

NCKC Fall 2019 AGM
(Gloucester library, 30 Nov 2019)

Agenda:

1. Call to order/Confirmation of quorum
2. Approve Spring Bi-Annual meeting minutes.
3. President's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. The year ahead Election

Call to order:

- Jacques brought meeting to order around 10:05 am
- We had a quorum of a minimum of 3 directors and most members as per by-law

Adoption of last meeting minutes:

- motion to approve minutes as recently posted. Proposed by Martin Laplante and seconded by Steve Barban.

President's report:

- NCKC's current model seems to work
- Premier Karting academy is in its 4th year, 17 people registered before any advertising was done, now up to 25
- Coupe de Montreal continues to grow, they are building like us and it is working. It provides all our members with interesting and increasingly challenging level of competition.
- Banquet – Jacques extended thanks to those who donated prizes. Two Mustang rides from Calabogie, Dairy Queen coupons, karting equipment from Premier and wine bottles
- One of the things that did not work so well was the 7th event (Canadian Open), there was no cadet nor Rotax Masters in this event. It was not a good choice as it did not provide opportunity to all our members. We must keep this in mind for next season (look for races that will offer opportunities to all our members)
- Saturday practice no longer provides opportunity for on track coaching; CDM growth is causing them to structure practices by class. We should think about scheduling some of our own club practice time next season to provide on track coaching.
- Lunches on Sundays was very successful, last race we cooked for 65/70 people. We may need to do something to adjust as we busted our food budget this season. We may introduce an option to cover additional lunches for family member in the registration process.

Treasurer's report

- Membership – we estimated 28 in the spring and actual was 30 but we refunded a couple of folks who did not race in the end. Jacques explained it is not good practice to charge people for services not rendered.
- So we landed a bit short of our budget but not significantly
- We had a bit of revenue from the winter league at Top Karting last winter

- We also sold some t-shirts and bottles.
- 50/50 brought in some revenue as well, thanks to Mado for looking after this. Some of this went to charity (Corn roast 50/50 raised \$127 for charity)
- Fixed costs were close to budget, we are working with Tyler Barban to see if we can get a lower cost service for our web hosting.
- Gas – we spent \$1042, below the \$1400 budgeted
- Food – we spent \$780 more than what we had budgeted (\$1120 budgeted). One of the ideas for next year would be to consider getting a fridge to help keep the food fresh for Sunday lunch with the larger group. Another idea being considered is to give option for families to contribute more for lunches when they register with benefits if they know that they'll be more than a driver and a mechanic attending the races.
- T-shirts and bottles, thanks to Michele for looking after this. We bought more stock than we needed so we are showing a loss there but we have assets that will reduce expenditures for future season.
- Miscellaneous – we are a bit higher, we bought a larger BBQ given the larger groups for Sunday lunches and sold the smaller one we had. We also bought some NCKC logo stickers for those members would want to put some on their karts.
- Banquet – we had budgeted \$1000, cost was about that however there was an outstanding expense from last year that had not been accounted for (HST and gratuity that Jacques had paid from his own pocket). This explains the higher amount than budgeted.
- Jacques explained race operations costs when asked. Plaques and trophies are a significant part of this expense including that for the winter league. We bought a higher pressure regulator (turbo) for the large BBQ and corn roasting. Francois mentioned for future reference that he has some equipment to help with corn roasting. Jacques acknowledged and thanked Nathalie and Francois on behalf of the club for their work on recycling trophies.
- Overall, in terms of money, we are left with a loss of \$238 for the year and this includes the money raised through Mado's 50/50. When we consider an estimate of the value of the promotional assets we have (t-shirts, bottles), we could conclude that we are up by \$645 for the year so generally, it was a reasonable year financially for the club.

The year ahead:

- The board thinks that our current operating model is good.
- We are certainly open to discussion on tweaks to make to improve further.
- Some members will be changing classes from junior to seniors and briggs to 2 strokes.
- We anticipate additional growth to club membership next season (academy is going strong)
- Working with Tyler Barban to do a refresh of our web site
- Race trophies – open to discussion, some changes may be needed, especially for the most improve trophy which is proving difficult (not easily measurable), many have good race days.
 - Frank mentioned we use to give medal to all novice each race – Novice parent present did not think it was necessary

- A suggestion was made that it could perhaps be done over more than one race and be measurable – not sure how we would measure/quantify results though.
- Silver bullet typically goes to same people repeatedly.
- Some thought that perhaps multiple stickers for karts could replace trophies.
- The idea of handing out a certain number of stickers to acknowledge achievements every race seemed to resonate as a reasonable approach in lieu of trophies.
- Members were asked to ask their kids for their ideas and send their feedback and suggestions to the board for consideration.
- Jacques mentioned he is thinking about a driver excellence program and wanted to take the pulse of the membership on their appetite for something like that. He explained his rough ideas (no phone during race days to increase focus, setting goals, physical training program, etc). General feedback was positive, people sounded interested in hearing more about this.
- Adding club practice days to increase coaching opportunities – members were generally in favor of that.
- Spec gas – Wil mentioned that he wondered if it was still economically and logistically feasible to continue with the club providing spec gas on Sundays. Some discussion ensued. After a discussion on various aspects of this subject, it was explained that the club had come up with the membership with benefits mainly to facilitate the life of new members coming into the sport. There are two membership models, one at \$125 without benefits (no transponder, no shared gas, no Sunday lunch, people have to get these themselves), perhaps more pertinent to seasoned members, and the model with benefits that is aimed to facilitate logistics for new racers. People are free to choose the membership model that suits them best. No firm conclusion was reached that the details of these two membership options currently available needed to be changed.

Elections:

- Board positions are 2 year mandate
 1. Jacques, Frank and Michèle have one year left in their 2 year mandate
 2. Sylvain's mandate is expired
 3. Jacques asked for interest from the audience to join the board. Barbara volunteered and Sylvain volunteered for another term
- Frank Jones proposed Barbara, seconded by Martin Laplante
- Nathalie Bisson proposed Sylvain, seconded by Scott Hetherington