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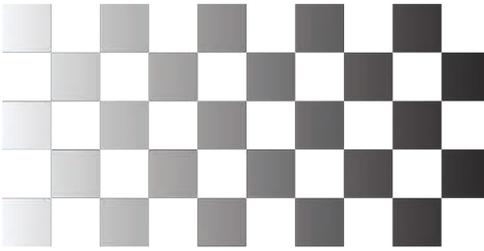
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This month in Karting: Mixed results at Rochester for the second round of the Golden Power Series for our members.

Congratulations to the members that stayed out of trouble. Still, a great turnout, had some 260 entries—one of the most popular series running in this year's calendar. Some placings by our club members: Matthew Smith Junior Max, Jason Bargwanna Sportsman Light, Scott Cole Sportsman Heavy.

Next club day held at Bairnsdale this weekend. See you there

—Dean



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Gippsland Go Kart Club Inc.

General Meeting. 08/05/2012.

The general meeting of the Gippsland Go-Karts was held at our clubrooms, on Tuesday 8th May, 2012 and was declared opened at 7.19 pm by President Graeme Monds.

Present: Anita & Barry Stratton, Graeme & Jeanette Monds, Phil Lane, Geoff Medew. Ross Miller, John Schena, Alfi Prestipino, Peter & Lorraine Aitken, Simon Pooley, Tony & Lucas Correa, Luana Crampton, Mick Alger, Daniel Inglis.

Apologies: Jason Crampton. Carolyn Cameron, Brett Hopkinson. Glenn Wall.

New

Members: None.

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

Treasurers Report: The treasurers report was given by Phil Lane, and moved by Peter Aitken and second by Geoff Medew that they be true and correct. Thank You Phil for your report.

Business Arising. Breakup for 2012, more about that in general business.

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

State President:

Goulburn Valley meeting ran at Mildura was successful. The club thanked the Mildura Kart Club for their assistance and the use of their facility.

State Tech: Rotax earth wire disconnecter that is being used – ensure that your engines are as per manual when you go away to race meetings as in some states it is not an issue but others it is. Karters to make sure that they comply.

Stewards school:- If any clubs have members that wish to be accredited to contact the VKA office and we will arrange another school. The VKA has sent out a note asking if anyone is interested in doing the following training courses. **Technical, Stewards, and Scrutineering.** If interested any of these courses please get in contact with the VKA office by the 21st May, and give them your details. Name, Club & Course. Thank You.

Historics: 24 karts for the first historic meeting at Ballarat. All went well.

State Steward Coordinator:

31/03/12 & 01/04/12.

All Stars Series Rd. 1.

1 x Rule 16.09(vi)2

2 x Rule 16.23 (a)

1 x Rule 5.01 (w)

1 x Rule 16.23 (a)

1 x Rule 26.01

Entries 142.

Starting infringement.

Kart Contact.

Fail to obey an Official.

Kart contact in carby session.

Failed C/C test.

Oakleigh.

10 Second time penalty.

Exclusion section of event.

100 Point penalty.

100 Point penalty.

Excluded from event.

State Track: Once again a reminder that **all tracks** must be presented at all times in a condition that is

acceptable for a race meeting.

Agenda items for delegates meeting 12th April, 2012. Results of discussions will be given at our next meeting.

Item 1: Ongoing agenda item: 125 Sportsman light and heavy classes weight parity for restricted to be an ongoing item. Discussion on the weight changes. At present they are very good and will be monitored at race meetings in the future.

Track: Suggested rule change for the AKA conference or deletion of this rule/s:

That we revisit the rule/s in relation to the Acceleration Line – Rules 17.06 and Rule 16.09(iv). Is the Acceleration line required? This rule is not adhered to by the drivers. Motion: Bendigo. That the acceleration line is removed. Second: Swan Hill. **Carried.**

Technical/Scrutineering: This item to be discussed at the meeting on 12th April, 2012.

Rule 26.01.

Rule 26.01 Cylinder Head Volume Measurement:

8) To clean out measuring fluid after failure of the first test and before commencement of second test, unleaded petrol to be poured into cylinder, Motor to be rinsed and blown out by inserting air hose into spark plug recess and turning the piston to open exhaust, therefore, expelling excess fluid. Cylinder Head and engine seal is not to be removed prior to any C. C test.

Change to read: Moved Eastern Lions.

