



# NEWS May 2017

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

The ABkC AGM will be held in the Meriden Suite of the Quality Hotel, Coventry, starting at 11am on Tuesday 13 June and there will be a sandwich lunch for participants. Please let me know who will be coming from your club so I can order the right number of lunches.

### DIRECTIONS TO QUALITY HOTEL CV5 9BA BIRMINGHAM ROAD, ALLESLEY, COVENTRY

From M6 take M42 South then A45 towards Coventry. Follow road until you see the hotel on the left, take exit onto A4114 (Allesley Village/City Centre). Take 1st exit off roundabout onto Rye Hill. Follow Quality Hotel sign, turn left after bend onto Birmingham Road. Hotel on the right.

From South: M1 junction 17 onto M45 which becomes A45. Follow A45 until junction with A4114 (Allesley Village/City Centre. Follow road under A45 then take first exit off roundabout onto Rye Hill and proceed as above. Tel: 024 76103835

Parking will be free, there will be no need to enter the vehicle registration number.

The delay for the AGM has been the difficulty in engaging with the MSA regarding moving forward with the Steering Group’s objectives as sent out in November 2016. The MSA has been exceptionally busy with several issues in the last few months and indeed had to cancel the March Kart Committee meeting, which has also delayed several decisions.

Very recently Rob Jones, Chief Executive, has promised time with us to negotiate on our objectives including a simplified structure for club racing and has given us 2 months to prepare. But the new Steering Group needs your club’s input with ideas how that should take place. So please send a club official to the AGM fully briefed.

### The draft agenda is:

1 Apologies

2 Approval of the 2015 Minutes

3 Chairman’s Report

4 Secretary’s Report

5 Treasurer’s Report / 2016 Accounts

6 Nominations and Election of the 2017 Steering Group

7 Date of next AGM

8 Any motions from a club with seconder

Q&A – starting with the ABkC SG objectives as set out in our press release in November 2016

A Simplifying club racing with a single rule book

B Hands on training days for clubs & officials

C Development of a range of low cost championships

D A change of focus for the ABkC to be more directly geared to drivers.

E Questions sent in by clubs

F Open to the floor

**Nominations** for the Steering Group need to be with the secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> May for Chairman, Secretary, ordinary members plus reps for Direct Drive, Gearbox and Cadet.

### Time for a quick round up of current topics.

Decisions on the following should be taken by Kart Committee on 20 June:

Proposal to split Cadets into light and heavy (both same laptimes), noting CIK are pushing on with a new 60cc Intermediate class.

Cadet maximum age to remain as end of 13<sup>th</sup> year.

Minimum age of Juniors, proposal year of 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. Maximum age, year of 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Regulation to allow entries up to the day before the kart race.

CIK Judicial Trial to be compulsory for all kart meetings from 2018.

Review of appeals under the CIK Trial.

Overtaking permitted at starts as soon as red light goes out.

CIK Fuel (102 octane) only to be permitted if requested, default is as current 100 max.

Review of front fairing drop penalties.  
Long circuit bodywork regs being reviewed.  
MSA Strategic Review being presented to Council on 6 June. MSA accept that response on 2017 Championship regs was slow and state that in future it will be responsibility of the organiser to ensure compliance with MSA regulations.  
RDO funding has been cut from 20 hours per week to 10 – do kart clubs use them?

Kart licence numbers in March were 2931 compared with 3081 March 2016, total 2016 was 3508 compared with 3656 in 2015.

Note the opportunity to use the generic Clubman and Libre regulations for variations on no-longer homologated classes. Already published are for Honda Junior and Senior and World Formula.

Trials to take place of Bambino racing, no dates yet.

### O & E Plates

Thanks to all clubs who have or are about to hold meetings for these plates. Buckmore Park held their Cadet Festival for O Plates, winners were Taylor Barnard (IAME) and Lucas Ellingham (Honda), pictured below, courtesy kartpix.



### Still to come:

- 18 June: E Plate at Fulbeck for ABkC classes
- 6 Aug: O Plate at Forest Edge for Max 177
- 12/13 Aug: O Plate at Kimbolton for TKM
- 19/20 Aug: O Plate at Clay Pigeon for Rotax Senior Max
- 27 Aug: O Plate at Fulbeck for 250 National
- 17 Sept: E Plate at Sherington for X30 Sen/Jun
- 1 Oct: O Plate at PFI for X30 Sen/Jun

### British Championships

The classes for OK and OKJ (Vortex) are going ahead with a three weekend / 6 round series and offering some fantastic prizes to the World Championship being held at PFI on 23/24<sup>th</sup> September.  
Unfortunately the British Championship for KZ2 has had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers,

however the KZ UK Super 4 is having a very strong season with typically 30 on the grid.

### Miscellaneous

ABkC shared with ARKS and BKIA on the Super One stand at the Autosport International Racing Car Show to help newcomers into karting, and answer queries from drivers and public alike.



Many clubs have taken up the MSA approved bar code system for tyres (and chassis / engines) but the MSA has not yet published details of how to claim a grant for the bar code scanners.

The MSA has simplified the procedure for application to the Club Development Fund, see their website, Resources Centre / Clubs & Organisers.

ARKS is looking to introduce an online voucher payment for the ARKS Novice Driver Test.

Note A.2.7 that any club that organises an event must be a member of a Regional Association, and ABkC counts for karting.

MSA has submitted its consultation document to government re the Vnuk insurance issue, depending on outcome of insurance for motorsport competitors this issue could curtail our sport.

MSA is commencing Child Safeguarding workshops in July, to be held in evenings mainly.

All clubs should have reviewed their Safeguarding Policies now the MSA have revised theirs.

ABkC offers support to Manchester & Buxton KC to continue at Three Sisters after The Racing School goes into administration. Club meetings going ahead.

Let the Secretary know if you need Start Karting brochures or the Racing Rules Explained booklets. Stocks will be available at the AGM.

As always comments from clubs and competitors are very welcome.

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