

Rick LeBlanc called the meeting to order on March 15, 2008 at 10:30am

Present at the meeting was Luc Jalbert, Mathieu Boudreau, Emile LeBlanc, Greg Matheson, Ross Babineau, Gerald Caseley, Kevin McIntee, Dawson McIntee, Rick Van Snick, David Meade, Roland LeBlanc, Cyril Arsenault, Scott Spencer, Steve Scott, Norman Gallant, Lina Gallant, Jean Paul Poirier, Greg Yeomans, Rejean LeBlanc, Roger Matheson, Wayne Lenentine, Rick LeBlanc, Beth Kennedy, Aaron Kennedy, Reed Kenedy and Josh Yeomans

The president's report was read by Rick as follows:

2007 has been another successful season for CKRA. CKRA continues to provide a number of challenging opportunities for its members. In 2007 CKRA held 9 race events in three classes, as well CKRA also participated in the three Maritime Regional Kart sport Series races, hosting two of these events. Members of CKRA traveled to Quebec to participate events there; as well members of CKRA participated in the Canadian National Kart sport Championships in Hamilton, Ontario. Along with our scheduled events members also participated in the Moncton Car Show.

CKRA has been able to maintain a positive cash balance for the year and will carry a small surplus into 2008. This helps in maintaining good relationships with the other partners in our activities such as Champlain Motorsports Park, St. Johns Ambulance, and suppliers. The changes to the track facility, a new asphalt surface and night lighting by the owners and management this year offers a promising future for our club and Kart sport in the Maritimes.

2007 has been a special year for CKRA for the effort of our volunteers. Volunteers have also filled in to all the necessary positions that it takes to hold an event. To all those folks we owe our many and special thank you's, with a special thanks to those who helped with the " under the lights " race event.

In our usual manner CKRA begins a series of executive and membership meetings starting today to make final plans for the 2008 season. As a member of Atlantic Region Motorsports, CKRA hopes to build relationships with other clubs and their activities.

CKRA believes for the skills gained in driving, the role of Kart sport is ever more apparent. We must endeavor to get greater exposure of our activities, and demonstrate that we have a valuable activity to participate in. It will require a great amount of work and participation with all being welcome.

Submitted by: Poncie Rose, President, C.K.R.A.

Motion to accept report made by Norman and seconded by Ross. The motion was carried

Rick read the vice presidents report.

“2007 was a good year; race under the lights was successful. Participants and volunteers did a great job”

Motion to accept vice president report by Norman and seconded by Emile. The Motion was carried.

Reed read the treasures report.

One change that was brought up is that \$10 000 of the club funds was transferred from the club account and placed into guaranteed account with a 2.9% interest with CIBC. There is \$600 that fall under receivables for 2 or 3 race day trophies and sponsors. The minus \$500 was carried over from two seasons ago for two engines received for an auction; we are still trying to get an invoice for these.

Motion to accept report by Ross and seconded by David. The motion was carried

Reed was applauded for his great financial actions and decisions for the club.

Race directors report by Poncie, read by Rick

C K R A is still in need of a Race Director. I have stood in for this position and here are some of the comments from last year:

Bumping is not illegal and is good racing technique and; you need to get three warnings before you get a black flag. (Probably getting confused with Baseball), so this means the members are not even reading the rule book. This is Kart sport and it is rules which make it a sport. It is every member's job to learn the rules.

As discussed in past years Corner Marshall's are needed to improve racing officiating. Members need to step up and volunteer. Complaints will always be the same until this happens. At each race racers are building a reputation; a good one, or poor one. The folks in the pits see everything, and you are judged by what they see.

Submitted by, Poncie Rose

Motion to accept report by Norman and seconded by Colton. Motion carried.

Head starters report by Ross.

He wanted to let everyone that last year was good with no complaints, No issues and he plans to come back next year as long as no conflicting events take place.

Norman made motion to accept, Emile LeBlanc seconded it. Motion carried

Technical director

Rob McLeod, not present.

Race day scoring by Rejean LeBlanc

Last year was a good year with all issues getting settled promptly. Beth was a great help with race day points. He will be back to do the same this year. Few issues were: transponder mal function, computer not keeping score correctly.

Motion to accept report made by Lina, seconded by Jerry. Motion carried.

Fund raising and promotion by Rejean.

The car show went well. We tried advertising and promoting by submitted articles to Ekarting news on internet. The Times and Transcript came to track once or twice. As far as promotion goes, it went really well this year. I'm going to try to think of new ideas, everyone welcome to submit ideas.

Motion to accept by Roland, seconded by Lina. Motion carried.