Rule 26.01 Cylinder Head Volume Measurement:

8) To clean out measuring fluid after failure of the first test and before commencement of second test, unleaded petrol to be poured into cylinder, **Rinsed out twice left for a minimum of 10 minutes** and turning the piston to open exhaust, therefore, expelling excess fluid. Cylinder Head and engine seal is not to be removed prior to any C.C test. Second Bendigo. Carried.

Rule 25.31 2

This is the rule in the rule book about brackets for the camera's

The camera must be mounted to the kart with a "fit for purpose" mounting system that, in itself, does not pose a hazard to other karts or karters under any circumstances. My interpretation on the brackets would be that they could pose a hazard to other karters if the 2 kart collided. There are photos up on the notice board.

I think the rule should have something like: can only be fitted a fixed part of the chassis or the radiator with the brackets that come with the camera, (do brackets come with the camera I'm not sure).

Send to conference for discussion.

Clutch test procedure: Rule 25.17 f.

All clutches must engage sufficiently to allow front wheels to climb test bar at less than 4800rpm.

Checking the movement of the kart at the set rpm will take place on either the dummy grid or on the track before time trials/qualifying and /or races. A strip of metal (10mm high by 75mm by 1300mm long) will be placed on the ground immediately in front of both front wheels. The engine will be started, the Technical Officer will pinch the cable of the revolution counter to the spark plug cable to read the number of revolutions. The driver must obey the orders given by the Technical Officer.

Moved: Go Kart Club of Victoria

The bold underlined area changed to.

Checking the movement of the kart at the set rpm will take place on either the dummy grid or on the track before or after time trials/qualifying and /or races or any time.

Second: Geelong. Carried.

25.19 Weights:

1. Class weights are as raced at the time of weight measuring, and are detailed in technical pages of the classes. **Weights that is more than 5kg must be retained by a minimum of two 8mm high tensile bolts with lock nuts.**

Moved: Bendigo. The bold underlined area changed to:

Weight that is more the 4kg must be retained by a minimum of two 8mm high tensile bolts with lock nuts.

Second: Gippsland. Carried.

25.11 Guards:

(i) **Chain Guards: a chain guard is compulsory and must give sufficient front and side protection to prevent the driver trapping his/her fingers in the chain.**

(ii) Engine Sprockets Guards: An engine sprocket guard is compulsory and must give sufficient front and side protection to prevent the driver trapping his/her fingers in the chain.

With the first part of this rule there is a lot of chain guards that only give top protection should we change this part of the rule.

Moved: Go Kart Club of Victoria. The bold underlined area changed to,

Chain Guards: A chain guard is compulsory and must give sufficient protection above the chain to prevent the driver trapping his/her fingers in the chain.

Second: Goulburn Valley. Carried.

25.09 Exhaust System:

5. Muffler must be securely fastened with springs to a mounting bracket cradle and to the header pipe of the engine. **A secondary fastening system comprising a multi-strand wire (as used in throttle cables) to secured through a fixing lug or a similar attachment (e.g. hose clamp on the muffler and fixed to the chassis, excluding rear bumper bar to prevent the exhaust system detaching from the kart.**

I also think the muffler and end cap should be secured with the multi-strand wire as we have seen end caps coming off at race meetings.

Moved: Ballarat. The bold and underlined area changed to,

A secondary fastening system, comprising a multi-strand wire (as used in throttle cables) to be secured through a fixing lug or a similar attachment (e.g. hose clamp) on the muffler and end cap and fixed to the chassis, excluding rear bumper bar to prevent the exhaust system detaching from the kart. Second: Geelong. Carried.

23.03 Tyre Treatment:

1. It is not permissible to tamper with any tyre, to alter its hardness, construction or composition with any method or agent including the use of an electric heat gun.

23.04 Preheating Tyres

: Preheating of tyres is not permissible before leaving the out-grid.

Should we have something about rasping tyres???

Not supported.

1.19 Running in an engine:

When a competitor is running in an engine(s) during practice **they must display a diagonal RED cross over their race number on the rear number plate.** This cross must go from corner to corner of the number plate and be clearly visible.

Moved: Oakleigh

The bold underlined area changed to,

They must display a diagonal BLACK cross over their race number on the rear number plate.

Second: Go Kart Club of Victoria. Carried.

Most karters use black tape anyway and it's always in the tool box.

25.11 Guards:

(iii) Skid Plates or pads are permissible, but must be of non metallic material. Skid Plates and/or guards that pass under the brake disc or engine sprocket and chain are prohibited. Any brackets that support such skid plates or pads cannot be lower than the skid plate or pads. Side plates or discs that are attached to the sprocket or carrier and are larger than the outside of the chain are also prohibited.

