



Welcome

Welcome to the 'new' ABKC. After two years of much discussion we have a new format and a new direction agreed with Motorsport UK which will enable a closer working relationship and a strong future direction.

Most importantly it will allow us to concentrate our efforts on looking after the interests of you and your kart club, and acting as a strong sounding board for member clubs with Motorsport UK.

So for the benefit of those not able to join in our Annual General Meeting, what has changed...?

ABKC Management

We have a new executive management team consisting of:

Chairman Nigel Edwards
Secretary Graham Smith
Operations Grahame Butterworth

They will operate on a daily basis making decisions and looking after member needs. Backed by a slimmed down steering group of Malcolm Fell, Rob Dodds, Paul Skipp and Jim Thornsby. The steering group will meet three times a year. This will allow for speedy decisions and efficient operation.

Format

The ABKC will no longer run events, championships, 'O' / 'E' plates etc but on the other hand **only** clubs which are members of the ABKC will be able to hold British Kart Championship rounds.

Motorsport UK Regional Association

We are the official Regional Association for karting. And we have an agreement with Motorsport UK which guarantees us a place on all their relevant committees, such as Karting and Technical, and on Kart Council. There we can apply pressure and ensure that all of your interests are taken into account.

Our Image

As you will see we have changed our logo to give a fresh modern look and to reinforce the fact that we have changed. We will have new logos for you to use underlining your club's membership.

Our Facebook page, website etc are all now being updated in line with our new image and new direction. And we would encourage you to make maximum use of these free services.

Licensed Racing Only

A central issue in our relationship with Motorsport UK is a joint policy of only promoting and enabling

licensed racing under the control of the governing body. We have all seen the growth of unlicensed racing in recent years. Now we are committing to getting it under control.

We know that some clubs or circuits will have an existing relationship with unlicensed racing. This situation has been recognised and so long as your club is not **directly** involved in the unlicensed racing this will be acceptable. This may require you to adjust exactly how you split operations at your club/circuit in order to comply.

Membership

We have a totally new membership structure. For standard members this will be £95 for the current year with those clubs running British Kart Championship rounds a fee of £175.

There will also be an associate charge of £75 to allow Motorsport UK approved championships and classes the ability to promote their events on our Facebook page.

Attached with this newsletter you will find a membership renewal form. We would ask you to please complete this form and return it to us at the email given together with payment via bank transfer.

Once we have your membership form returned we will issue you with the new membership logo which we hope you will use on all your paperwork & media.

And remember that as a member you will have unlimited free use of our Facebook promotional page which reaches more than 2.3 thousand people who have specifically asked to sign up for karting information.

Coronavirus Situation

We had all hoped this year we would have a clear run of racing free from Covid 19 problems. But alas the problem is still massive and as of this moment there is no firm starting point for the resumption of events.

Rest assured we will be working closely with Motorsport UK in assessing the situation and looking at every way possible on getting our events underway in an acceptable and safe manner.

The Future Is Strong

UK karting is very strong. Now we all need to move forward together to maximise on the success of licensed karting. So let us now fully commit to a strong new future for the ABKC and with it the sport we love.

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