



 Location: Virtual via Zoom

 Date: 10th April 2024

 Time: 1800-2000

Canberra Kart Racing Club Executive Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bob Harnas (P), Brett Staples (ML), Brian Gahan (S), Paul McCabe (RD), Justin Kerslake (PM)

Apologies: Tahn Eather (VP)

Meeting start was delayed until 1830.

The previous Executive committee meeting minutes (20240210_CM_Minutes) were read out and accepted. These minutes have already been published to the CKRC website.

P – Opened the meeting and welcomed those that were in attendance.

P – Thanked the committee and all involved for the smooth running of the ACT Titles in his absence.

S – Feedback received from participants had been overwhelmingly positive, noting the following:

Positives:

- Pit layout and allocation had worked well on the Thursday/Friday, with Caravans and Toy Haulers allocated up the top near the maintenance shed, and down the bottom near the main entrance. Wording to this effect will be included in future supplementary regulations.
- Track presentation – noting the Grounds overall and fixed up seating.
- Completion of the female showers
- Production of the event timetable and how well the meet ran according to schedule.
- Announcements were clear and able to be heard throughout the pits, due to the new speakers having been installed.

Negatives:

- Portaloo needs emptying and servicing
- Scales access – Ramps are needed – Smaller kids weren't able to lift the karts on and off, and this slowed the feed in of karts through parc ferme at the conclusion of qualifying and some heats.

Suggestions:

- Qualifying layout – Clearer information about which practice session/s determined qualifying order.

A brief discussion was held regarding the inclusion of practice times as lap records.

P – Advised that practice is practice, whether it be “official” or not. There is no way to mandate the sealing of engines, exhausts and marking of tyres for practice, and it isn’t practical to weigh everyone at the end of each session. Therefore, any times set during these sessions are essentially for information only and will not go towards any official record.

A discussion was held regarding the above. It was noted that this allows the system to be gamed (to gain a better qualifying start position). A decision was then made to base qualifying start positions (if qualifying is to be held) off race entry order.

P – Correspondence received from ML, that he would like the current daily rate for track maintenance activities raised from \$300/day to \$400/day. The club currently allocates \$1200/month, and will not seek to change this until the AGM. Given we are entering the dormant growing stage of the year, the number of times for maintenance will reduce to 3, and the rate increased to \$400/day. This allows the club to stay within current budget, but raise the daily rate. If any additional days or work is required, outside of the 3/month, committee will attempt to contribute where able. Regardless of the above, the track will still remain closed on all Thursdays (unless otherwise advised and opened in the KNSW Portal).

FO – Whilst the audit for 21/22 was completed, as they were looking through 22/23 it was decided that the way things were annotated should be revised, so some minor changes (and splits between accounting line items (i.e. memberships/entries/hires) are being made to make things easier to read/understand and consistent.

FO – Was unable to submit the BAS’, so the accountant has done so on behalf of the club. There will also be a small bill coming (\$100-200) to cover off that last batch of work completed regarding the club’s financials.

FO – Has asked that all receipts be emailed to treasurer@canberrakarts.com.au and be clear to include the amount within the message body (or subject) to allow easier searching.

FO – P, S and himself need to arrange a time to get to the bank to assign additional signatories against the accounts.

FO – Does not yet have available the Profit/Loss for the ACT Titles meet. There are a number of outstanding invoices requiring payment/reconciliation and he will get to it soon. Action on P to provide FO with details that KNSW needs to cover off as their contribution to ACT Titles.

S – Action to update the current “Banned” list, removing all parties that have finished their ban.

S – Country Plaza and Mitchell’s Glass no longer wish to continue their sponsorship arrangements. ML to remove and store their signs at earliest convenience. Action on RD to contact the Motel we currently send our officials to and see if they’d like to enter a sponsorship arrangement.

A discussion was had regarding the application of drop-down nose cone penalties. Competitors aren’t being advised when they come in whether or not a penalty has been recorded or not and this is creating confusion, especially when lining up for the next heat.

P – Advised that the Drop Down is a Judge of Fact penalty and is applied regardless of whether or not the competitor is made aware of, or agrees to it. The officials simply walk through and note the drop downs. We may ask the officials to walk through and announce loudly as they record the penalty.

P – From this point forward, the club will no longer honour any refunds to the legacy access control system. The current “code” system has been in place for more than 5 years and there were no records kept for the legacy system for the current committee to correlate against.

RD – Provided an update on required track maintenance activities. It was noted that the grass rise on the exit of the final chicane (if people ran wide off the track), was launching people and this may need addressing.

RD – Advised that further noise logging was undertaken from both the ridgeway monitoring point, as well as the far side of the track over the ACT Titles weekend. A report has been generated by the provider and notes that the noise from the Go Karts was well within any limit, but the Public Address (PA) System (specifically the announcer all weekend long), was too loud and needed to be turned down. Committee noted this for future events.

P – Advised that he had received a call from the EPA over the Titles weekend to turn down the PA system.

RD – Has requested an update from Eddie R about the drawings that were supposed to be forthcoming. Action on P to find out.

FO – Provided the current club financials –
Maintenance - \$9.32, **Canteen** - \$8,203.25, **Track Account** - \$100,575.21, **Cash on Hand** - \$200,
General Account - \$30,944.05

P – Thanked the committee again for it's work in the lead up to, and the ACT Titles.

Meeting closed @ 2000

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

TBA May 2024 – Executive Committee + General Meeting