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ABkC AGM

A well supported AGM was held at the MSA on 27th March where George Robinson and Graham Smith were re-appointed as Chairman and Secretary respectively. The only change to the Steering Group was the addition of Jim Thornsby from Lincolnshire KC and the replacement of Gary James from Ian Rushforth representing long circuit MSA karting. The draft minutes and accounts up to 31.10.17 are available on the ABkC website. The ABkC will continue to major on representing MSA clubs. Some slight amendments were made to the constitution, which is also on the website. There was some discussion about clubs banding together to promote a street or road race but it was noted this is an expensive and time consuming undertaking.



Delegates at the AGM

MSA Updates

Following the recent MSA Board Meeting chaired by David Richards CBE, Chief Executive Rob Jones announced his impending retirement on 31 May. Rob has been a massive friend to karting and we thank him for his vast contribution and wish him well in any future endeavours.

Council approved two immediate applicable regulation changes for karting, first that it is no longer mandatory for two ambulances when the entry is over 100, and second to the red flag stoppage rules. Look for the amended regulations on here:

<https://www.msauk.org/The-Sport/Regulations/Approved-Changes> . In summary

the red flag regulations have been simplified so that the decision on whether to re-start the race completely or have a single file restart is taken if less than two full laps have been held, rather than 25%. If it is a full re-start then dropped front fairings may be reset without penalty but for a single file restart the fairings are reset but the 10s penalty must be applied, the front fairing reset, and the re-grid done to take that penalty into account. For the restart the black and yellow battenburg flags must be show right round the circuit for the ‘formation’ lap then the green flag waved at the start line and the battenburg’s withdrawn. The rules on race classification are amended so that those not running at the time of the red flag are behind everyone still running. Please read here:

<https://www.msauk.org/assets/rulechangesapril2018.pdf>

The VNUK insurance issue rumbles on, the FIA is continuing to lobby the EU on behalf of the MSA and others and it could have a massive impact on racing and practice days. The MSA Strategic Review whose initial outcomes were promulgated late last year are aspirational and it is still a work in progress. However Kart Committee has moved to set up working parties on matters to progress the sport, look to the future and ease entry. David Richards has set up several working parties including one on karting, and has held meetings with teams, and stakeholders from within and without the MSA racing. We await his findings with interest.

ABkC Updates

Because so many meetings were cancelled due to the snow the ABkC has decided to extend the time before the UK stickers are required for the KZ UK Le Cont tyres, see the amendment on here:

www.abkc.org.uk/regulations/

The Gearbox O Plate was not well subscribed for the intended meeting at Rowrah in March and has been re-scheduled for 13 May at Rowrah, see here for all the dates:

<http://www.abkc.org.uk/calendar/>

Only three clubs reported they were having tyre restrictions in their Cadet classes this year, which is somewhat disappointing. It was agreed for 2019 to change the colour of the 450 4-stroke number plates to

red number plates with white numbers (same as 210). The criteria for new air boxes for gearbox is being revised, and long circuit have just confirmed they will ban the ram air effect from 2019. There were some allegations that the latest Dunlop Cadet tyres are faster than last years.

O and E Plates for 2019

Clubs that wish to apply for promoting the ABkC O and E Plates should contact the class owners in the Rotax, TKM and X30 classes as we normally take their recommendation and support for the venue. In Honda Cadet, IAME Cadet, 250 National, KZ UK, OK and OKJ please send applications to the ABkC Secretary before 2 July for consideration. The application needs to show strong evidence that the meeting will be supported on the proposed date and venue, by reference to club entries through the year, and describe the format of the proposed race meeting.

Club Development Grants

We are taking applications for the club development fund and the form is on the ABkC website, in the Clubs / Club Info section. They need to be with the Secretary by 2 July for the next Steering Group meeting. The ABkC will be supporting Kartmania 2018 again.



Tyre Sniffer purchased for Clay Pigeon with the help of the ABkC Club Development Grant

MSA Open Meeting

The MSA held a very useful club open day at East Midlands, well attended, and all attendees have been sent a summary and the slides shown. Should anyone not get these, the ABkC Secretary can send them on. The MSA promised to fund one barcode reader for every club, contact Joe Hickerton for further details. They also promised consideration to how non licensed Scrutineers may be used to assist MSA licenced officials to undertake safety checks. There were presentations

on Safeguarding, Race n Respect, GDPR and a promise to re-instate the Record Card and the Officials Upgrade cards back in the 2019 Blue Book. In the meantime signature record cards are available from Cheryl Lynch's office.

Information

Clubs are reminded that the officers in the ABkC have a wealth of experience and knowledge and if they don't have the answer they will know someone who has. So don't hesitate to contact the Secretary in the first instance if there are any questions about the sport, getting grants or advice, or running a meeting. Lets hope all our club officials are signed up to the ABkC Facebook page too.

Please keep the secretary updated with any changes of Chairman, Secretary, Competition Secretary and Treasurer for our records and for the Club information page on the website.

As always comments from clubs and competitors are very welcome and encouraged.

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