

Gippsland Go Kart Club Inc.

General Meeting. 09/02/2016

The general meeting of the Gippsland Go-Karts was held at our clubrooms, on Tuesday 9th February, 2016 and was declared opened at 7.10 pm by President Peter Aitken. The President welcomed everyone back for 2016.

Present: Anita & Barry Stratton, Graeme & Jeanette Monds, Lorraine & Peter Aitken, Tony Correa. Geoff Medew, Geoff Curley, Russell Frost, Shannon Bright, & Ross Miller.

Apologies: Phil Lane, Rhonda Curley & Trevor Correa.

New Members: The club would like to welcome Ross Stubbs, Brendan Ludlow & Family and Chris Maliko to our karting family, and we sincerely hope that you enjoy your time here.

Minutes from last Meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were read by members present, Moved by Lorraine Aitken and second by Russell Frost that they be true and correct.

Treasurers Report: There was no treasurers report at this meeting, treasurer was absent.

Business Arising. NIL.

Delegates Report: The delegates report was given by Graeme Monds.

Report: There are items in this report that you need to read carefully, and there will also be a copy up on the notice board.

General Rule Clarification:

Competition Rules: Chapter 1 Rule 9 Consolidation of Classes.

“a) The consolidation of Classes rules have been developed so as to provide all Competitors at a Meeting with more time on Track. The Meeting Organisers and Stewards are very strongly encouraged to consolidate under-subscribed Classes/Divisions in accordance with the Rules so as to provide more quality time on Track for all Competitors.

b) (vii) Where Classes are consolidated at Club level Competition, a single weight Division may be applied through State Regulations.”

Increased emphasis has been placed on the Consolidated Of Classes Rules. It is in keeping with the philosophies of

- Trying to ensure that everyone who enters a race meeting is able to spend **more time on the Race Track and less time in the Paddock** (that is getting an extra on track session or two in the same amount of time that you are at the track) as a direct result of larger groups of karts competing at the same time; or
- Running race meetings where you are **at the track for a shorter period of time but where you get the same amount of on track time** that you have been used to.

Chapter 1 Rule 15 – Stopping on the Track.

“c) Any Driver who is unable to restart their kart and drive off within 15 seconds of an incident, without breaching any Rules, must as soon as it is safe to do so, exit their kart and get themselves and get their kart to a safe position.”

It is completely unacceptable for drivers to remain in their karts after they have stopped in an incident. If a driver cannot restart and drive off within 15 seconds of coming to a stop they **MUST** exit their kart and get themselves and their kart to safety. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from that part of the event plus a \$100 fine. **THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE.**

Chapter 1 Rule 19 – Qualifying

“d) Weaving in a safe manner to warm Tyres during the first lap of the qualifying session is permitted”

It is now permitted to weave in a safe manner during the first lap of qualifying so as to warm up your tyres. The operative provisions are that it is only to occur on the first lap of qualifying for the session and that it must be done in safe manner. This means that Drivers must be in full control of their kart, must be aware of where the other drivers around them are situated and must not make contact with another kart.

Chapter 1 Rule 28 – Finishing

This is a much more detailed set of Rules than applied previously. They cover different situations including ending the race with the black and white chequered flag, and with the red flag.

Drivers and Officials should acquaint themselves with these rules.

Chapter 5

Rule 6 State Series, State Cup, Zonal Championship and Zonal Cup Meetings.

“e) Eligible Classes.

(i) All Classes and Divisions that must be permitted to Compete in a State Championship Meeting must be Permitted to Compete in State Series, State Cup, Zonal Championship and Zonal Cup Meetings. (Note Consolidation of Classes Rules apply.)”

Technical Rules:

Chapter 1 Rule 5.

Ballast

“c) The minimum weight must be completed with one or several units of ballast provided

- (i) Each unit is a strong and unitary block
- (ii) No single block must weigh more than 5kg
- (iii) Is fixed by means of tools
- (iv) Has the ability to affix scrutineering seals
- (v) Must be attached only to the Frame or the Seat with minimum Class 8.8 bolts and lock nuts.