There is a few karts around that have a 'nurf bar' on the front of the kart. Need tech discussion.

Discussion at conference.

There were a lot of things for the delegates to discuss at this meeting here is a list of them: Clutch test procedure.

Rule 25.17 f. 25.19 Weights: 25.11 Guards: 25.09 Exhaust System: 23.03 Trye Treatment: 23.04 Preheating of Tyres: 1.19 Running in an engine: 25.11 Guards:

All the above items for discussion at the meeting are up on the notice board for all of you to read, plus the photos.

When you read these minutes you will find that the answers to the above Rules discussed at the April delegate meeting, are answered above.

Item 3: 2013 Race Calendar Clubs to provide a preference date for race meeting allocation for 2013.

General Business: Swan Hill delegate asked which class worked the best at other meetings **JMAX** or **Junior performance**. Most clubs suggested **JMAX**.

Agenda items for this months delegates meeting: Ongoing agenda item. 125 Sportsman light and heavy classes weight parity. This is **item 1**.

Item 2. 2013 Race Calendar. There will be another long discussion on this matter, We will be informed about the outcome at our next meeting. Hopefully it would have been finalized.

Thank you Graeme for the report.

Race Reports: Graeme spoke briefly about the race at **Albury**.. The track looked good. Good racing by all concerned, They held a special race in honor of Jason Richards who sadly passed away a few months ago. The club held an auction for Jason's family which they are approx.. \$16,000.00. Great effort. Dick Johnson from the V8's put some items up for auction. Graeme was lucky got in early when bidding for a race suit started, left other bidders in his wake. Graeme won the race suit.

Rochester: Rd. 2 Power. Lorraine Aitken. The weather was very cold, good racing. 262 entries. Graeme was wondering from an officials point of view where they would all fit in, but they did. Officials are trying to do things better all the time.

Mick Alger: some of our drivers had good position, but they could not make the top placing. Jason Bargwanna and Scott Cole were the only two that got awards

General Business:

Graeme Monds has the trailer stickers on the go with the first stage being design and sizes.

Mr. Ray Ikin got in touch with Graeme and inquired about hiring our clubrooms for a reunion they hold every two years. Mr. Ikin is into Vintage Cars and trucks. It was agreed at the meeting that he be allowed to hire the clubrooms. Graeme to get in touch with him and get all the details.

Mr. Tomkin who is doing the Honour Board wanted to know when they are coming to put the finishing work to the board, so that Mr. Tomkins can put all the names on. It would be nice if it was done by the Power round. Looking into the matter.

Alfi: showed drawings of caps for C Grade, they are being donated by Mr. Downing. Cool Aqua donating shirts for all the first place winners in each class. New Major sponsors signs going up in the next few weeks.

Track Proposal. There was another big discussion on this subject. We are waiting for a letter from Monacellers re proposal for a buyout of land which will be the first stage to get the ball rolling here. Alfi is speaking to Latrobe City re acquiring land to relocate the track on, We are still only discussing the situation at the moment but we are moving forward with this. Will keep you all!!!!

Alfi has made a tentative booking at the Italian club for our end of year breakup. Date think it is the 8th December, Cost will be about : \$25 per adult and children over 12 years \$15. Still working out menu, when everything has been worked out you will be informed. Hopefully by next meeting Alfi will know more and let us know.

Dress code: Semi Formal.

Simon: asked about another lap scorer pad. Glenn has been trying to get in touch with the firm. Graeme

to ask Glenn to get a price on whole new outfit.

Luana: P.Plate corner. When karters come off track **YOU MUST** pull karts right off track this is not only for your safety but also other karters!!!!!!,

Lorraine: ask about us have a Eftpos machine for entries, Phil to look into this and see about the cost for this.

Geoff Medew: sign for cage. (tyres). Alfi to see John about the sign and get 1 made up soon.

Mick Alger: Tents are a dangerous item, if you are putting one up, please make sure that you peg them down secure. At last club day two cars were damaged due to a tent being blown over by the wind.

Disappointingly the owner of the tent didn't make contact with the owner of the damaged cars!!!!!!!!!!!!

We must insist that when putting up a tent or portable shade it be secured firmly by pegs and/or tied down to your trailer or use tent pegs.

