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National Events Report - 2009

2009 Nationals – Queensland hosted by the Townsville Kart club:

The Townsville kart club and AKAQLD are to be congratulated on the running of the 2009 47th AKA National Championships. It was a financial success for the club which I'm sure was due to tireless hard working club members who sought out sponsorship for the event. They must all be commended for their efforts.

AKA Scrutineering Officials

AKA and AKAQLD nominated experienced personnel for many of the AKA appointed positions. These were accepted by the AKA and worked very well with the interstate personnel. Congratulations to them all they done a great job.

Officials Welcome:

An official's welcome was held on the Thursday Night this works well and allows many of us to see how many volunteers are required to run such an event. Everyone was welcomed and introduced. Special thanks to the Mad Cow for sponsorship of this meeting.

Entry Numbers

Entry numbers 297.

Steward's rooms

2 rooms - Very good. Two Stewards secretaries were used and worked well.

Technical Inspectors/Scrutineering team

Congratulations to both teams they all worked well together. The technical inspector's facilities were excellent.

The appointed interstate scrutineers worked along with club officials with using the bar coding system. Scanning was done on all engines, tyres, and chassis prior to the first qualifying session this made checking quicker and easier throughout the whole meeting. Congratulations to them all they done a fantastic job. Special thanks to Jeff Johnstone who operated the computer system for the scanners.

Trophy Presentations:

Provisional trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd were presented after each final. The event Sponsor was delighted to be able to present trophies to the relevant class and competitors received their accolades from spectators etc. Presentation dinner – while the concept was great at the aquarium – the noise from everyone was not acceptable for the competitors trying to thank their sponsors and family especially the 4th and 5th place getters.

Tyre Distribution

The Tyre distribution went well and tyres were put in a secure impound area.

- Club provided designated persons, who overseen distribution and replacements throughout the event.

Bar coding:

This worked well all tyres scanned. System was quick only problem was getting competitors to pick them up.

GC Machine:

Deakin university equipment again tested 100 competitors fuel

Reports from the Meeting

AKAQLD has provided copies of steward reports, there was 1 appeal and chief steward has submitted her report.

Appeals

A date for the any appeals from the meeting was set prior to the Nationals, stewards informed anyone appealing when the date was and where the appeals was going to be held. Only one appeal and it was held within the 30 days required.

Appeal has been finalized.

Special Thanks

Special thanks, to the Townsville Kart club members on the presentation of the track and facilities. Also to the Committee/club members that without any questions helped out with anything required throughout the event and helped us achieve it.

As there are too many to mention a thank you for your hard work in the lead up to the event. The canteens staff a magnificent job over the whole event in feeding everyone.

To all AKA Officials many thank you for your dedication and professionalism in the running of the 47th AKA National championships.

2010 Nationals - Victoria

Working with members of the Eastern Lions kart club, the club and I will continue to liaise together from now on.

We would like to wish the host club Eastern Lions and the Victorian Karting Association well in the running of this event along with the AKA.

2011 Nationals – Western Australia

Preparations are going along fine with track alterations are taking place. Need to arrange a meeting with them shortly to get things started.

2012. Nationals – Northern Territory

Inspected the Darwin Kart track facilities, the canteen can easily cope with the numbers expected. The surrounds are excellent for spectators viewing.

The in/out grid, Pac Ferme, impound and scales areas are going to have a complete overhaul with the help of a grant. I have given the club a draft map of what is required in these areas for the event. Extra land has been provided for extra pit space.

The Darwin Karting Association has muted that they may hold their State Championships the weekend prior? Not sure this will be a good idea but open for any comments on this issue to help them make a decision in the best interest to karting.

As this is the AKA Nationals 50th Year the AKA will be doing some special things for this event. The club has also expressed helping with also.

AKA Nationals Future promotion:

The NKC have agreed in principle to be the principle sponsor of the AKA Nationals for \$20,000.00 the club will be given a contract informing them of what is required for this amount. A map of the kart track will be included with positions of the AKA banners and signs for each event.

This sponsorship will allow the AKA to have prominent position of banners/signs etc around the track. The clubs will still be allowed to seek other sponsors for the classes.

2009 State championships.

These are all going along well, AKA appointed officials have given us some great reports back from these meetings.

Victoria: 398 entries

Victoria had the unfortunate circumstances for their open states in having to postpone it and reschedule it, but we all believe that the decision was for the best for all involved and the community of Seymour. The AKA hope that you return to Hume International raceway and support the community of Seymour as they have appreciated everyone's understanding in the time of a terrible disaster.

AKA needed to look into what a definition of a start is? Also look into the amount of heats required to be completed at states.

Northern Territory: 101 entries

This event was low on entries but if any competitor thought that they were going to come to the NT and pick up an easy blue plate they had to think again as it was not going to happen. The racing was great and everyone enjoyed the event.

One problem was controlling alcohol in the pits if they had night practice, although night practice was not in the sup regs only had lights would be turned on if light restraints. Clerk of course was not happy with the selling of alcohol during practice; all stewards backed the Clerk of course with this decision. Practice was not offered – bar was opened.

Queensland: 377 entries

This event was a huge success for AKAQLD and the Cooloola coast Kart Club. With excellent entries, the track looking like a picture the event was concerns in relation to States not having equipment for technical

The Chief Steward was notified by the AKA appointed Technical officer that there were no technical inspection tools supplied by the State for him to fore fill his duties. He said he was told that he did not need to bring any equipment as it would be all there for him. The Bar coding equipment was not present as well. The AKA appointed technical officer made some calls to the AKAQLD office for some inspection equipment and spoke to others at the track to get enough to be used for the meeting.

The new Flag point lights were used at this meeting and they were well received by competitors and officials. A letter from the AKAQLD track inspector was received approving the lights for use.

Special Thank you

To all the state office staff and club committee members – thank you so much for your help and assistance leading up to your event. And to the ones that are just beginning the lead up to the Nationals or a State event remember to ask for help I'm here.

I would also like to thank also to my executive, NKC members, Official Coordinators and the AKA office staff for all their help and assistance throughout the year.

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