- (vi) These bolts must be minimum 8mm diameter.
- (vii) A Maximum of two (2) threads of the bolt may protrude past the lock nut once fixed
- (viii) For single ballast blocks greater than 4kg two (2) fixing points are required”

This means each single block of ballast must weigh no more the 5kg. e.g. If you bolt say 2, 3, 4 or 5 blocks of ballast together (up to a maximum of 5kg in weight, this is considered to be s single unitary block.

You can affix no more than 5kg of ballast at a single point on the kart.

Note if a single unitary block weighs in excess of 4kg two fixing points are required.

Chapter 1 Rule 7 f)

“Mirrors

- (i) Any device, surface or item which is deemed for the purpose of providing rearward vision is not permitted.”

This rule relates to the Australian Kart Formula. It relates solely to Karts.1

State President:

State Steward Coordinator: Congratulations to all the Victorians that won or placed in their respective classes at the Australian Kart Championships. Out of the 24 place podium finishers 18 were from Victoria.

KA 2016 Manual should be out shortly.

All clubs **MUST** follow the AKA manual in all aspects – running of race meetings must be done as per the regulations.

State Stewards Coordinator:

Country Series. Rd. 6

- 1 x Rule Comp.chp.1 R23(d)(iv)
- 1 x Rule Comp.Chp.3 R2(a)(ii)
- 1 x Rule Comp.Shp.3R2(a)(i)
- 1 x Rule Comp.Chp.3 R2(a)(i)

Entries 128

- Starting Infringement.
- Reckless driving.
- Careless driving.
- Careless driving.

South West.

- 10 second penalty.
- 10 second penalty.
- 5 second penalty.
- 5 second penalty + \$50.00 fine

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Aust. Kart Champs. Rd. 5

- 6 x Rule Championship regulations.
- 6 x Rule Comp.Chp.2 R4e)
- 5 x Rule Comp.Shp.1 R23d)
- 5 x Rule Comp.Chp.3 R2a)(i)
- 3 x Rule Comp.Chp.3.R2a)(ii)
- 1 x Rule Tech.Chp.4.R.5(f)(ii)
- 1 x Rule Tech.Chp.1 R 8d)3
- 1 x Rule Comp.Chp.3.R10a)(iv)
- 1 x Rule Comp.Chp.3.R10a)(iii)

Entries 177

- Failed to pick up tyres in time.
- Passing under yellow
- Starting Infringement
- Kart contact
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- Incorrect tyres.
- Kart exceeds maximum width.
- Weaving after first lap.
- Deliberate crowding

Geelong.

- Fine \$50.00.
- 2 place penalty.
- 10 second penalty.
- 5 second penalty.
- 10 second penalty.
- Excluded section of event.
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- 10 second penalty.
- 10 second penalty.

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Golden Power Series. Rd.5

- 1 x Rule Comp.Chp.3.R2(ii)
- 1 x Rule Comp.Chp.3.R2(ii)
- 1 x Rule comp.Chp.3.R2(ii)

Entries 172

Eastern Lions.

- 4 Place penalty.
- 2 place penalty.
- 10 second penalty.

1 x Rule Comp.Chp.3.R5b)+8b)
1 x Rule Gen.Chp.8.R5a)

10 point penalty.
Refer to tribunal.

State Technical: Fly wheels on the KA100 addendum has been issued for this.
The key maybe filed to achieve the maximum of 4.2 before TDC.

It was suggested that KA should look into any importer that changes any of the homologation parts without KA knowledge should be fined.

State Track: Track inspection times and dates to be sent our shortly. Our track has been inspected.
Catch traps **MUST** be contained at all times.