Website admin report / Race day report by Dave Meade

He would like to clarify something about points: they are posted as received. For some reason within an hour or so, people are emailing to oppose the way they are posted. Once posted, it's there for good. He is not the only one to compile points. He would like to eliminate advertisement by \$60 a year. (The banner that shows up across the top of the page not the pop ups) We can keep address the same, the domain would change however.

It was brought up that the web site should have sponsor as advertisement. The point's page was said to be the most visited page. It was ruled that the advertisement taken out for the \$60 fee would give us a bit more space. It was concluded that having the advertisements is not a big issue. There is sometimes a discrepancy about when the points are received and when they are posted; they are posted when he receives them with in 24 hours. Online registration should stay the same.

Motion to accept by Emile, seconded by Rejean. Motion carried

Vote for \$ 60.00 web fees to be removed adds; everyone wanted to leave as is.

Old Business

None

ELECTIONS

President – Ross nominated Rick LeBlanc...declines...Rick Van Snick accepts...Kevin McIntee declines.

Rick Van Snick by acclamation

Vice president – Rick LeBlanc declines...Rejean accepts...Greg Matheson declines...Kevin McIntee accepts.

A vote was conducted

Vote was tied.

Motion to destroy ballots by Ross, seconded by Lina. Motion carried

Revote -

Candidates had 3minutes to state what they can bring to the club.

Kevin – I accepted nomination today. I was already president for another club. This is my second year with CKRA. The goal for last year was to get to know members. I expect nothing but the best this year. I'm 100% committed and I appreciate the votes. I am from Moncton as well.

Rejean – I submitted my candidacy for vice president. Being with club for three year, I've always tried to help out. With Poncie leaving and members moving around I could try to fill the spot and do best I can. I'm always at the track or near by. I will take the job and do the best I can. I have enough free time to do the task.

Member proceeded with voting and Kevin was announced as the new vice president.

Motion to destroy ballots by Roland, seconded by Ross. Motion carried.

RESULTS

Treasure – Reed accept in a limited capacity stating will handle moneys only.

Reed was named by acclamation.

Secretary - Ross nominates Lina.

Lina accepts by acclamation.

Election Corporation

Motion club executives by transferred to corporation by Emile, seconded by Norman. President has no objections. Motion carried.

President – Rick Van Snick

Vice President – Kevin McIntee

Treasurer – Reed Kennedy

Secretary – Lina Gallant

3 DIRECTORS

Al Meloche and Dave Meade accepted for their names to stand.

Roland is named new director.

Rick Van Snick takes control of meeting being the new president.

One thing he wanted to accomplish with club is to get more members. He acknowledged the PEI visitors in the room.

ARMS karting report by Emile

Last year was success with 39 regional licences registered. There will be a new series this year; the Atlantic Kart Racing series. ARMS will be backing this up. The fate of the old series will be decided by clubs around the Atlantic provinces in future meetings. Limited amount of dates are available for races as the scheduling will be done in compliance with the nationals. This will be Emile's last year as karting director. The AGM will probably be held in Moncton. The MPKS has not been dissolved however it has been slowed down as they want to see how this new series would work out.

Region licence fees are \$50.00 and \$20.00 for a day pass (day pass may be adjusted)
The ARMS Club Membership fee will stay the same at \$175.00

New Business

Membership

Potential new members: Keith MacIntosh not present and Jeff Brundidge (father) and Taylor Brundidge (son) as per Rick Van Snick

From our club last year we had 21 returnees. If enough numbers, we will have senior heavy class this year.

A discussion was started regarding the “30 year old age minimum in rule in senior heavy”

Competition in the Senior Heavy class (assuming we have numbers of Karts to have this class at the club level) participation in this class will be determined by Total Weight Of Kart and Driver. If total weight of Driver & Kart, with no additional weight (Lead, Gas, etc..) is less than the posted Senior Light weight + 10 Lbs, then the participate will compete in Senior Light. If total weight of Kart & Driver, with no added weight (Lead, gas, etc..) is more than the posted Senior Light Weight + 10 Lbs, then participate will compete in Senior Heavy. Motion made by Emile seconded by Ross. Motioned carried.

The parameters of the total weight of kart & Driver to be determined by the Technical Director.

It was noted that the 30 years age limited would be dropped as it is discriminatory.

Membership fees

Reed proposed that we keep as is; \$25.00 associates and \$100.00 for drivers. Motion made by reed, seconded by Norman. Motion carried.

Forms will be posted on website.

Signup meeting will be around car show (18-20 April)

Rotax will not officially be a class however there may be an opportunity to run a few races as a class. We will abide by the national rules and regulations for that class.

Motion made to add Rotax as a class by Reed, seconded by Lina. Motion carried.

