

# Gippsland Go Kart Club Inc.

**General Meeting. 12/04/2016**

The general meeting of the Gippsland Go-Karts was held at our clubrooms, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 and was declared opened at 7.05 pm by President Peter Aitken.

**Present:** Anita & Barry Stratton, Tony Correa. Geoff Medew, Geoff Curley, Russell Frost, Shannon Bright, Ross Miller & Grant Wicks.

**Apologies:** Graeme & Jeanette Monds, Phil Lane. Lorraine & Peter Aitken.

**New Members:** NIL

**Minutes from last Meeting.** The minutes from the last meeting were read by members present, Moved by Geoff Curley and second by Ross Miller that they be true and correct. Carried.

**Treasurers Report:** No report tonight, Treasurer was absent.

**Business Arising.** Lap Scorers Board, Cash register, and Tech shed. (General Business).

**Delegates Report:** The delegates report was given by Russell Frost. There was not much to report, This meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> April, is a face to face. Russell gave out all the penalties, which is listed below under State Stewards Coordinator. Russell also reported that all officials were going to be supplied with HIGH VIZ Vests.

Mark Worsnop (legal man) will be attending this April meeting, so it might be a longer and more informative one. Russell will report back at our next meeting.

**State President: nil.**

**Treasurers Financial Report: nil.**

**State Stewards Coordinator:**

**14/02/16 Country Series Rd. 1**

1 x Unable to fit rear protection device.

5 x No rib protectors

**Entries 205**

**South West.**

Minor ineligibility form.

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- 3 x Weight infringement.
- 3 x Careless driving.
- 1 x Reckless driving during practice.
- 1 x Starting infringement.
- 1 x Passing under yellow.
- 1 x Dangerous driving.
- 2 x Reckless driving.
- 1 x Driving wrong direction on track.

**5-6/03/16. Golden Power Series Rd. 1 Entries 137**

- 2 x Transponder infringement.
- 1 x Weight infringement.
- 1 x Careless driving.
- 1 x Reckless driving.
- 1 x No gasket fitted exhaust gases leaking.

**State Technical:**

Rear Bumpers – rule from KA is still being looked at. At present KA has not lifted the minor ineligibility for rear bumpers.

Rear protection bumpers that don't have CIK/FIA stamped the National Technical Coordinator has said that they are approved for use. He has this issue in hand and getting direction.

**State Track:** Hamilton – waiting for the final photos from them for the issue of their track licence.

Eastern Lions need to forward photos that are required by KA before the Australia Kart Championship at Easter.

Karting Victoria need these photos asap.

**State Scrutineer:** Same as Harold's report.

Thank you Russell for the report. The delegates report was moved by Russell Frost and second by Shannon 'Bright. Carried.

**Race Reports:** Shannon Bright took his boys to the Bendigo Gold Cup, good meeting, 75 drivers. Bailey Collins came second to Cadet 12. Few used it for practice for the Power round there which is held on the 9/10<sup>th</sup> July.

**Portland:** Ryan Aitken went to Portland on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. For Victoria Country Series Rd. 2.

Ryan qualified 3<sup>rd</sup> in Tag Heavy and KA 3 Senior Heavy.

First race 3<sup>rd</sup> in both classes. 2<sup>nd</sup> race, 3<sup>rd</sup> in TAG Heavy and 2<sup>nd</sup> in KA 3. Finals 4<sup>th</sup> in TAG Heavy and 2<sup>nd</sup> in KA 3. Ryan was pretty happy with results.

**Correspondence.** In & Out: Moved Geoff Medew and second by Ross Miller. Carried.

**General Business:**

**Geoff Curley:** The old A Frame. Geoff is going to do it up and have advertisement printed on it.

Till: Would like a Point of Sale system. \$600.00. Quote given to Phil.

Leonie Curley would like to "Thank the Club" for the beautiful flowers, sent to her after her operation.

**Shannon Bright:** Got some quotes for Lap Board, gave us quotes and copies have been sent to Phil, to see if we have enough money to purchase them. A motion was moved by Russell Frost subject to finances we go ahead with the purchase of the Board. The motion was second by Ross Miller. Once again we have to wait on our finances from Phil.

Shannon inquired about the night race, need to see about the lights. Tony Correa to see about the lights.

**Tony Correa:** asked about the bumpers in the wet weather, is it the same set up?? Russell to ask about this ruling at the next delegates meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May, we await his answer.

**Grant Wicks:** Winning the tyres on club day, If a winner of the tyres win them in a couple of months

Excluded from section of event.

10 second time penalty.

\$50.00 fine.

10 second penalty.

2 place penalty.

Excluded from section of event.

15 second time penalty.

Excluded from event.

**Gippsland.**

Excluded from section of event.

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5 second penalty.

15 second penalty.

Excluded from final.

e.g. last race day in November and then win them again the first race day in the new year, let the tyres stay. All members know that they have to be at the presentations to get the tyres if they win them. Members can ONLY win the once in the racing year.

