



north of ireland karting association

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Venue:- House of Sport, Upper Malone Road, Belfast

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Attendance

Keith Campbell	Bishops court Kart Club (Chairman)
Keith Wilkinson	Honorary Secretary
Sam Finlay	Ulster Kart Club (Vice Chairman)
Davy Moulden	500 MRCI (Treasurer)
Frank Weir	500 MRCI
Terry Wilkinson	Bishops court Kart Club
Paul Preston	Bishops court Kart Club
Gordon Duncan	Ulster Kart Club
Paul Fullerton	Ulster Kart Club

1.2 Apologies

Trison McMullan	Coleraine DMC
Evan Freeman	Coleraine DMC
Terry Hamill	Coleraine DMC

1.3 Invited Guests

None in attendance.

1.4 The Minutes of the last meeting were read & agreed to be accurate, proposed by SF & seconded by DM.

2.0 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

2.1 KC commented on a meeting with the scrutineers at Nutts Corner on the 29th November 2008, which resolved the outstanding issues that had recently been raised by the scrutineers.

GD confirmed that Motorsport Ireland had agreed that MSA licensed officials could officiate at their events, however confirmation that MI licensed officials could officiate at MSA events was still to be confirmed by the MSA.

2.2 TW advised that funding was available from 2&4 WMSG for any training of officials that was arranged for 2009.

3.0 Chairman's Remarks

3.1 KC welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year & wished each club a successful year, despite the difficulties that may lie ahead for everyone involved in our sport in 2009.

3.2 KC expressed his disappointment at the UKC's introduction of Junior Honda at their AGM, which went against the class structure that had been developed with the support of all clubs through the 2008. It was highlighted that at no time during the consultation when all the drivers were invited to express their views, was there any formal written proposal made to NIKA for the introduction of Junior Honda or any other new class.

The UKC commented that despite the club being against the introduction of Junior Honda class in principal, prior to the AGM, under the rules of the club, they were bound to agree with any proposals which are agreed at their AGM. The matter had raised a number of issues with clubs constitution, which was now under reviewed.

It was agreed that it would be each club's own discretion to include Junior Honda in their event Supplementary Regulations, however it would not be included in the NI Championship regulations. It was also agreed that on the grounds of safety that this class could not be amalgamated with any other class & in order to allow a race to take place there would need to be a minimum of 6 starters.

TW commented that as the introduction of new classes outside the approval of NIKA was in contradiction with association's Strategic Plan, which all clubs agreed to follow. This could affect any future 2&4 WMSG funding for the UKC & Nutts Corner in particular & karting in general.

4.0 Correspondence

4.1 There was no correspondence received.

5.0 Championship Matters

5.1 KW presented the 2008 championship regulations for review ahead of producing the 2009 regulations.

It was agreed that World Formula & Prokart would merge into Formula 4/ Libre, with each class competing on track at the same time, albeit with separated grids & points. The championship points will then be calculated on the highest accumulated points regardless of the class, similar to Formula S/K 250 in 2008. In addition to the regular points system each driver will receive an extra points weighting which will be directly related to the number of competitors in each class. The exact formula for this weighting would be agreed at the next meeting. It was further agreed to introduce the same points system for Formula S/K 250.

The weight for Formula Rotax Max was agreed at 165kgs, in line with Motorsport Ireland.

5.2 GD commented that discussions were still ongoing with JAG with a view to securing dealer support for the Formula MiniMax & Formula Rotax Max championships. This would depend on tyre supply for the season & the anticipated number of competitors. It was agreed that a final announcement would be made at the UKC Winter Series event on the 24th January, in particular with regard to the tyre regulations.

6.0 Race Dates

6.1 KC confirmed that the proposed event at Portrush on the 18th July had been cancelled, as the CDMC could not secure the use of the venue from the local council.

GD advised that several dates were available at Nutts Corner if the CDMC wished to reschedule this event.

7.0 Financial Matter

7.1 It was agreed that the number registration fee would remain at £10 for 2009. It was further agreed that the numbers 1-9 would not be issued free of charge for 2009, with the fee for these also being £10.

It was agreed that any change to the registration fee for 2010 would need agreed during the 2009 season.

7.2 DM advised that the 2008 accounts had now been closed & they would be forwarded to the accountants for audit prior to the AGM.

8.0 2&4 WMSG Matters

8.1 TW advised that as result of the current economic climate the surplus from the Maze Stadium project, which had been earmarked for motorsport, was no longer available as it had been redistributed among other government departments.

8.2 TW confirmed that 2&4 WSMG, were taking a stand at the Motorcycle Festival in the Kings Hall, which NIKA were included & this would be used to promote karting.

Assistance to cover the stand over the weekend was requested. KC confirmed that BKC members would be available on Saturday 14th.

9.0 Sports NI / Talented Athlete Matters

9.1 There was no Sports NI issues raised.

10.0 Club Matters

10.1 500 MRCI

10.1.1 There was no issues raised from 500 MRCI.

10.2 Bishopscourt KC

10.2.1 There was no issues raised from BKC.

10.3 Coleraine DMC

10.3.1 There was no issues raised from CDMC.

10.4 Ulster KC / Nutts Corner Circuit

10.4.1 There was no issues raised from UKC.

11.0 Dinner Dance

11.1 KC thanked SF, who along with Edna Finlay had organised an excellent evening, one of the best for many years.

11.2 SF requested that KW forward a letter to Mr. Alan McGarrity requesting payment of his outstanding balance on his tickets.

11.3 DM advised that the event had made a profit, however the final accounts had not been completed.

11.4 SF advised that alternative venues where currently being considered, along with the Hilton, Templepatrick, for the 2009 Dinner Dance.

12.0 Any Other Business

12.1 FW commented on the requirement for drivers to own their own transponders. It was agreed to phase out the club issuing of transponders during 2009, while the hire fee at each event would be increased to £20/driver from the commencement of the Summer Season.

12.2 On behalf of the scrutineers SF requested that a digital burette be purchased from the scrutineers fund. This was agreed by all.

12.3 It was agreed that the 2009 AGM would take place on Thursday 5th February 2009 at the Ballymac Hotel, Dundrod, at 7.30pm. Each club was reminded that along with their delegates, 3 additional members of the clubs committee were invited to attend the AGM.

13.0 Next Meeting

13.1 To be agreed after the AGM.

13.2 Signed by Chairman:

13.3 Signed by Secretary:

13.4 Date