A request from AKRS was made to gather email addresses for membership. Lina suggest some sort of check box when completing membership forms online to see if email can be shared. David agreed to add this to the online membership forms.

Membership forms will be posted with two weeks.

2008 schedule

Greg Matheson, president with AKRS

A hand out consistence of sub rates and forms was handed out. One race is planed in Mont-Joli. There is a new novice class (not named) with a specific motor. An entry level novice class was also \$300.00 at the start of the year, racers can "lease" an engine. The engine is given back at the end of every weekend. 16 people have registered numbers. It's \$5.00 to reserve number / per class.

Grid Marshal will be Francis LeBlanc.

www.armsinc.ca for more info...

Give two trips to Canadian Nationals with transportation and registration as a prize...will be a ballot at races to enter for participants.

Gerald Caseley - Rotax class coordinator

Track fees for practice \$ 30.00 day \$ 150.00 year.

Race should be finished as close to by 3:00 PM as possible,

Number of club races

The question of if there be a need to have 9 club races as there are so many other races (nationals, MPKS) was asked. Rejean suggested we cut back to 6 races a year.

Some were worried about our club's financial state if we cut back on races.

Members from the Island Karting club expressed interest in joining the CKRA and following our schedule.

It was said that if the CKRA is going to increase membership by 10 members or so that two of the CKRA races should be held in PEI. Members from the CKRA became worried about the commitment of PEI race track.

It was also mentioned that if we reduce the fees for PEI racers to race in Moncton that it would attract them to come here.

At this point it was confirmed that the IKC will cease activities for one year.

A motion was made that 2 of 9 events under CKRA would be held in Burlington with two drops at either track by Rejean LeBlanc seconded by Lina. Reed proposes a vote as is in a ballot format.

Motioned carried.

Some of the meeting attendees mentioned that this was not fair to the potential new members as they feel the racers will travel to the best facilities. However it was also said this applies to all sports. "If you want competition you will travel to find it."

CKRA encourages the club as a whole to go to both facilities. It was said need to have some races in PEI. PEI track fees and the schedule are not known at this point.

Number of club races:

There are 9 on the tentative schedule (2 will now be moved in Burlington) with 2 races allowed to be dropped. The executives will do the negotiation with PEI track.

A motion was made to reduce races from 9 to 6 in Moncton and 2 in PEI by Rick Van Snick, seconded by Lina. Motioned carried.

Invitational races

If the MPKS is "on hold" it would be a good idea if we offered to host a race as a fun day format (for example). CKRA would need to be promoter as said by Reed.

This race would not be part of our 8 races and a non-point race.

This will be decided and announced by the executives.

ASN Nationals

It was discovered that 6-7 members are interested to participate at the nationals in Grand-Mere, Quebec.

Review of junior 290 lb. rule

A motion was made to adopt Junior at 290 lbs with an open engine rule as stated by the Canadian rules by Dave Meade, seconded by Roland LeBlanc. Motion carried.

Motion to reinstate Bridgestone contract for another year by Roland, seconded by Norman. Motion carried.

St-John ambulance

St-John Ambulance has confirmed that they will be there for us at the track this year.

Race day Fees 2008

It is to remain \$ 50.00 for first kart and \$ 25.00 for second kart.

Same driver different classes

Reed would like to close this issue mentioning that members should be paying \$ 50.00 per kart / per class.

A motion was made to charge \$ 50.00 per kart/per class for same driver at one event by Reed, seconded by Lina. Motion carried.

A motion was also made to charge \$ 35.00 per kart/per class for a second kart for same driver at one event by Rick LeBlanc and seconded by Roland Leblanc. Motion carried. Note: as the second motion overturns the first motion, the motion for the \$ 35.00 charge per kart will apply for the 2008 season.

Bathroom to be built work crew

There is a septic tank already there to the left of the electrical breaker room. The bathrooms would include also include sinks. Plans are for the construction of both a men's and ladies washroom. Gerald would supply material however, we must build it.

We have people who have volunteered to build this facility.

Maintenance/clean-up date

Email will be sent regarding a date for this subject.

Car Show coordinator

Rejean LeBlanc was nominated and he accepted the position. Kevin McIntee will also help. Greg Turner will be contacted for information regarding the car show. Rejean will look after scheduling with email and an empty spreadsheet with shift availability will be sent via email so members can chose when they want to be at the kiosk.

Speaker for 2008 Banquet

We ask that our members think of who they would like to act as guest speaker and please email to executives.

Club notice board

Luc will install a notice board this year so we can post schedules and rule changes as needed as well as race results.

Positions to be filled

Tech scrutineer – Potential candidates are Emile LeBlanc, Al Meloche, Dave Meade, Norman Gallant, Jacques Landry.

Closing comment

Next meeting to be announced.