalty

Rule 16.15

Kart direction

300 Point penalty

State Technical

Rotax – The State tech committee are recommending to the NKC that due to the problems with rotax barrels at present and the way they are being brought into Australia it would be best that the class is in line with the world rules.

State Track

Clubs to ensure that their facility is compliant at all times.

State Scrutineer

Nil

State Publicity

Kart Trailer for the Come N try Day's – delegates had a look at it and worked out what decal needs to be put around it.

Junior development camp to be held in September at the Oakleigh Kart Track

Reports Accepted: Moved: Eastern Lions Second: Goulburn Valley

VKA CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- 0.1 Bendigo Kart Club – Application for the Victorian Closed Titles 2012.
- 0.2 Oakleigh Kart Club – Leopard Carburettor
- 0.3 Wimmera Kart Club – re notice of motion April minutes - should read wets not dry tyres.
- 0.4 South West Kart Club – lap top order
- 0.5 Ballarat Kart Club – Lap top order.
- 0.6 South West Kart Club – request for Certificate of currency.

AKA CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- 0.7 AKA – AKA – BAM media releases
- 0.8 AKA – Addendum 16 – 20 / 2011
- 0.9 AKA – New constitution approved by Consumer affairs.(Victoria)
- 0.10 AKA – Tribunal results – Appeal CIK Round 2.
- 0.11 AKA – Certificate of currency – South West Kart Club
- 0.12 AKA – Postal vote required for AKANT state championships to run Open Performance.

VKA CORRESPONDANCE OUT:

- 0.1 Minutes VKA 14th April 2011 council meeting
- 0.2 To clubs – VKA Council agenda 12th May 2011
- 0.3 To Clubs – Addendums 16 - 20 for 2011
- 0.4 To AKA – Request for Certificate of currency for South West Kart club.
- 0.5 To AKA – Yes vote on approval to add Open Performance to NT State championships.

Correspondence accepted: Moved: Oakleigh Second: Go Kart Club of Victoria

Oakleigh delegate spoke in regards to their correspondence – Leopard carburettor . It was felt that a promoter should not be allowed to have items that are not available to all kart shops and competitors.

Agenda items:

Item 1:

Albury Wodonga Kart Club immediate adoption of the AKA's new E grade licence At the suggested cost of \$49.00.

These would have to be \$60.00 as there are extra costs involved in processing this licence. Etc - Manual, licence, post etc.

These licences would not be a part of the licence voting system at VKA level.

A discussion by all the clubs on the for's and against having practice licences. Majority of clubs will not be having the Practice licences and a couple of clubs will be. There is still the cost to be finalised.

Defer to June council meeting

Item 2:

VKA come n try karts & Trailer. Will be ready approx end of May

1. Club Roster to be put together
2. Maintenance of Karts – clubs to ensure that the karts are cleaned after use
3. Signed Contract for usage by clubs.- list of items in the trailer.
4. Maintenance requirements for the karts.

All Clubs to send in some ideas on how to work a roster etc. for May Council meeting
The AKA marketing manager to assist clubs with promotion of a “come n try day”.

Kill start – Harold to look into.

Insurance – David & Pam

Agreement to be put in place for clubs to sign.

Trailer contents to be listed.

Club that requests or next to have the use of it is to pick it up from either a delegates meeting or from the club that last used it.

Trailer Roster:

Bendigo Kart club.

Ballarat Kart Club.

Any club that wishes to utilise the trailer to submit to the VKA office their request.

Item 3:

Channel 31 proposals as presented at March council meeting – discussion the cost and how it will promote our sport , location of where channel 31 is seen etc.

Delegate’s discussed the proposal – outcome not to go with this at present.

Item 4

Sportsman 125 class: Discussion on the motion moved last month to use MG WZ White wet tyres for this class. VKA poll results: Current poll is 45 Answers (61%) Allow use of MG WZ White, Mojo W2 and Dunlop KT6SL W1. Only allow use of MG WZ White 27 answers (39%)

Notice of motion that we move that the Sportsman 125 Class **WET** tyres be Dunlop KT6SL W1. Agenda item for May council meeting.

Moved Oakleigh

That Sportsman 125 run on MG red dry and has the option of MG White, Mojo W2 or Dunlop KT6SL W1 wet for the rest of 2011. In October 2011 a decision is to be made for one wet tyre to be used in 2012.

Second: Eastern Lions

Carried

Discussion on B grade licence holders entering into the Sportsman 125 R and Sportsman 125 classes at a race meetings.

Clarification in regards to these classes:

This is intended for club days only - If there is not a class for the Sportsman 125 Unrestricted (B grade) then they can compete in the Sportsman 125 restricted (using a restrictor plate suited for their engine.) This was not intended for open meetings.

This was the intention and approval by the state to assist Mildura and other clubs that had not enough for each class. To be for Vic Club days only.

Item 5.

2012 Victorian Closed Titles Submissions:

- **Bendigo Kart Club.**

Congratulations to the Bendigo Kart Club in hosting the Victorian Closed Titles.

General Business:

Meeting Closed: 10.12pm

NEXT VKA COUNCIL MEETING: **Thursday 9th June 2011**