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A.K.A. (QLD) INC.

Minutes General Meeting

Saturday, 15th January, 2010

Venue: V8 Facility, Reid Park, Townsville

Meeting Opened: 1.00pm

Management Committee Present: G. Dicoski, M. Saunders, S. Pattel, J. Lane, K Coomber.

Clubs Represented:

G Ewart, Bundaberg; D Harris, Cairns; D Coomber Cooloola Coast; M Wood, Gold Coast; R van Doorn, Brisbane; M Capri Ipswich; P. Mumford, Mackay; N Woodman, Mt Isa; K Doherty, Rockhampton; T. Sheedy, Toowoomba; P. Thomas, Towers; S Armstrong, Townsville; A. Capri, Warwick.

Apologies Management Committee: Nil

Co-Delegates:

S. Ali, Mackay; N. Pattel, Townsville; K Needham, Mt Isa; M Hogan, Cairns; T Urquhart, Towers; T Kenneally, Toowoomba.

Apologies Clubs:

Visitors: J Doolan, Townsville; J Still, Townsville; L Flynn, Townsville; B Flynn, Townsville; P Driscoll, Townsville; K Cann, Townsville; K Bannah, Townsville

Welcome by President and apologies for starting so late, we took this opportunity to have discussions with Mackay and Mt Isa regarding their up and coming State Championships this year.

Motion: That digital recording system to be accepted.

Moved: Toowoomba **Seconded:** Ipswich

For : Unanimous

Motion Carried

Gladstone Kart Club appointed Malcom Saunders as Proxy, all delegates were asked if there was an issue with this as the President of Gladstone did not have access to Club letterhead and was on email only. Brisbane delegate commented that the correct format needs to be adhered to. Proxy was not accepted

Minutes of the last meeting where perused

Motion: Minutes from previous Meeting as true and correct

Moved: Toowoomba **Seconded:** Warwick

For: Unanimous

Adopted

Business arising: Nil.

16.10.09 Brisbane Kart Club has revived the club and the clubs offer of the Come and Try Karts still stands. This advice from the Delegate was in contradiction to be advice sent by the club prior.

Motion from last meeting was not the intention of the State Karting Council to charge drivers an extra 15%

New Motion from Previous Agenda Item 4, October 09 Meeting

Motion 1

That the AKA Q 15% levy on sale of AKA Q item be waived for the purchase of transponders only.

Moved: Brisbane **Seconded:** Mt Isa

For: Unanimous

Adopted

Discussion on decoders and loops should be to State Office in the next week. Training is being organized. Delegates were asked about the general feeling from drivers regarding transponders. Cairns responded saying karters get upset when they go to track that doesn't run timing.

Motion 2

Transponders are available from Kart Clubs for \$280.00 for a charging type and \$250.00 for a 125 on board charge type. Orders for transponders are to be placed with clubs, clubs to make payment at time of order.

Moved: Toowoomba **Seconded:** Brisbane

For: Unanimous

Adopted

AKA promotions committee expressions of interest was sent out but AKA Q Management Committee did not get much feedback from its members. Members of this group include Greg Ewart, Matt Dicoski, Michael Wood and Mark Hogan. Clubs needing support should liaise directly with members of this group.

Previous company limited by guarantee documents has not yet been circulated. Secretary is required to get this document out to the clubs as soon as possible. There seems to be a lot of confusion with many of the differences between Company Limited by Guarantee (presented by the GCKC Solicitor) & the model presented by Graham Hancock in Rockhampton. The Gold Coast recently updated their constitution and it was a much more detailed document than the one proposed for AKA Qld by Hancock. John McCleverty stated we should put our faith in the experts however there seems to be an issue of trust with many of these experts.

Junior Performance is a class that has been talked about for awhile. Clubs were having 1 or 2 of each, the problem is parity and idea is good. Ipswich would like to trial this class for 3 months and report back, Brisbane says in WA Junior Clubman and J Max are run as Sportsman class this has turned into Junior Performance, this class has now introduced 11 engines that can be used. 2 Clubs came back with feedback on this without positive results. Discussions on previous State Technical Officers feedback in September was heard, current State Technical Officer commented about the lack of J Max and Junior Clubman drivers. When WA brought this to the table it was backed up saying that the parity is right. If clubs can come back and tell the Executive, then the Executive can take this information to the NKC. Do we want to run Junior Performance in Qld? The delegates discussed this further.

