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📅 **Date:** 10th December 2022
🕒 **Time:** 1100 - 1230

Canberra Kart Racing Club Annual General Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bob Harnas (P), Brian Gahan (S), Brett Staples (ML), Paul McCabe (RD), Tony Prior (PM), Daniel Fitzpatrick (FO) + other club members

Apologies: Tahn Eather (VP)

Meeting Opens – 1100

The previous Minutes from the 2021 AGM (20211211_AGM_Minutes) were read out to all attendees. There were no exceptions/changes noted and they were accepted.

P – Welcomed all attendees and provided a brief overview of the club activities (club day races, ACT Titles and the ACT hosted Grenfell Southern Stars round) from the past year.

P – Advised that there are ongoing discussions between KNSW and the FPCC (as proxy to the EPA) regarding an extension to race day hours – 0800-1800. He followed on with comments that night races are more complicated as the track facilities in their current form lack the infrastructure to support this type of event.

P – Answering a question about the quantity of races, advised that KNSW that dictate the race calendar and the type of events and are responsible for permitting events to go ahead.

P – Advised that within the karting community, there is a lot of positive feedback about the Canberra Circuit and it's a beautifully presented circuit.

FO – Advised that the club is looking in a really healthy financial position. The financial records are still being reviewed and finalised, all current bills have been paid.

The club has ~\$188,900 in total funds, broken down as follows:

Track Fund - \$150,000 - **Maintenance** - \$572 - **Canteen** - \$10,322 - **General Banking** - \$27,572

P – Commented that the club would likely move another \$10/\$15K from the General account to the Track Fund to continue growing this account for any future works.



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P – The canteen is running really well now and is completely self-sufficient, managing its own stock and generating profit. Some new commercial infrastructure has been purchased to assist in the preparation of food stuffs.

P – The club continues to build upon the track fund, with an overall increase of around \$50k from last year.

P – Reported on the current club membership numbers – There are 574 active members (825 total) with an approximate 46% local vs. 54% interstate split in numbers.

RD – Provided an update on the previous year’s activities –

- 230 unique individuals raced at CKRC in 2022.
- CKRC held 15 race meets (9 were ours / 4 hires (3 enduros) / 1 Grenfell SS / 1 ProTour Round)

RD – CCTV system was upgraded – new system covers the blind spot down the hill after turn one, as well as the ability to record the approach and start, as well as monitoring the out-grid.

RD – Advised of the changes next year with respect to the Junior classes

- New restrictor (22mm) – Combining Junior Light and Heavy (this is in line with KA)
- Open restrictor – Junior Performance

RD – The club would be introducing some changes to the way the lighting system will operate, introducing a new light at the end of the start/finish straight (similar to Dubbo), which will improve starts and allow for the starting of races after the tower.

RD – Restated the challenges and the financial flow effects that the club faces with a lack of officials, and “importing” officials from interstate. The example of the ACT Titles was given, that the club had to pay for 33 rooms, along with travels costs, fuel, meals, which make meets less and less financially viable. The minimum personnel that the club needs to run a race meet is ideally – 2x Clerks of the Course, 3x Stewards, Tower staff (timing, starting, grid generation), In and Out Grid marshals, Drop-down scrutineer and a Starter and reiterated that the club needs officials to run race meets. Effort would be put into trying to “muster up” officials prior to Round 1 in February.



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There was a brief general discussion surrounding overall safety at the track, with the rules about drop downs improving overall safety. CKRC had an overall low number of ambulances and serious incidents compared with other tracks.

There was brief general discussion surrounding the potential requirement of having to “be an official” to be eligible in the club championship. Whilst this is quite a good idea, it is not practical on a number of fronts. A similar comparison was drawn with the maintenance levy being refundable if you attended 2x working bees, and the condition of the club championship that you needed to attend working bees to be eligible. The club decided to make this a permanent Maintenance Levy as part of the annual membership cost and remove this as a requirement as the practicalities of running working bees and tracking attendance was proving challenging.

ML – Advised that the new automated timed practice lighting system would be up in January to streamline standard practice days.

S – Advised that all the clubs previous records had now been digitised and are now backed up on local and cloud storage.

P – Thanked the current committee for it’s work in the past year - closed the meeting and declared all positions vacant.

Nominations were sought for the vacant committee positions – Nominations were received and seconded as follows. There were no objections noted.

Committee Position	Nomination Received	Proposer	Seconded
President	Bob Harnas	Brett Staples	Paul McCabe
Vice President	Tahn Eather	Bob Harnas	Brett Staples
Race Director	Nil		
Memberships Liaison	Brett Staples	Bob Harnas	Dennis Katavic



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Treasurer	Robin Mules	Brett Staples	Dan Fitzpatrick (offered to assist with transition)
Secretary	Brian Gahan	Brett Staples	Craig Butt

3x Committee Members were nominated – Eddie Ruiz (Nom – Brett Staples, Sec – Craig Butt), Barry Laver (Nom – Bob Harnas, Sec – James Ordish), Paul McCabe (Nom – Bob Harnas, Sec – Brett Staples), with an additional member - James Ordish (Nom – Himself, Sec – Craig Butt).

The race director position remains vacant at this stage. There was a discussion that this position may need to be split as the job role is quite large.

P – Membership costs would remain the same, at \$30, \$150 and \$200.

A club member raised the possibility of improving or introducing variety into the trophies awarded. There was a follow-on suggestion that raising club membership costs might cover this, along with other minor increases (maintenance, etc). The decision was taken that rather than increase the club membership, that there would be minor increases in the Race Entry Fees to cover these costs. A proposal of the following was introduced and seconded/agreed upon by all present:

- Standard Club Day - \$120 for single entry
- Two Event – \$140 for single entry
- ACT Titles Event – \$250 for single entry

There was a general discussion surrounding club/track sponsorship. There were a number of members (names withheld) that suggested they might have some opportunities to be explored. PM would be in contact with those members to discuss further.

P – Advised that the club had been able to secure a race meet from KNSW – CKRC would hold it's Round 1 meet on the 5th February 2023.



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P – Advised that the club is still in negotiations with D-Group regarding track work, etc. An outcome of the negotiations would be provided once they were finalised.

P – Advised that the club is looking to have the bump on the entry to Turn 1 fixed.

ML and S – Advised that the club would do more in an attempt to engage club members, whether this be by more Social Media posting/all member emails or more information via the club's website.

The Meeting was closed at 1224

Upcoming meeting schedule:

TBA – Likely December 2022 @ 1800-2000 – Executive Committee Meeting