

**MINUTES OF THE KARTING SA (AKASA) GENERAL MEETING HELD 15 MAY 2017**  
**Held at the state office, CAMS, Unit 3, 43 King William Street, Kent Town**

AKASA Executive	Craig Denton, Danny Miller, Simone Lake (via phone) and Melissa Rees
AKASA Elected Officials	Liam Meegan, David Harris

BGKC	Dale Provan	BHKC	Simone Lake (via phone)
DGKC	Simon Rees	GKCSA	Daniel Bowden
MGKC	Rod Clew	SGKC	Bevan Delaney
WGKC	Scott Hubner (via phone)	Apologies	Graham Jensen, Dale Provan, Phil Twigg

Visitors	Kelvin O'Reilly, Ian Watson, Ron Florentinus, Brett Fortanier & Greg Stillwell
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Meeting commenced 7.32pm – round table introductions.

Presentation from Craig Denton

Overview, background and structure of Karting in motor sport

Karting SA - Two MPIO's recently appointed

Officials Training recently conducted – 6 new officials

Technical Training recently completed with State Tech - Dale Provan

Club affiliation agreements completed

KARM process progressing well

Constitution developed from Department of Sport and Rec being reviewed ensuring best governance practice

Track safety continual improvements underway

Safety grants - one in process

Successful AKC and Pro-Tour events held in the state

*Discussion and presentation incorporating:*

Participation rates

Club level competition

Race meeting structure

Maintaining licence numbers and managing turnover

KA initiatives - Bring a Mate, Better Clubs Resource Programme

Licence stats – show maintaining numbers

Historic annual 30% turnover

D and E grade licence holders have the highest expiration rate

Rate of 1 year licence holders alarmingly high

Highest drop off junior rates when classes change, ie; Cadet 9 to 12, 12 – Jnr, Jnr to Snr

*Questions for further investigation*

How to ensure newcomers feel part of the fabric of the club – club induction

Managing expectation, experiences and economics

Offer value

Club Stats – Licence Holders leaving within 1 year

BGKC 6, BHKC 7, GKCSA 24, MGKC 2, SGKC 45 and WGKC 6

View participation rates by class

Impact of the calendar –promote the sport at all levels

Encourage racing without cannibalising events

Importance of state regulations

Put fun back into the sport

Presentation from Karting Australia CEO - Kelvin O'Reilly

KA constitution to ensure reflective of modern best practice principles with relevance with our sport. Clear and unambiguous.

Committee in place to work through issues including affiliation and state member rights. Ambitious to finalise within a year.

Bring a Mate programme introduced - principle very sound and if done well solves the induction in the club. To be held as a stand alone event or incorporated into a club day event.

Building Better Clubs – web site resource – tips and ideas for clubs

Improvements on honouring and rewarding people who make our sport tick to reflect state and national level

Launch of Full throttle – quarterly e-zine –to focus on the whole sport . Tips and safety – looking for contributions from all states.

#### General Discussion

Discussion regarding Judge of Fact is a judge of fact positions.

Push down bumpers and penalties. Overall decrease in first corner incidents and overall driving standards.

Clarification of minor ineligibility process.

Importance of following and applying rules across the board.

Drop off of tyres – inconsistent quality of the Dunlop DFM. Facts and figures (factual) to be compiled for CD to forward to KO.

Looking for durability and reliability. Costs increase – exchange rate and new contract. Previously no price change for 9 years.

Restricted class numbers – state to discuss.

WGKC – attendance at SKC costs. Schedule of meetings, potential assistance from local and state grants.

Mr O'Reilly made the observation that the SKC meets face to face very frequently rather than empowering the Management Committee to run the business with the SKC meeting say every 3 months thereby making it easier for the country clubs to attend.

Suggestion to empower management committee to do leg work and ease burden so country clubs can attend meetings.

Proposal all monthly reports carried over to next month – agreed.

Cyber bullying – increasing problem in the sport. Need to ensure social media policy is followed.

Action items to be reviewed next meeting.

10.35pm meeting closed.