It was resolved that it would not be mandated that Junior Performance be fun in QLD. Any feedback from clubs would be feedback to the NKC to ensure we had it right before we run it a regular class in QLD.

Correspondence In:

As per Listing

Correspondence out:

As per listing

That Correspondence be accepted

Moved: Toowoomba **Seconded:** Mackay

Accepted

Business arising:

In 116: Mackay Kart Club has had a blow out of costs in getting track ready for the States and is in need of \$20,000.00. Discussions regarding this followed with Mackay saying that they feel they can afford the repayments, Mackay feel that they can make a conservative profit of \$35,000.00. Mackay have a \$120,000.00 bill from contractor that they have made negotiations with. The money was needed to widen the track and make repairs and maintenance at the same time. The track is now fantastic and a credit to Mackay Club. Does AKA Q have the money to lend with a short term loan?

Motion 3

Motion:

Part 1) That AKA Q waive the current loan limit amount for \$50,000.00 for Mackay Kart Club

Part 2) That an additional \$20,000.00 be allocated to MKC repayable in full on completion of Qld State Championships and prior to end of July 2010.

Moved: Brisbane **Seconded:** Toowoomba

For : Bundaberg, Ipswich, Mackay, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Warwick

Against: Mt Isa

Abstain: Cairns, Cooloola Coast

Motion Carried

In 30 and 39

Cairns Request for Stewards/Tech School and Licence Dispensation for Christian Clark

Motion 4

Motion: It is requested that consideration that Christian Clark be permitted to upgrade from Junior to Senior effective immediately so as to allow him to complete the whole season as a Senior.

Moved: Cairns **Seconded:** Townsville

For : Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola Coast, Ipswich, Mackay, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Warwick, Mt Isa

Against: None

Abstain: None

Unanimous

Motion Carried

In 35 - Townsville – Stewards and Technical School

Townsville Club is seeking both a Stewards and Technical school. This was agreed to be conducted as soon as both Terry and Tom can arrange it.

In 32 - Junior Vice President- Generator for Fraser

This item has been purchased and supplied on loan for the duration needed by Fraser District as they have no power to run Smartcard or the Race Management in the future. A letter is to be sent to Fraser District stating the item belongs to AKA Qld and is on loan to them for a period as long as needed with all maintenance and costs to be paid by their club.

Treasurers Report

A couple of highlighted items in the report were discussed. Many invoices have only been sent out due to the transition of new secretary has slowed this down. Gold Coast queried a couple of invoices the GCKC Treasurer has been in contact with Treasurer regarding this lately. A few Aged Receivables are still to be fixed up. Karters need to be buying transponders now so that in June 2010 we don't have to purchase \$200,000.00 worth. Treasurer was asked if we can separate loan amounts eg AKA loans and AKA Q loans, Treasurer said this is possible but will take a lot of re-work for himself

Treasurers Report be Adopted

Moved: Ipswich **Seconded:** Mackay

For : Bundaberg, Cairns, Cooloola Coast, Ipswich, Mackay, Rockhampton, Towers, Townsville, Warwick, Mt Isa

Against: None

Abstain: None

Unanimous

Motion Carried

Presidents Report

We need to get email address so that surveys can be sent to drivers to really understand why people have left the sport and ways karters believe that the AKA Qld should move to retain karters. Sadly there seems to be a lot of apathy when we ask for assistance in the marketing/promotions group although we have people with media skills, feedback has been very limited when we asked for input for the 5 year plan. This can then help us sort out what it is that really hurts our retention rates as turnover is far too great.

We are seeing growth in clubs at the moment with our newest member being Emerald and with Brisbane restarting, it looks promising in itself but then add Proserpine and Whitsunday and the future is looking brighter. In addition to this, we see the Dirt Track event being run again.