Rod Makepeace Memorial: Members especially the over 40's Rod's memorial race will be held at the June club day meet. It is a great race, so hopefully we will have a big field. Good luck.

Correspondence In & Out: Moved Luana Crampton and second by Lorraine Aitken.

Working Bee: A working bee will be held at the track on June 11th, to get everything done so that our track looks good for that coming weekend our round of the Power. Please come and lend a hand.

Inter-Club race day. Our annual inter club race meeting between Gippsland and Bairnsdale will be held in Bairnsdale on the **MAY** race weekend. The date is **27th May**. Bairnsdale will be coming down here for their return visit on **29th July**. I will keep putting it in the newsletter to remind you.

Don't forget that we now have our own web page the address is. www.ggkc.org.au click onto it and see what is happening at our club. You can also download the newsletter from this web site. Thanks.

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.

Members remember to keep reading the Notice Board with all the new addendums, they will be of interest to driver and pit crew.

Meeting closed 9.25pm

Next meeting 12th June commencing 7pm.

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2012 VKA CALENDAR

Month	Event	Location
MAY	6 Golden Power Series R2	Rochester
	13 Southern City Classic	Oakleigh
	20 Country Series R3	Wimmera
	27 Club Day	
JUNE	3 Open	Bairnsdale
	9/10 North West Titles	Mildura
	Golden Power Series R3	Gippsland (CIK Rd 3)
	24 Club Day	
JULY	1 HorsePower Heaven	Geelong
	8 Sun Centre Titles	Swan Hill
	6/7/8 Australian Championships	Darwin
	15	
	22 AllStars Series Rd 2	ELKC
	29 Club Day	(CIK Rd 4)
AUG	4/5 C&D Titles	Gippsland
	11 City of Melb Titles	GKCV
	19 Golden Power Series R4	Albury
	26 Club Day	
SEPT	2 AllStars Series Rd 3	GKCV
	8 Junior Sprint Classic	ELKC
	15 Shane McPhee SWKC	(CIK Rd 5)
	23 Country Series Rd 4	Hamilton
	29 Historics	Bendigo
	30 Club Day	
OCT	6 Kingston Cup	Oakleigh
	14 Open	Bendigo
	21 Country Series R5	Ballarat
	28 Club Day	
NOV	4 AllStars Series R4	Geelong
	11 Golden Power Series R5	ELKC
	17 Historics	GVKC
	18 Country Series R6	SWKC
	25 Club Day	
DEC	1/2 Vic Closed	Bendigo
	8 VKA Presentation	
	9 Enduro	GKCV

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CLUB DAY

RESULTS Morwell

29th April 2012

SENIOR NATIONAL LIGHT

- 1 John SCHENA
- 2 Darryl CROWLEY
- 3 Samantha CLARKE

CLUBMAN HEAVY

- 1 Ryan AITKEN
- 2 Leighton CLAGUE
- 3 James DEAN

CADETS

- 1 Adam WATCHORN
- 2 Bailey HUME
- 3 Samuel DOWNING

JUNIOR NATIONAL LIGHT

- 1 Jacob PRESTIPINO
- 2 Jeremiah SHEEHAN
- 3 Troy ALGER

SPORTSMAN RESTRICTED HEAVY

- 1 Brett HUME
- 2 Alfi PRESTIPINO
- 3 Scott LOWATER

CLUBMAN OVER 40'S

- 1 Grant WICKS
- 2 John SCHENA
- 3 Peter AITKEN

SPORTSMAN RESTRICTED MEDIUM

- 1 Neville WATT
- 2 Scott LOWATER
- 3 Jake BARGWANNA

JUNIOR NATIONAL HEAVY

- 1 Jeremiah SHEEHAN
- 2 Troy ALGER
- 3 Samuel MORROW

CLUBMAN LIGHT

- 1 Curt SERA
- 2 Nikola ALGER
- 3 James DEAN

ROOKIES

- 1 Jordan CARUSO
- 2 Marcus FRASER
- 3 James FYFE

SPORTSMAN MEDIUM

- 1 James DEAN
- 2 Robert REID
- 3 Geoff WYHOON

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2012 GGKC IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT	CLUB
May 27	GGKC Club Day Interclub meet at	Bairnsdale
June 12	Meeting at clubrooms 7pm	GGKC
June 24	Club Day	GGKC
July 29	GGKC Club Day Interclub meet at	GGKC
Aug 19	Golden Power Series R4	Albury
Dec 8	Club break up—To be confirmed	



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CLUB DAY APRIL

