

Kart Report

The first Kart committee meeting for 2020 was held on 10th March. It was chaired by the new income chairman, George Robinson. Minutes of the meeting have not been produced at this time, but the secretariat have stated that their aim is to produce minutes within seven days. I think this is to be across all committees and panels. The committee now comprises if a very interesting cross section of people from the karting world. Motorsport UK have tried to embrace all aspects bringing in a number of people from the "corporate" world, grass roots karting, technical and championships. Hopefully this mix will lead to a more progressive approach to the discipline. The first meeting was very positive with some interesting debate,

A Kart Council has been set up. All clubs will be entitled to send a representative and it will be a forum to discuss the future of the sport. An inaugural meeting has not yet been arranged due to the lack of a suitable venue that can cater for the numbers expected. There is an offer on the table of Darley Moor. I did point out that the venue was around 270 miles from Edinburgh and Glasgow and a great distance further for our more northern clubs suggesting that overnight accommodation and travel should be a consideration.

The committee were keen to continue working on clerking standards to ensure a level playing field across the country and to reintroduce and relaunch the "Race 'n' Respect" campaign.

The future is very much seen as "electric". This will start at the youngest age with the Bambino Category probably being adopted very soon and then following into Cadet. This subject opened up into a more general discussion about official Motorsport UK versus IKR events. There was a feeling that sometimes the red tape associated with our official channel got in the way of moving forward at any great speed.

For officials there is to be a push towards more on-line training using the learning hub. This should be rolled out by 30th March.

As said above the minutes are not out yet so any further matters of relevance will be detailed for the next SAMSC meeting.

In the meantime, the ASKC has met and formatted plans for the Scottish Super Series and the Scottish Championship meeting. There has been great concern that the WSKC has embarked on a policy of only allowing club members to race and practice at the Larkhall Circuit. This means "visitors" are faced with additional cost if going to a round of the "Super Series" and also in 2021, the Scottish Championships. A delegation from WSKC went to the recent ASKC meeting and a compromise solution has been agreed.

The first kart meeting of the year took place on 15th March at WSKC. The driver numbers were slightly down on the first meeting last year and karting in Scotland continues to be poorly supported.

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