

Welcome to 2022 and what is effectively the beginning of the second year of ABKC in its new format. There is lots going on and hopefully looks like we have seen the worst of the Covid problem, now behind us. So here's our February 2022 update...

ABKC AGM

An important date for your diary – March 2nd at 3pm will be the Zoom AGM of ABKC. Full information on this has already been sent to you. Please note all nominations must be received by Feb 16 latest.

ABKC Representation at MSUK

Pleased to report that aside from being the official body for karting, ABKC now has confirmed positions on all three important committees, and we continue to work closely with Dan and the MSUK team at many levels.

If you have something to raise then please contact us.

Our representatives are:

Regional – Nigel Edwards

Kart Committee – Grahame Butterworth

Kart Tech – Graham Smith

New Age Scrutineering

With the return to 'normal' scrutineering we have been working with MSUK to come up with a new basis using many of the ideas used previously in the covid period. The system has been agreed and is there for clubs to make use of but you must apply before the event to get an MSUK OK. It means only about a quarter of karts will need formal inspection. If you use the system you will be asked for your feedback as the method is trialled.

Safeguarding/DBS

You should have received from MSUK information on their plans for safeguarding checks see MSUK News. It is important that everyone on the lists gets signed up. That includes all kart marshals, who may need help in registering and completing the forms.

Plates Agreed

Dates and venues for O and E plates have now been sorted. Full details to follow ASAP.

Wera Tools British Kart Championships

Entries open for the championships class by class from 14th February. First round is at 24 April at Sherington.

2023 Class Re-structure

This is complete and a formal full announcement will be made shortly. A meeting on new 950mm Cadet/Inter karts has already been held with potential manufacturers.

Practice Day Insurance and Clubman Events

Detail arrangements for the free Saturday practice days insurance is now available on the MSUK Resource

Centre – Clubs & Organisers/ Organisers Forms & Templates. Plans are also in place for low-cost Clubman permit events in 2023. It is expected to run some trial events on this in 2022 so if you are interested Dan is your contact on kart@motorsportuk.org

ABKC Website

We have now given the go-ahead for a significant revision of our website, the prime aim of which is to help point potential new drivers to their local clubs. This will be a bright new website featuring the key information and including a free page for each of you member clubs. Full details in due course.

ABKC Facebook Page

Good to see that more clubs starting to make use of this. Remember this gives you an instant 2500 karters online, instantly and free. Easy to use and effective. If you need help or advice on this contact Grahame Butterworth on operations@abkc.org.uk

Green Movement

We are about to run a special meeting on green efforts for karting. Good to see that FP4K have already had their own meeting and put a number of measures in place. If you have ideas or a member who has expert knowledge then please let us know.

Kartmania – A New Vision?

We are very keen to review Kartmania. Thoughts are being discussed on significant changes. We need to know your ideas on how the show can help you as a club. It is the only kart show but arguably being used more by non-licenced championships rather than ABKC member clubs. Your thoughts?

Kart Council / Venue Operators Meetings

A meeting of Kart Council is due to be held on 23rd March open to all clubs. There is also planned a special meeting for venue operators – more aimed at the actual owners and operators of circuits rather than clubs. Every club/circuit tends to have a different arrangement.

Can You Help?

Car clubs are looking for suitable venues for autotest type events. If you are interested contact Dan. Also Total Kart Zero (electric karts) are also interested in clubs where they may be able to fit in with traditional events. Their contact details on our website.

And Finally

Despite all the COVID problems over the past couple of years there seem to be plenty of drivers getting geared up for a busy year of racing. It is a good sign and we hope you have all your plans in place ready to swing into action now as we head into the real start of racing.

As always we are here to help.

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