



WIMMERA KART RACING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 6 September 2011

Meeting commenced: 18:35 hrs

1. **Present:** Dean Marshall, John Dufty, Kelvin Crane (first 40 minutes), Ash Lear, Rachel Lear, Allan Lear, Leon Forrest, Shane Souter, Darren Sanders, Trevor Baker, Remo Luciani.
2. **Apologies:** Brayden Souter, Wayne Heard, Jacob Heard, Trevor Crane, Natasha Baker, Mark Cottrell.
3. **Minutes of previous General Meeting (August 2011) read out – Kelvin Crane**

Motion: That the stated minutes be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Rachel Lear.

Seconded: Darren Sanders.

CARRIED

4. Correspondence out – Dean Marshall

- 4.1 Letter to motorcycle club requesting 70% rate payment.
- 4.2 Club priorities and goals templates.

5. Correspondence in – Dean Marshall

Rates notice

6. Business arising from previous minutes (summary) – Kelvin Crane

- 6.1 Mallee shield still being negotiated.
- 6.2 Practice day attracted good turnout of 35 to 40 karters.
- 6.3 More headsets will be required for next race meeting.
- 6.4 Track edging/shoulders not up to standard.
- 6.5 Obtaining wheelie bins in suitable condition to replace rusted drums.
- 6.6 Grants discussion.

7. Treasurers Report – Allan Lear

Allan advised that he did not have time to do a full statement, but gave a brief summary of draft figures. A full report will be available on request at a later date – deferred until next meeting.

8. Presidents Report – Kelvin Crane

Kelvin stated that the race meeting went well. There are some areas where we could do better, but these issues can be sorted when we plan the next meeting.

9. General Business

9.1 Smoother running of practice days

Shane and Kelvin discussed the need for a clock to make the practice days run smoother, to eliminate frustration of drivers who may feel a certain group is getting more time on the track than another. Allan suggested having approximately 3 groups (Midgets/rookies, juniors and seniors) that run separately (depending on numbers) for 12 minutes each, then a 3 minute pause between each run.

Kelvin stated that this is a good time to remind all members that **THERE IS TO BE NO JUNIORS AND SENIORS ON THE TRACK TOGETHER AT ANY TIME** regardless of whether the event is informal or formal. Kelvin suggested that each run be 12-15 minutes each. Kelvin requested that Dean send out an email, stating to club members that there are to be no jnr's and snr's on track at the same time and that the above is the preferred method to run any event.

Motion: That a timer/clock system be developed to ensure that each karting class/group has similar track practice/racing time, recommended being 12-15 minutes duration for each class.

*Moved: Allan Lear.
CARRIED.*

Seconded: Kelvin Crane.

9.2 Track shoulders in need of repair – Leon Forest

Leon concerned about the state of disrepair of the tracks shoulders due to either crumbling because of the recent flood damage and/or erosion of soil adjacent the shoulders. Debate amongst members raised concerns about using sandstone or limestone, due to this possibly affecting the tracks surface grip and issues of how to get the right compaction to ensure correct binding of the material. John suggested that he acquire some suitable soil for the purpose of encouraging grass to grow at the track edges. John suggested spring is an ideal time to do so. It was agreed by members to try this approach for the time being, until a full track maintenance audit is conducted to assess the damage.

9.3 E – License update – Allan Lear

Allan reminder members that if they have not paid for their practice licenses (if required), he would appreciate prompt payment, so that he can apply for them all at the same time.

9.4 Club Karts – Shane Souter

Shane raised the issue of whether the club should keep the current club karts or dispose of them. Remo said he believes that the club needs some karts to remain for new karters to try. Shane concerned about maintenance and said that the same people are often left to repair and run the karts. Allan suggested detuning them to make them more reliable and save all the good parts to make up some reliable karts with what we already have. Leon suggested selling all of the current karts and acquire 2 good karts, 1 having a j motor and 1 having a comer motor. Remo said he would look at what he has in his store room and he will also have discussions with his suppliers to see what he might be able to contribute. Darren and Trevor suggested that there is no midget kart available – this was confirmed by Ash. Allan suggested salvaging the best parts to make one good large kart and sell off rest of parts. Dean suggested doing a stock take of what we need and don't need and then sell off old parts and see what we make, then make a decision about what to possibly purchase after we know much we make.

It was agreed that at some convenient time, club committee members will assess all of the karts and determine what is worth salvaging and then make a decision when better informed. Remo to bring his findings to a future meeting.

9.5 Old tyre removal – Allan Lear (maintenance coordinator)

Allan suggested that 'Camo's Tyre Disposal' from Stawell come out and dispose of old barrier tyres for the best quote we have had yet - \$1.70 each. Approx 500 units can be collected with each truck load. Allan organized this straight away on the phone. Darren and Allan agreed to remove old tyres on Thursday 8th September (weather permitting).

Motion: That Allan and Darren be able to organise tyre disposal.

Moved: Allan Lear.

Seconded: Darren Sanders.

CARRIED.

9.6 Acquiring suitable rubbish bins – Trevor Baker

Trevor announced that he believes he can acquire approximately 20 used rubbish bins, in an adequate condition for club use, free of charge. Trevor to give update at next meeting after he speaks with the council.

MEETING CLOSED AT 19:45 HRS

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 11 October 2011 at 19:00 hrs.
Venue: Horsham Injector service.**

**Dean Marshall
WKRC - Secretary.**