

Gippsland Go Kart Club Inc.

General Meeting. 10/03/2015

The general meeting of the Gippsland Go-Karts was held at our clubrooms, on Tuesday 10th March. 2015 and was declared opened at 7.20 pm by President Peter Aitken.

Present: Anita & Barry Stratton, Graeme & Jeanette Monds, Lorraine & Peter Aitken, John Schena. Russell Frost, Tony Correa, Geoff Curley. Geoff Medew, Ross Miller. & Mick Alger.

Apologies. Cameron. Lucas, & Trevor Correa. Phil Lane.

New Members: Gippsland Go Kart Club would like to welcome Ash Watt and Murray Quine to our karting family, and we hope that you have long and enjoyable time at the club.

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

Treasurers Report: No treasurers report tonight, Phil was away.

Business Arising.

Business NIL

Delegates Report: This report was given by Graeme Monds.

Delegates State President/ Executive Commissioner. Junior Top Guns at Oakleigh in January -- good entries.

Report: Cadet 9 no entries. Delegates felt that this class needs to be looked at as the engines are only for 2 years and the engine speed against the Cadet 12 class.

Concerns were also expressed on the weight for cadets.

The VKA to monitor this class over the next couple of months.

Portland entries for the first round of the Country series are looking good.

Eastern Lions Kart track is closed until further notice. Track being re-surfaced.

VKA received a letter from Karting Australia expressing concerns in regards to the City of Melbourne being ran on the same weekend as the SA and NSW final rounds of their state series.

Russell explained to the CEO that the City of Melbourne has been ran for a considerable number of years and thought that consideration would have been looked into before a the same date was chosen by KA.

KA stated that VKA had a couple of options:

1. Change the date with C & D meeting or the Golden Power series round.
2. Run the event but no interstate competitors will be allowed to enter.

Discussion on the proposal from KA by the delegates.

Moved: Gippsland City of Melbourne race meeting to now be held on the 1/2nd August, and C & D grade to be held on the 8/9th August, 2015.

Second: Geelong.

Against: Wimmera.

Carried.

KA (States) track development fund account will be tabled at the Karting Australia AGM

Treasurers Report: Eastern Lions have requested a loan from Karting Australia- discussion on this with the delegates.

Moved: Eastern Lions that the VKA endorse the loan application to KA for \$100.000 in principal.

Second: Gippsland. Carried.

VKA had four clubs that were seeking loans and waiting on the loan application documents from KA that was discussed back in 2014 with KA when they attended the VKA meeting.

Phil to forward to these clubs the KA loan applications.

State Steward Coordinator:

JUNIOR TOP GUNS RD. 1	ENTRIES. 108	OAKLEIGH.
3 x Rule Tech chap. 1.R5.a		Weight infringement.
2 x Rule Comp chap 1 R10.a		Transponder infringement.
1 x Rule Comp chap 3. R2.a.ii	Reckless Driving.	5 Second penalty.
1 x Rule Comp chap 3. R4.h.i	Left track did not redress position.	Excluded from final.
JUNIOR TOP GUNS RD. 2	ENTRIES, 106	OAKLEIGH.
1 x Rule Comp chap 3 R.2.a.i	Careless driving.	5 second penalty.
ROTAX PRO TOUR RD. 1	ENTRIES. 235	GKCV.
2 x Rule General chap 1 R19	Weight infringement.	Excluded section of event.
7 x Rule Comp chap 2. R4.e	Passing under yellow.	2 place penalty.
3 x Rule Comp chap 3 R.2a.ii	Reckless Driving.	10 second penalty.
1 x Rule Tech Rotax R15.7	Used wrong carby.	Excluded from meeting.
1 x Rule Tech chap 1. R.9N.x	Restrictor infringement.	Excluded from section of event.
1 x Rule Tech spec 2,3&2.4	Failed profile gauge.	Excluded from meeting plus 1 month suspension.
1 x Rule General chap 8 R.5.j	Disobey direction of Official.	Written warning.
1 x Rule Comp chap 3.R.2 aii	Driving standard.	Written warning.

Discussion on officials training days: We are still waiting on clubs to send in names so that we can address the training date and time.

State Track: All track inspection completed – requested photo’s from some clubs but yet to receive them. Approx 7 clubs I need photos from at this stage.

State Technical: X30 Carbon Fibre Reeds.

New engine gauges Victoria has received one set – memo to all clubs from KA in regards to these not being available to clubs as yet.

Vortex engine sealing nuts are now hollow. Technical and scrutineers are not happy with this but on reading the document they are in line with the world rules.

Discussion on the head gasket for the KA100 engine. Geelong, Rochester and Wimmera delegates all expressed their concerns that they are being taken out and the manual states in chapter 1 technical rules part 9 engines 9k Gaskets.

(i) Gaskets – unless specified in an engine homologation document.

1) Cylinder head gaskets must be retained.

It was explained that the gasket is allowed to be taken out – that the rule quoted references for other engines.