Discussion amongst Executive had been conducted leading to this meeting, in relation to should we pay travel related expenses for life members and issues relating to cost and cost containment, as the Executive are trying to reduce expenses. There is a need however to drive down costs as we have done everything to keep costs the same however if costs increase we need to increase dollars in which will mean an increase to the karter.

Discussion continued after fully affiliated and life members, some discussion suggesting that temporary affiliated members meet their own cost.

Motion:

Life members of the association be invited to attend all AKA Qld meetings at the AKA Qld cost.

Moved: Brisbane **Seconded:** Charters Towers

For: Cairns, Cooloola Coast, Mackay, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville

Against: None

Abstain: Warwick, Bundaberg, Ipswich

Further discussion will be needed as to who pays for what expense at the next SKC meeting

NKC Delegates Report

Spoke on issues with the wrong reporting of 'cash prizes' for the CIK series. IKC confirmed that the only cash that would be given to the IKC as cash prize money.

Tyre testing process is no more than a joke the way it is currently conducted. Someone really needs to sort it out as the data is really good but based on the process it really tells you nothing.

Officials Coordinator Report

A draft of an OLT form was handed out for delegate's perusal. First OLT will be trailed at Toowoomba on the 28 February. Questions asked as to why we are doing OLT reply was it was requested to be looked at the last SKC meeting.

Coordinator will be organizing people to do the OLT's. Stewards' schools will be conducted in Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Gladstone and Cairns with others to be done last SKC meeting.

Officials brochures being distributed today (Cairns were posted prior to the meeting).

Track Inspectors Report

Southern Zone – Just starting inspections now

Northern Zone – Just started the inspections this year, not much happening. Mt Isa asked what if their track is not able to host the Dirt Championships. Reply to this is it is safe not it will be safe when the inspections occur.

STO Report

Nothing major happening in terms of Technical issues however a few issues regarding Subaru engine and issues relating to cameras on karts. Issues being discussed were the Comer exhausts in which the STO also had issues.

STO has nominated technical personnel for the Mackay State Championships and has been busy putting together procedures for testing the Leopard Green Boxes and Tyre Scanner to allow both items to be used.

Schools are currently being planned for several clubs with a request to clubs to provide dates for accreditation as a Technical Inspector.

Promotional Group Report

Just a new group with their first meeting recently, they are looking at TV ads and a Facebook page to spread the information. Come and Try process needs to be driven smarter and this program will end up in the control of the Promotional Group.

Need a better process in place to support the Come and Try program to be more like the AFL 'Kick' program. Thoughts are each club to have two of these days in a year.

Budget and Moving Forward with planning

AKA Qld Treasurer set the scene with his thoughts on setting some goals. What do we want? Where can we go to achieve our goals (target 2000 by 2015 and 11 000 nominations, set budgets etc)?

After we get ourselves sorted then we can encourage the NKC to do similar. The question was asked of the delegates how many licence holders do each of the clubs have the knowledge was very limited. President said if it was your business would you know your customers.

Meeting closed at 5.40 pm for Day 1

Meeting opened at 9.10 am on Day 2 (Charters Towers delegate was absent)

1 Webmaster Tender

President asked if anyone has an interest in the tenders, as a supplier Ralph van Doorn advised he has submitted a tender. President requested Mr van Doorn exclude himself from the meeting. Tender documents were opened in front of the Council with various tenders discussed at length. Long discussions took place on the various tenders with discussion on past costs and what does “part thereof” mean against a minimum block of time.

A secret ballot was suggested for this with the President requesting a show of hands of the fully affiliated members who requested a secret ballot to decide this tender, with less than 1/5th of members did not support the request of the motion.

Motion: AKA Qld accept InWeb.com.au tender

Moved: Bundaberg

Seconded: Toowoomba

For: Bundaberg, Toowoomba

Against: Mackay

Abstain: Cairns, Cooloola Coast, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Townsville, Warwick, Ipswich

Motion carried

President and John McCleverty expressed surprise at how many clubs abstained from what should have been a yes or no vote. President requested Mr van Doorn be called back into the room and advised that unfortunately his tender had been unsuccessful and offered a debrief as he would offer any unsuccessful tender after the meeting.

