

# NCKC Fall 2020 AGM

## November 29, 2020 – Zoom

### Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Approve Spring Bi-annual meeting minutes
3. President's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. NCKC "raison d'être"
6. The year ahead
7. Election

### Call to Order:

- Jacques called the meeting to order, with enough members present to pass the 25%-member threshold.
  - o 14 members present
- Zak Villeneuve requests clarification on what occurred with the 'email scam', will be discussed during treasurer's report.

### Approval of Bi-annual Meeting Minutes:

- David Peppy proposes the acceptance of the spring meeting minutes, seconded by Martin Laplante.
- No oppositions from members.

### President's Report:

- Travelling club model has been successful to date.
- Karting academy at Top Karting is going very well, Martin and Zak are doing a good job despite COVID.
  - o Academy was changed to multiple groups to allow for social distancing. Allowed for more focused instruction.
- Coupe de Montreal continued to do well, amazing that they got six races in with COVID. No public knowledge of COVID cases from CdM events.
  - o Season feedback was sent to event organizers to try and help improve the racing for all.
- Junior and cadet stickers worked well; we heard some good feedback on them. A few seniors and masters have expressed interest for stickers also.
  - o NCKC will likely continue with the stickers unless a better idea is proposed.
- No banquet this year due to the ongoing pandemic, the budget reflects this.
- Overall:
  - o Despite COVID, season was a success.
- Dan Lalonde asked about trophies:
  - o Virtual trophy ceremony was held over Zoom, not sure what will happen with the physical trophies for the past season.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Jacques went through budget
- Revenues higher than expected due sale of club trailer and laptop
- Originally 27 members, only 25 members at end of year
- Fixed costs lower than expected due to lack of ASN affiliation
- Webhosting costs also lowered due to change of provider
  - o Costs now for three years instead of a single year
- Operational expenses higher than expected due to race operations and email scam.
  - o Race operations: NCKC purchased a fridge, stickers, propane, and tables.
- Email scam:
  - o In February, previous treasurer received a scam email requesting roughly \$2200. Jacques was in Florida and missed the email, was too late when he saw the email.
  - o Previous treasurer believed she was communicating with Jacques, someone was impersonating Jacques via email and asked for a money transfer to be done.
  - o Second treasurer added as a second layer of defense, two people required to make financial decisions.
  - o Voice confirmation also to be required going forward.
- NCKC has a lot of assets – BBQ, promotional items, transponders, etc.
  - o Transponders have a lot of value, will need to be replaced at some point in the future.
  - o Possibility to repair them once battery dies but is a very destructive process.

### **NCKC “raison d’être”:**

- Travelling concept is a gathering of karting enthusiasts. It's a collection of members, not the board.
  - o Travelling as a club brings resources for all members.
- Value? What would you miss out / lose if NCKC was not around?
- Why a board of directors? Coordinate activities and operations.
- Model works on volunteers, not the board or the members.
- NCKC is NOT Premier Karting and Premier Karting is NOT NCKC.

### **The Year Ahead:**

- Does the club continue with the same format?
- Premier Karting academy should introduce additional new members to NCKC.
- Zak Villeneuve feels NCKC should try to support less-experienced racers as Coupe de Montreal may be too competitive for some.
  - o He would also be interested in advertising more to families who do not kart and provide more support for local tracks and racers.
- Steve Barban asked how many brand-new racers are expected to race next season.
  - o Martin estimates around 10 brand new members

- Steve continues, "I think if we throw a young kid into CdM and he finishes 23<sup>rd</sup> of 24<sup>th</sup> it's a lot to take in, those young kids will benefit from something more local."
  - o Local series? NCKC days at local tracks?
  - o Martin agrees.
- Jacques: It needs to be discussed to see how it could work.
- Frank asks if Quyon will be operating this season, rumour is the track is for sale.
- Mike Valente recommends we think about it over the winter as schedules have not been published yet.
- Tyler Barban asks, "what if the NCKC schedule is a mix of both Coupe events and local events rather than entirely Coupe events?"
- Jacques and Sylvain recommended people continue discussion on the club private member's Facebook group.

### **Election:**

- Sylvain is the only remaining current board member
  - o New directors are needed – a minimum of 2 additional.
- Jacques is not putting his name up for re-election
- Jacques proposes Naomi Fleury (Bronson's mom) as a nomination
  - o Seconded by Dan Lalonde
- Sylvain proposes Tyler Barban as a nomination
  - o Seconded by Zak Villeneuve
- Frank is volunteering to continue as a director
  - o Proposed by Jacques, seconded by Mike Valente
- Sylvain thanks Jacques for everything he has done for NCKC over the years, submitting a motion that Jacques is granted a lifetime club membership.
  - o Seconded by everyone

Jacques confirms Naomi, Tyler, and Frank as new board members and Frank proposes the end of the meeting, seconded by Sylvain.