The gasket is not in the homologation papers.

When it was found that some kept them in and others didn’t a clarification was sought at the race meeting from the importer “Remo Luciani”. When asked the question about this he stated that KA wanted the gasket left in the engine for the flexibility of the barrel height and squish. This will stop anyone from hopefully being illegal.

Delegates expressed concerns that the importer was telling us what to do? Also that on speaking to the National Technical commissioner new rules would be coming out and a thickness of the gasket and clarification on the Head gasket.

A clarification would sort from the National Tech. – Les Allan.

State Scrutineer: Attended the Rotax Pro Tour – A couple of technical infringements.

Question on the size of the bolts for lead.

There was a discussion on different engines, Graeme bought up an item that was in February, but is on the March agenda. Below is the item that is going to be discussed at the teleconference on Thursday night 12th March. **“Club day rules and regulations.”** Discussion on closed club days and how many clubs have others compete from clubs??

The current motion for all closed club days is as follows:

Clubs can have 6 invited competitors. (This was out in place so that clubs could invite other drivers to help form a class i.e. Junior performance, formula 100 etc.)

Metropolitan clubs may have 1 other club attend their club day.

Country clubs can have one or two other clubs attend.

By clubs having others attend their club days it can have an effect on the smaller clubs not being able to hold theirs due to their members going elsewhere.

I am sure that Graeme will be able to give us an answer to this item at our next meeting.

Thank you Graeme for the report.

Historic Karting: NIL.

Correspondence: Moved Barry Stratton, and second by Lorraine Aitken.

In & Out:

Race Reports: Round 1. Power Series was held in Bendigo. They had 160 entries. Good racing.

Clubman did not form. The format was 15 laps heats X 3, and 20 lap final. Racing finished about 3.30pm.

There was one incident, no one manning the lights, Graeme had blue flag.

Troy Alger got 1st in Junior National Heavy, and Sam Morrow 3rd in Restricted 125 Heavy. Congratulations fellas and good luck to all our members who travelled in all the other rounds.

General Request from Graeme Monds: Members we need helpers for the Power Series, to tag engines and

Business: mark tyres. The karts have to be tagged and marked before they get to the grid. Graeme would like this done, so please help, getting these jobs done makes it easier for the officials, and no hold ups. Please think about helping, if only for a few hours it would be greatly appreciated. If you could help, you can give your name to Graeme, or any official and then they will be able to work out what people will be doing.

Tony Correa: Disappointed at the crowd at our first race day for season 2015.

Geoff Curley: Think about putting the prices up in the canteen. Coffee & Tea??

Geoff Medew: Still a few things to be done around the track.

Graeme Monds: Chips need re-raking. There have been some members going through the chips, if you go into them please rake them back into the pile.

Lorraine Aitken: Thanked the club for sending flowers when she was recovering from her operation.

John Schena: Advertise for members (drivers). Put an in the Express, Journal, Warragul Gazette, and ask Geoff Curley if he could put it on the face book he is doing.

Ross Miller: Ross walked the track before the meeting, we have to get rid of the stones on track, keep an eye on the track. Weeds growing up under the track edges. Tony Correa was going to look into this. And maybe put some poison on it.

Mick Alger: Strips to go back into track. Mick can come up on Monday and do it. A discussion was held about items required to do it. Mick was going to check this out with Graeme and Peter before leaving the meeting. The strips will go where they were before.

Graeme Monds: Transponders. Graeme suggested that we hire them out to members for \$35.00 per meeting, They would be able to collect them on race day, and returned them when finished at the end of the day. All loan details would be recorded so we would know where they are?? The drivers would have the same transponder each race meeting. They would be fully charged. After 10 meetings you would own the one you have been hiring.

Anita Stratton: Asked about the classes for the C & D grades, have to wait a bit longer to see if there are any changes. **Anzac Day: The track will not be opened till 1pm. On Saturday April 25th. We have always been late on practice days if Anzac day fall on the weekend. Nothing else is opened till then. It is a mark of respect to our service men and women.** You can still come to the track and help us do the little jobs that need to be kept up to scratch.

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 licence on the computer by late Wednesday night. For anymore information see Lorraine or give her a ring.

Personnel for Sunday, 29th March, 2015

Clerk of Course.	Graeme Monds	Stewards. Phil Lane, Glenn Wall, Russell Frost.? Andrew Broadbent.
Scales.	Jeanette Monds	Lap Scorers; Lorraine Aitken, ????
Grid Marshall.	Lynda Richards	Lights Operator: Luana Crampton.
Announcer:	Geoff Medew.	Starter: Peter Richards.
Scrutineer:	Tony Correa.	
First Aide:	John Head.	

If any of the above personnel cannot do the allocated job they are named for, could they please ring Anita on 51 74 3870 or 0407 74 3870 before 26th March, 2015

Meeting closed 9pm

Next meeting 7th April, 2015
Commencing 7pm.