Smoking in the pits – this has to be stopped at all race meetings as it is getting out of hand. Officials/clubs need to address this. **Rule 17.14. this rule is to be adhered to AT ALL TIMES.**

State Scrutineer: Secondary return spring for Carby – checking will be done as many don't have them on. A minor infringement notice will be given in future.

Rear Bars no modifications to keep inside the wheels will be permitted – must be CIK / FIK approved compulsory in 2016.

Stacking of the lead this is being looked at by KA.

Thank you Graeme for the report.

Correspondence. In & Out: Moved Lorraine Aitken and second by Russell Frost.

General Business: Technical shed extension: Peter Aitken, Shannon Bright, Geoff Pollard (hope I have got the right name) and John Schena have started the extension, they have been working hard on it, hopefully we might have it done by our round of the Power. Also thanks to the Morrow for their help, it is much appreciated.

Power Series: Lorraine Aitken: asked about the race order, she has to do one, Cover for the programme one cover does all rounds, we just have to get it printed. And the time table for the event.

Lorraine said that our race meeting on the 27th March, was Easter Sunday, What are we doing??

Geoff Medew moved a motion that we DO NOT have a race meeting on that date. Those in attendance was all in favour.

We are to have a general meeting in December and one in early January, and also a race meeting in January.

Discussion about the tyres around the track. All plastic to come off and all tyres to be bolted together properly, This is an on going job.

Accident reports have to do all paper work to be done for any little item. E.g even getting a bandaid or headache tablet.

Tony Correa: Informal club day for family, get it back to a family like it used to be, get some people come and have a look around, talk to Tony Correa about engines, karts with Tony Bantick and go karting in general with Graeme and maybe even have a sausage sizzle.

Geoff Curley: Sunday 21st February at Traralgon Show Grounds, L.V. Street machine Show, He would like to See some members go down with their karts and talk to the people. If you need more information you can get in touch with Geoff on Home: 0351 74 1729 or Mobile: 0418 589 950. Spit Roast price up to Adults \$20.00 and children under 14 years \$15.00.

Lorraine Aitken: Piles of dirt, what is going to be done with it, as it may take parking spaces away for the power.

HELP urgently needed. We need another lap scorer and spotter, can someone please help, also we need a person/s to learn to do the lights, as Luana is leaving, but she is willing to teach the volunteer how they work. We would like a couple of extra people to help up there, on race days and on our opens, so that everything is covered. Lorraine cannot do everything alone. Please think about it, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Graeme Monds: Shane Steenholt from Bairnsdale asked Graeme that Bairnsdale would like alterative race weekends with us. Members at the meeting not very keen. Inter Club day down at Morwell in September. Geoff Curley hopes to have Shannons Insurance as a sponsor.

Anita: asked Geoff Curly about Senator Muir and what he was going to do, the senator has to clear his calendar and Geoff has to see when Steven Richards so that there can be a photo shoot and discussion.

WORKING BEE: We are having a working bee on February 27th we need to get everything ready for the next weekend the POWER, and some tidying up, hopefully get rid of the rubbish from the extension. Once again we need help, cannot leave it to the ones that always come. Remember it is your club too.

Transponders: The price of transponders this year is **350.00**.

Members: If you want to renew your license, you have to do your membership first. If you wish to race on a race weekend, and your license is due for renewal, you must have your license done with Lorraine by the Wednesday before the race meeting, as they have to have all information about your license on the computer by late Wednesday night.
For anymore information see Lorraine or give her a ring.

Personnel for Sunday 28th February. 2016.

Clerk of Course: Andrew Broadbent.

Scales: Jeanette Monds,

Grid Marshall:

Announcer: Geoff Medew.

Scrutineer: Tony Correa.

First Aide. John Head.

Stewards: Glenn Wall, Russell Frost & Phil Lane.

Lap Scorers: Lorraine Aitken.

Lights Operator: Luana Crampton.

Starter: Graeme Monds.

If any or the above personnel cannot do their job on the day, please give Anita a ring on 26th February.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meeting is on Tuesday 8th March, at 7.00pm.

