

KartSport Dunedin – Committee Meeting

7.30pm December 14th 2011

Present

Viv Patrick (Chair), Barrie Lay, Neil Patrick, Ross Palmer, Ray King, Chris Dixon, Daniel Harvey, Neil Shearer.

Apologies

Morgan Fraser

Absent

None.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Accepted – Barrie Lay / Ray King

Matters arising

AMB: Daniel has done training. Others are yet to be trained, but there is no firm training plan. Neil Shearer has approached Volunteering Dunedin to see if they can match us up with one or more people. Neil suggested retired people may be more suitable as they are more likely to be prepared to give up a whole Sunday than someone who is fully employed. We are unlikely to hear back from them until after Christmas, and Neil is unsure whether it will yield any suitable volunteers.

Fill: Hall Bros and All Services now have keys.

Darryn Waters from Fulton Hogan suggested it would be possible for Fulton Hogan to manage the fill – the cost to us would be the periodic cost of levelling and compacting. Darryn said uncontrolled filling has the potential to create problems when it is time to form and seal the track.

The motorcycle club is interested in using the undeveloped area. The club is agreeable to them using it for trail riding, but is reluctant to commit to Motards with access to the track.

We really need a plan of what we want to have, so we know each step along the way is helping. Neil Shearer to look at developing something over the holidays.

South Islands 2012: The sub-committee has met. Neil S will organise race officials, etc. early next year.

Robert Hutton has indicated we would probably get approval to run the 'Option 2' format (time trials and racing on the same day), but over two days instead of three, and that is the preferred option.

The major sponsor and two secondary sponsors have been identified, and Neil Shearer is to ensure we put agreements in place that minimise the risk of any misunderstandings about what the sponsors will get for their money.

Correspondence

Circulated. Accepted by consensus.

Finance Report

Previously circulated.

Noted that we now have more money in the bank than we owe on our mortgage! Mortgage payments will reduce from \$993/month to \$289/month.

Facilities Report

Toilets. The pump impellor has been repaired by inserting a brass bush in the acetyl impellor – don't know how long it will last. A new impellor has been bought, and is sitting in a clearly marked box in the first aid room. The holding tank is now full.

Action: Chris to arrange for the holding tank to be emptied before Christmas.

A steel bracket is required to support the bench in the tower. Action: Neil Patrick to fix this.

It was noted that some of the cappings on the pit wall are coming apart. Action: Ross and Barrie to check and repair.

The table / stand in the pit area is now unsafe. Action: (Who?) Remove it. There was some discussion about providing a stand of some kind in the pit area, as the table has been well used. Prefer to leave the 'Rev Up Zone' where it is and provide something else for the pits. No actions decided upon.

It was noted that one of the club's kart trollies has a dodgy wheel. Action: Neil Shearer to fix it.

Painting of kerbs was discussed. It was noted that it would be good to paint them before the South islands, and that it should be done during summer. Action: Barrie Lay to check paint prices with John Holmes.

Club Captain's Report

Some behaviour issues were noted at the Xmas meeting.

There was discussion about how officials are/are not able to act upon driving behaviour. It was noted that Steve Chapman has been urging KartSport NZ to move away from the protest system to a system where race officials take firmer control over driver behaviour. It was also noted that in Britain all race officials, etc. are paid and that karting there is a lot more expensive than in NZ. No action by the committee, but the race officials present (Daniel, Viv, Neil P) should discuss it with other Dunedin race officials.

Race Co-ordination

It was noted that next year's first aid roster should spell out that each race day there must be at least one non-racing first aider. A roster needs to be drawn up for next year.

Daniel Harvey noted that he will not continue to do race co-ordination after January. He did note that his email method of getting helpers seemed to work reasonably well.

We need to get our 2012 race calendar on our web page. Action: Neil Shearer to ask Morgan to do this.

Next race meeting: Saturday 28th January, twilight.

General business

Radios: There have been suggestions the radios are not up to scratch, e.g. background noise, talk buttons locked on. Barrie believes the radios are acceptable, but operator training would be beneficial (e.g. it is possible to key lock them so the talk button can't turn on unexpectedly; you should pause before speaking; etc.) Action: Barrie to train officials in use of the radios before the January 28 meeting, and again at the Masters Games.

Licence renewal: the incident at the Thomson Memorial when two drivers were turned away because their licences hadn't been renewed was discussed. It was believed on the day that because it was a permitted meeting and the licences had expired some time previously the club was unable to accept licence applications on behalf of KartSport NZ. It was noted that drivers get timely reminders from KartSport NZ, and it is the driver's own responsibility to manage his licence renewal.

Night meeting: The Thomson family has offered to donate to the club after the next night meeting, a sum equivalent to the cost of hiring one light tower. Action: Treasurer to remember this.

Track drainage: this was discussed. The two Neils met with Darryn Waters from Fulton Hogan. His advice was to try to establish soak pits, either by digging with a large digger, or possibly by using a large auger. He recommended we confirm with the Dunedin City Council and Otago Regional Council that there are no rules preventing us from doing that (e.g. possibly affecting the Mosgiel water bores). He was reluctant to recommend piping the drains, as they cost around \$250 per metre and we do not have enough fall for drains to work without silting. After some discussion it was resolved that: Neil Patrick ask Kevin MacLeod for a price to try establishing a soak hole at the culvert end of the pond. Carried. Actions: Neil Patrick to approach Kevin, Neil Shearer to confirm with Otago Regional Council that we are allowed to create soak pits.

The meeting finished at 9.35pm.