2 Neck brace

Cooloola requested that all Midgets, Rookies and Juniors in Queensland must wear a form of neck brace or support at all times when on the track.

Sadly AKA Qld is not in a place to mandate this, the Treasurer and John McCleverty spoke on this issue prior to the meeting with the insurer, they expressed concern that it may cause other injuries. AKA Qld do and highly recommend that neck braces be worn.

3 Chapter 44

Toowoomba MG Reds approved for Chapter 44 for TAG 125, Queensland should run TAG125 according to 2010 Manual and Addendums

Motion: Queensland abandons QLD TAG 125 and only offers Chapter 44 TAG 125 as the only TAG 125 option

Moved: Toowoomba

Seconded: Cooloola Coast

For: Toowoomba, Warwick, Bundaberg, Townsville, Cooloola Coast, Mackay

Against: Ipswich, Rockhampton

Abstain: Mt Isa, Cairns

Motion Carried

4 *Queensland Sportsman*

Cooloola Coast discussed Queensland Sportsman to be changed to add 5kg to air-cooled ARC engines. Only a discussion occurred.

5 *Race Dates*

Discussion on race dates from the AKA Qld Executives that clubs limited to 8 race meetings and 1 Special events. Junior Vice President expressed concern that clubs are treating other clubs as opposition. Fewer dates keep racers hungry for a race, issues with official suffering from burn out. This needs further discussion however with the extra clubs coming on board. Suggest is that come AGM time each zone should be prepared to present dates already agreed in there region.

6 *C Grade Titles*

C Grade Titles and the way forward were discussed. The idea of the title was to give newcomers to the sport a taste of a bigger meeting. Discussion on how many times a person can race in it (can you compete in it for 10 years if you never get your licence upgraded).

Motion: If you place 1st, 2nd or 3rd at a C grade title you are not eligible to complete in this event again. If you have ever held an A or B grade licence you cannot compete at a C grade title event.

Moved: Townsville

Seconded: Cairns

For: Toowoomba, Warwick, Townsville, Cooloola Coast, Mackay, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Cairns

Against: Bundaberg

Abstain: Mt Isa

Motion carried

7 *Come and Try Roster – Withdrawn*

8 *Delegates Expenses*

President asked delegates what they thought of the new approach of giving delegates \$40 for dinner instead of organizing a group dinner. General feeling is that networking and exchange of ideas happen at group dinners. Future meetings dinner will be organised as a group with maybe the first round of drinks being supplied or a small amount of money put aside for drinks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1 *Supplementary Regulations*

Supplementary regulations needs to reflect the rule book method to break ties at this is the method used by CM:S. Confusion seems to be supreme at the moment, so we need to be mindful as to how we setup the race meetings in CM:S. If a club has 3 heats and a final, then the first 3 races will be random draw rather than lowest points to the front.

2 *Motor Mania*

President spoke of Motor Mania and the Enduro that AKA Qld and Gladstone are running as discussed at the last General meeting. Gladstone will be looking for support from AKA Qld with officials of suitable skills to assist with the event.

3 *Promotional Group*

Quick discussion on the Promotional group and how they may move forward

4 *Gladiator/Rotax Series*

Gladiator/Rotax Series will now be Southern Stars series. This will go ahead with Series supplementary regulations to be submitted. It was resolved that this event will be promoted by the clubs involved as a series.

Motion: The Southern Stars Series proposed to be held with 6 rounds of racing using existing race dates to be confirmed, clubs involved are Gold Coast, Ipswich, Warwick, Toowoomba, Lismore and Cooloola Coast

Moved: Gold Coast

Seconded: Cooloola Coast

For: Warwick, Townsville, Cooloola Coast, Mackay, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Cairns, Toowoomba, Bundaberg

Against: None

Abstain: Mt Isa

Motion carried

5 *AKA Qld Auditor*

Ipswich tabled a letter from the IKC distancing itself from the motion the past IKC delegate moved in requesting the removal of Gregg Walsh as the AKA Qld Auditor as this is not the wish of the IKC Committee. Treasurer spoke of the current motion as it stands and he would be recommending Walker & Partners but he expected the cost would be a little higher than currently paid. Issues were raised by the Treasurer suggesting that the day before the AKA Qld AGM (at which the Council voted to remove the Auditor) that the Auditor commented he was not in the “good books” of the past IKC delegate which lead to discussion on why individuals would take directly to the AKA Auditor.

