

NCKC Fall General Meeting 2023

Camelot Golf club, 15:30 18 Nov 2023

NCKC 2023 Fall AGM

- Zak Villeneuve motions to open the meeting, Martin Laplante and Scott Hetherington seconded the motion
- Draft Spring AGM meeting minutes posted on Facebook for member review. Motion to accept tabled. Motion was seconded by Mike Valente and Sylvain Coulombe. Members voted to accept the minutes.

Presidents Report

- The president thanked all the volunteers who helped in NCKC operations over the season and those who helped at the Premier Karting Academy
- Local program (was introduced) continued for 2nd season. This program objective is to help bridge the gap for first time racers, where Coupe de Montreal is now generally too competitive as an entry series for new racers
- This season, we had 21 members registered in the regional program, 4 in the local program and 3 were basic members (no benefits) for a total of 28 driving members.

NCKC Value Proposition

- Board of directors is to manage the club and ensure accountability
- Help people get into the sport and contain cost
- Club is the sum of its members, not the board
- Relies on volunteers to be successful

Revenues

- Revenue was \$9,683.33, \$258.33 above our expected revenue
- Discrepancy in membership income due to variance in forecasted regional vs. local memberships

Costs

- We affiliated with ASQ and CASC again this season. Double affiliation continued to enable drivers who reside in Quebec to be member of NCKC and allowed our members, who so desired, to reserve their kart number for racing in Quebec.
- Overall expenses were \$10,920.09, \$613.53 more than budgeted
- Slight miscalculation with the banquet costs in the spreadsheet, board changed how it is shown on the spreadsheet
 - o Previously budgeted for the delta between ticket sales and costs, separated revenue and expenses this year.

Assets

- Forecasted to have \$7,538.35 in the bank once banquet expenses are paid

Overall Finance

- Net loss of \$1,236.76 for 2023
- Motion to approve the year's finances. Martin Laplante and Scott Hetherington supported the motion. Membership voted and approved the club's finances.

Looking Forward – The Year Ahead

- Where should the advertising budget be used?
 - o Karting league? Refunds? Etc.
 - o Martin Laplante proposed “no sense for using it just to use it”, it is always a good idea to keep money in the bank for budget differences in the future
- John Darling – awareness in the area is huge. NCKC information at Top Karting
- Scott Hetherington likes the idea of a league at Top Karting
 - o People like every week or every other week, with end of year pizza get together with trophies
- Martin Laplante mentioned that he is open to extending the invitation to league members for an outdoor track day hosted by Premier Karting alongside academy members in the spring.
- John Darling mentions sim-racing centers, maybe putting up advertisements for the NCKC league at these locations
- Summary: Posters for top karting and simulator dens. Zak is planning a meeting in two weeks to plan the details of the league to decide on what it will look like
- Excess funds: no objection to keep in the club.

Local Program

- Feedback from local program:
 - o “Do your clutch maintenance” – John Darling
 - o Martin Laplante would like to not front and back load the season. Races should be chosen to be spread through the summer season so there is no excessively large hole without activity
- Sylvain Coulombe asked about how many races should be included in the local program
- President mentioned that there were some discussion with New York Race Complex regarding a return for NCKC and Briggs classes however they do not have our Briggs categories; they race a stock Princess Auto type engine for 4 stroke usually.
- NYRC owner sounded keen to have NCKC return
- Might be a good location for a test event to see what kind of vibe it gives
 - o NCKC used to do pre-season first event, good track option for new members. Not too difficult and lots of runoff
- Diogo Brandao asked about workshops for members new to the sport
 - o Premier used to run a mechanic's course that stopped due to covid restrictions, likely to return this winter

Regional Program

- Feedback specific to regional program:
 - o Scott Hetherington – lunch would be super cool if everyone could sit down together as a group

- Space is an issue. Maybe make an area for NCKC members to sit down all together at some point
 - Should the club own tents for a dedicated NCKC food and hangout area?
 - Do potlucks return?
- Jacques talks about Vegas experience and food
 - People really liked to sit down and eat, people are only sitting for a few minutes at a time but having tables and chairs is a big hit

The Year Ahead

- Volunteers are needed for 2024
 - Groceries
 - Meal planning and prep
 - Race result tracking
 - Sticker program
 - Please put your name forward and help out

Member Discussion

- Steve Barban mentions having track maps all available on the NCKC members Facebook page along with updated gear ratios. Lots of members scramble on race weekends looking for information
 - Difficulty with gear ratios as track progression can change drastically between events

Elections

- The 2 year term for Zak Villeneuve and Mike Valente 2 is finishing today. They are not volunteering for another term so those 2 positions are opening.
- Naomi is interested in continuing
- We have openings to fill on the board. The president explained that it is important for the club to have members step up. If nobody does it, the club cannot continue to exist. Time commitment is flexible.
- Sasha Bazinet, Isaac Lockers and Diogo Brandao volunteered to help with the board. Sasha also volunteered Sebastien, her husband.
- Sylvain Coulombe who was acting as past president for the last 2 years also volunteered to return to the board.
- All new volunteers for the board were voted in by the membership

Banquet

- Thanks to all the donations and sponsors!
- President proposed a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Martin Laplante and Scott Hetherington. All agreed.