Grant moved a motion the new members get their first entry waved, but must race in the first 6 months. Second Shannon Bright. All in agreeance. This to start from the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. Carried.

**Russell Frost:** read a letter from Bairnsdale Kart Club. They would like our karters to go up there on 29<sup>th</sup> May, our club race day, like have another Interclub day then, drivers could practice for Bairnsdales Open which is on 5<sup>th</sup> July. The members present thought it was unfair, as Bairnsdale had already had their Interclub day, and they were to come down to Gippsland later this year, and they would come down here to practice before our C & D grades. We cannot afford to lose another race days takings, seeing that we did not race on Easter.

**Russell Frost:** New members, we need to have a think tank, and flyers. More discussion later. Some plumbing work has to be done, and it will be done on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

There was a discussion about the tyres from the Wimmera Kart Club. If any member would like to read it You may be able to see a copy of it from Anita.

**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. We need a couple of extra people to learn what goes on up in lap scorers box, incase that one of our girls are ill at any time or have to have a day off for some reason. If we do not have those positions covered we will not be able to run the race, you will be shown what it takes to do the job, please think about helping, your help would be greatly appreciated, as I have said before we cannot leave it to the same ones, they need help. If you are interested in helping and I hope there are some members who would like to do it please see Lorraine.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.**

<b>Clerk of Course:</b>	<b>Andrew Broadbent.</b>	<b>Stewards: Glenn Wall, Phil Lane.</b>
<b>Scales:</b>		<b>Russell Frost.</b>
<b>Grid:</b>	<b>Lynda Richards.</b>	<b>Lap Scorer: Lorraine Aitken.</b>
<b>Announcer:</b>	<b>Geoff Medew.</b>	<b>Lights: Luana Crampton.</b>
<b>Scrutineer:</b>	<b>Tony Correa.</b>	<b>Starter: Peter Richards.</b>
<b>First Aide:</b>	<b>John Head.</b>	

**If any of the personnel above cannot do their duty on the above date would you please ring Anita on 0407 74 3870 by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.**

**Thank You.**

**Members:** Here is a letter that was put forward as an agenda item from Rochester Kart Club. This open letter on websites in regards to the Supreme Court Judgement. Here it is below.

Why, all you state karting councils, have you endorsed a new plan without saying why you have deviated from what the members so overwhelmingly wanted ten years previously? Have you told KA that the members don't want an emphasis on elite karting and want them to strategise for what they do want?

If though, you do decide to start at the top and perhaps hope for a trickle down effect, remember, CIK, as a stand alone series before 2002, attracted over 100 competitors in three classes and did not include a gear box class. But it won't work now, unless you go back to the pre 2002 successful years and take on board, why it was successful and why it died from about 2002 and died again, when reintroduced against the International Karting Committee's advice in 2008. It isn't working; the so called pinnacle class had so few entries last year, it wouldn't be run at a national meeting that stipulated a minimum number for a class. What questions have the KA members, the states, asked regarding the strategy to turn this around? And what have you been told by the Chairman in his role as states conduit under rule 7.5 of the constitution?

Of closer concern to us as club members, is the failure of State Championships rounds format.

It hasn't worked but it was worth trying. Having failed, principally in the area of creating revenue for host clubs, why haven't you directed the board that States need to work in their own unique circumstances, and in most, if not all cases, revert to one off championships?

From our point of view though, the major deviation KA has made from the constitution that was purpose built for it, has been not appointing committees from state nominations as the constitution was designed. The constitutional plan was that the relevant board member chairs each committee as it says in the constitution. The problem is, KA didn't elect committees from state nominations and they therefore have not had the expert forum, those committee personal would have bought into the WSR, instead, for some unknown reason, the background of the WSR was closely held and some of the contributors had little experience, and indeed, more than one had none at all, so there has been a complete 180 degree turn in the plan's focus.

And it is hurting, don't your clubs tell you that? What has KA told you about the increase in levies? What is the extra revenue for? Or are we now beginning to see the economic effect of a smaller market because our churn has increased:- charging the remaining market higher fees? Is there another explanation for increasing tyre levies?

So Councillors, the ball is in your court. What are you going to do? You can turn it all around if you call a general meeting and move some resolutions as the powerpoint you were sent sets out.

While you are there, it is also time to review the MOU's which in a number of cases, were never put before the state council and are invalid as management committees are only administrators and have no authority under state constitutions. For crying out loud, we put so much time and effort into getting the business side of the sport handled like a real business, we need to keep at it and fix a few things that aren't right.

If any reader who is a club member, would like to see our letter raised as correspondence at their club, feel free, and ask your club to pass it on to your state secretary so it goes on the Council agenda.

John McCleverty, Ralph van Doorn, Neville Scullion.

Meeting closed 8.30.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Commencing at 7pm.

