

# NCKC

## Spring Bi Annual Meeting

April 9th, 2017

(St-Anthony Soccer Club)

1. The President brought the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
2. We had a quorum consisting of a minimum of 3 executives and 25% of members as per our By-Law
3. Adoption of fall meeting minutes – Motion to approve the minutes as posted proposed by Terry McGonigal, seconded by Martin Laplante.
4. President's report.  
At the fall AGM, discussions had lead us to the adoption of a traveling club model for 2017. The exec has drafted something and we'll go over the details and consider additional inputs from members. This will be an interesting season using this new model and we hope to learn from our first experience and adapt it further in the future.

When invited by the president, Martin Laplante mentioned a few words on the Driver development Academy put forward by Premier and Top Karting over the winter. NCKC cooperated with them in this endeavor. Martin mentioned that the main focus was to introduce new people to the sport in a progressive manner. The program focused on junior from ages 8 to 16. Some had never been on the track before. Overall, it was a very positive experience. Two new drivers will be racing with the club this year for sure (one novice and one junior), perhaps a few more. About 25 young drivers came through the program. NCKC was there filming the action and participants were being de-briefed post sessions looking at videos. All these videos are available in a youtube channel so they could see themselves in between the training sessions.

Enrico asked whether there was an intention to offer an adult version, he thought there would be interest in that. Martin said yes, there is more stuff being envisioned for the future. For instance, participants will get the opportunity to try outside track karting at Icar this sprint, entry fee covered by Top Karting.

Jacques mentioned that NCKC went to talk with Michel Boisclair at Icar and discussed their training program. They are focused on developing drivers for the long term, not caring too much about making money out of it. Their program is modeled after skier development program, based on a progression through training/practice, club then more competitive events, and not moving on to more competitive levels until they have acquired the necessary skills to go there. Same with costs, they follow a progressive increase, people don't have to buy expensive equipment before they have a good sense that their kid likes it, can compete and won't get discouraged too soon. Icar is interested in us participating with them in this development program, any developing driver from Ottawa would be welcome and they would appreciate us helping when they run their club level development events. These events involve briefing before and after each track session and observers on the track to provide feedback to drivers (coaching).

There was some discussion on documenting such a progressive program in the future and using it as a basis for promotion of the sport. It would give people a sense of how to get in the sport and how much it would cost them and how long it would take to get there.

Wrapping this up, Jacques mentioned that the next step of the academy which is to bring participants to an outside track (Icar) would happen later in April and it would be an opportunity for NCKC members to test and tune their kart for the season as well.

## 5. Draft schedule

There was discussion in our planning forum over the winter on the schedule. The draft schedule was based on the concept of participating in the Coupe de Montreal and Icar driver development program. Some had commented through the forum that they'd like to see Shannonville in the schedule. There was some uncertainty on how well this event would be attended, organizers are trying to build this event back up. Some aspects were mentioned for consideration:

- Dave Laplante mentioned that APKLQ will have 2 events combined with the Coupe de Montreal this season and those should be well attended/interesting events.
- Jacques said that we have a hole in the draft schedule in the May to Jul timeframe and there is a mini 3 race series happening at Quyon in that timeframe, therefore members who want more action could participate in other such events if they wanted, the concept of a traveling club does not restrict members from going wherever they want to get into more events.

The traveling club concept focuses on helping each other out at the events we decide to go as a club.

After some discussions, it was decided to add Shannonville in our schedule tentatively.

Wayne mentioned that one thing he likes with the schedule is that we'll have races in September. People agreed on having some flexibility with adding more events if we feel like it and enough members want to go. The proposition of adding a Mosport or Goodwood event was discussed, maybe the Summerfest in Mosport which is planned to happen during the last week-end of July. After some discussion, it was agreed that these kind of events are not for everyone.

Motion to approve the schedule as presented: Proposed by Dave Laplante, seconded by Terry McGonigal.

#### 6. Capital Karting Grand Prix

Last year, this event was renamed the Mayor's cup as we got some push back from F1 on using the name "Grand Prix". For 2017, it will be a charity race only at Top Karting. Participants will enjoy the faster karts. The actual date of the event remains to be confirmed.

We tried to get a competitive aspect for the Mayor's cup, we envisioned a track at the Canadian Tire Centre for a while, however ASN Canada turned down our project therefore we decided to make the Mayor's cup a charity event only.

Enrico mentioned that he met people from Gatineau City Hall, talked to them about the project and they were quite interested in being part of it. The 2017 event will therefore be the (2) Mayors' Cup as opposed to the Mayor'ss Cup.

#### 7. Treasurer Report / Budget / Fees

Sylvain mentioned that over the winter, keeping in mind the traveling club concept, many contributed ideas on fees and format for the upcoming season and the exec boiled this down to the proposal that we have on the following few slides for fees and their value proposition (\$275 for single racer, \$275 + \$100/additional member for family, and \$80 for day membership).

For the day membership, we are proposing to offer a similar package of benefits for \$80. The idea resonated with members who see the value in the other items included in the price.

There was some discussion on the idea of perhaps renting the club trailer for the summer. In the end, this idea didn't resonate with everyone so it was decided that it would be looked at on a case by case basis if the situation presents itself. If a member needs assistance with hauling their equipment/kart to a track, there will be opportunities to make arrangements with other members so people will not be left behind for lack of transportation means.

On the planned expenses for the season, we negotiated a deal with Karelo where we no longer have a fixed cost per year, it is now only pay as we go. So we will keep using Karelo this year.

With these numbers, a few budget scenarios were built based on some assumptions and presented in the deck. We therefore forecasted that we would end the season with a net profit of a few hundred dollars. The break even point would be around 7 or 8 members and we already see that we will have at least that number, likely more.

Motion to approve the fees and 2017 budget: Proposed by Greg Jewell, seconded by Enrico Valente. Budget and fees were approved.

8. Meeting adjourned