

NCKC

Fall Annual General Meeting

December 4, 2016

(St-Anthony Soccer Club)

1. The President brought the meeting to order at 10:00.
2. We had a quorum consisting of a minimum of 3 executives and 25% of members as per our By-Law 4.10.1.
3. Adoption of the minutes of the spring meeting. No changes were requested, adoption was proposed by Martin Laplante, seconded by Ron Henrie. Motion was carried by vote.
4. President report
 - a. The president report was brief
 - b. Jacques mentioned that SLMP did not raise much interest, not a lot of people showed when we tried to host event there. All money raised was given to the track owner (less than ~\$300 total).
 - c. Event at Karters Korner – we lost money with this event, not a lot of attendance.
 - d. Events at Quyon – the positive side of Quyon is that competition is good for senior and masters classes, however again, not a lot of members attended.
 - e. We had competition from other series like Coupe de Montreal and the unfortunate events with Lombardy did not help. We had to change the schedule due to events outside our control, we didn't like having to do this because it can cause conflicts with pre-planned family schedules; this didn't help us either.
 - f. Overall, it was not a good season and there is no way we can have another season like this. We would like to brainstorm with members after the meeting to seek inputs for next season.
5. Grand Prix report
 - a. Attendance was ok, 38 participated, it was less than 2015 but it went well,
 - b. There was more than \$10,000 in prizes, something that has not happened often in local races. Prizes included money for top finishers and participation prizes including two pairs of hockey tickets, two Formula 1600/2000 sessions, two chump car race participations, 3 RESPs, 1

engine, tires from Quyon, Trophe sponsorship from Premier Karting, and a number of coupons from NR/Funhaven for a significant total value.

- c. All participants enjoyed it and organizers heard many positive feedback/comments participants.
 - d. One of the highlights for Jacques was the test drive that was arranged for the very young daughter of Wayne Shimoon on Saturday, bits were contributed by a number of people, Ashley Spurling lent his son's kart. The young girl walked away with a big smile.
 - e. Another highlight was the two stroke open class; they put on a nice show, participants were very flexible on the rules and displayed a lot of sportsmanship.
 - f. The charity event went OK, we did not have as many teams as the previous year but it ran quite smoothly this second time around. There were some challenges keeping track of relative positions when the timing system went down but we managed.
 - g. Kevin asked how much was raised for charity, Jacques explained that money from charity teams all flow from the participants to the charities and did not come through organizer's hands, so the numbers are what we know from Enrico as he has heard it from the charities. Kevin mentioned that for KK, the amount raised for charity is important.
 - h. Open practice on Saturday was a bit risky but everyone on the track was proficient drivers. If we had more drivers, we would probably have to separate practice in classes, but with the numbers we had and the skill level of drivers, open practice made for a good practice day.
6. Treasurer report
- a. We started the year with \$2,291 (January),
 - b. Spring meeting, we reported we had \$1,753 left due to expenses to date
 - c. Balance is currently at \$1,503
 - d. So we had a deficit of \$788 during the season
 - e. Jacques then went through the budget details contained in the breakdown slides
7. The year ahead
- a. The board does not think that we can continue like the past season, it seems that we need to rethink how we do things.
 - b. This is not limited to NCKC, even other series have reduced in size.
 - c. Money is not necessarily the primary issue, issue is more that number of drivers are lower which reduces the fun that can be had, which further reduces participation.

- d. Grand Prix – We think it has been a good regional event during the past two seasons, what next, should we continue? Kevin mentioned that Karters is interested in a Grand Prix next season but their main interest is in the charity component, not the competitive race. He mentioned that if the event can continue to grow the charity aspect, Karters will remain interested, but otherwise, they will not be; they have no interest in the competitive kart racing, they lose money during that week-end. When asked, Kevin said that resurfacing is not planned for next season, it is in Karters' 3 year plan because the track is getting rough in some spots for the rental karts.
- e. A brainstorming session followed.
 - i. Ron suggested that NCKC should consider becoming a traveling club. He doesn't think that NCKC should fold, but the people remaining in the club have fun together. Perhaps we should change operating mode and participate in other series that are happening in Quebec and Ontario while working on rebuilding the club in the process. That is what the Toronto Kart Club did a few years ago and it worked for them.
 - ii. Martin mentioned that he knows a few potential novice drivers who may be interested in joining next season.
 - iii. Dave mentioned we should perhaps see if there is opportunity to cooperate with Top Karting to raise awareness and bring people in the sport.
 - iv. Wayne said he would certainly travel with the club if Ron came along and worked the... tools. He mentioned an exchange he had with Greg by email and said that Greg would certainly be interested and participate in this concept of traveling club.
 - v. The concept of traveling resonated with all members present.
 - vi. Through the discussion, Martin suggested that we should forget the past and look forward. Select a model that works for members, drop past negativity and focus on positivity and what interests club members most.
 - vii. Jacques mentioned he was definitely for the concept of a traveling club and the new board (after the elections) should certainly work in that direction.
 - viii. Sylvain echoed that he had also been thinking about this traveling model however the one thing he was having difficulty with was how would NCKC be able to bring new people in the sport if we operated like that. We do not have a base track, so when people ask about how they can get into karting, he did not see what our

answer could be. Wayne suggested that perhaps what we should do is focus on the health of the club and once we have a striving and healthy core, others would join. His personal motivation is in great part social and others would certainly like the social/fun aspect; people want to be with friends.

- ix. Ron mentioned that TKC not only has race events but they got together even just to work on their equipment and socialize and he understood that this also helped them rebuild interest.
- x. There were some additional ideas mentioned about the GP; Kevin suggested that Karters could look after the charity event perhaps, someone else said that maybe the date of the event could be changed to later in the season, etc. The GP brings visibility to karting and perhaps this is the avenue for promoting karting that NCKC should focus on.
- xi. Martin suggested that all members should participate in the reshaping of the club, we still need the board however everyone should chip in. Identify and focus on some set objectives and everyone contributes to make it happen, not just the board. Martin suggested that we could raise our membership fees to ensure the financial health and growth of the club while rebuilding.
- xii. It was suggested that we should pool and share the resources of existing members, paddock together and help each others out and contribute to rebuild the club and the social ambiance that makes the club fun for everyone.

8. Election

- a. The only director that is still on the board is Sylvain, Mike's family has moved on from Karting so Mike will not continue on the board and the terms of Enrico, Frank and Jacques are over. We need to elect directors.
- b. Given the brainstorming discussion, it was made clear that everyone should participate in reshaping the club.
- c. Jacques volunteered to continue on the board. Someone proposed Jacques, Martin seconded his nomination, he was re-elected.
- d. Frank volunteered to continue on the board. Wayne proposed Frank, Martin seconded his nomination, he was re-elected.
- e. When discussing scenarios for board meetings, discussions and involvement of everyone, it was suggested that we could use a private discussion forum to help get input from everyone.

9. Meeting adjourned