President questioned the thought that IKC wanted AKA Qld to move away from Walsh as the Auditor but to date Walsh is still the auditor for IKC. The past IKC delegate was asked did he have the direction from the club to move to remove GJ Walsh as Auditor. He believed he did as his directions were to do what is best for the sport and he believed to remove the conflict with the AKA Auditor he was acting in the best interest of AKA Qld and IKC. Ipswich doesn't want to rescind the motion however they do want to appoint the Auditor as appointed by the AKA Qld Executive.

Motion: That AKA Qld accepts the recommendation of the AKA Qld Executive to appoint Walkers and Partners as the AKA Qld Auditors

Moved: Brisbane

The Vice President at his moment spoke about the motion, stating he was not in agreement as the Executive have not recommended an Auditor and therefore the Vice President believes that the motion is false. The Treasurer has recommended an Auditor however the AKA Qld Executive has not.

6 *Local Class*

Townsville asked about running a local class to open up the TAG100 type class and the TAG restricted 125 to other grades of licence. Resulting in confirmation that it isn't just as simple as changing the name need to change but karts must comply with kart formula.

Refer to the rule book as there is a process to allow this under local rules. If assistance is required by the club, then the club needs to contact the Executive or the STO.

7 Officials expenditure

Townsville asked about the limit that AKA Qld have in relation to sending officials to race meetings. President replied as a rule this doesn't happen however when it does it is on a case by case basis.

As an example when a club has 14 race meetings in a year with 90 nominations, why should every other club pay to provide an official to that event when there are so many people involved? Clubs need to be self supportive and this is where we are trying to head. Townsville spoke of burning out of officials, which goes back to the question before of too many race meetings for Stewards. Remember that AKA Qld views the names of Clerk of Course, Stewards and Officials to ensure persons have the right level of skill and more importantly ability. Discussion then followed on re-appointing Stewards on the day.

8 Grants

Cairns suggested that AKA Qld should have someone apply for various grants to assist with travel for Stewards. Townsville and Cairns use a person that does this type of work, another suggestion is that Craig Doyle may be able to assist.

9 SKC Meeting in January

Mackay asked that the January 2011 SKC meeting may be held in Mackay. The costing will be investigated.

10 Supplementary Regulations

Towers spoke of difficulties in getting the last supplementary regulations approved. The Stat Secretary was unaware they were having any problems. AKA Qld Executive continued into the night to try and sort out the supplementary regulations issue (President was not aware of the issue as he was overseas whilst this occurred). BUT the bottom line is ALL clubs should do the supplementary regulations on line and only use the fax option when the system fails.

11 Brisbane Kart Club

The Brisbane Kart Club delegate advised that the club will be forwarding their plans to the AKA Qld to get the club back on track.

12 Separating classes

Officials Coordinator expressed concerns to the rules in separating Seniors/Juniors/Midgets/Rookies.

13 Rotax Nationals

Toowoomba asked if anyone had heard about who was running the Rotax Nationals and the Pro Tour. President replied he had been speaking to IKD and expected they would be contacting the clubs directly.

14 Emerald Kart Club

Rockhampton Kart Club advised that Emerald Kart Club is looking at running 4 races in Rockhampton over 2010 (no clashing dates).

15 Supercheap

Treasurer spoke on how Supercheap will run this year and went over the details that had been sent to all clubs to review.

16 Supplementary Regulations

State Secretary asked that all clubs try to submit supplementary regulations in 30 days prior to the event. Plan is to trial using the CMC system for supplementary regulations, any club wishing to trial the system in advance should speak to the State Secretary.

President commented again that he couldn't believe the amount of clubs that abstained from the website tender vote and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Meeting close at 1.15pm with the next meeting to be held on 22 and 23 May 2010 at a venue to be confirmed.