

Minutes of the 27th COMMITTEE MEETING of the NATIONAL KARTING GROUP
COMMITTEE held at Ash Trees, Loncroft Lane, Bovington, HP3 0JL on MONDAY 24th
November 2022 commencing at 20:15

Present	Demetri Orros	DO	Karting Leader
	Denise Griffiths	DG	Karting Secretary
	Gwilym Griffiths	GG	Karting Treasurer
	Gary R Martin	GM	Karting Committee
	Ian Wyatt	IW	Karting Committee
	Mike Biss	MB	Deputy Motoring Leader

Meeting 27

27.1 Leader's Welcome Address and apologies for absence

27.1.2 DO opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. DO also welcomed Mike Biss to his first Karting Committee Meeting. DO stated that this was our first full year of events since covid restrictions had been lifted and he was encouraged by the number of drivers who had taken part.

27.2.1 Apologies for absence had been received from

Stuart Gibbs SG Karting Committee

27.3 Minutes of the 26th meeting of the Karting Group held on

273.1 The minutes of the 26th National Karting meeting was approved by the Committee and signed by DO.

27.4 Matters arising since the last meeting and not included in the agenda.

27.4.1 DO stated that there were no matters to discuss that were not in the agenda.

27.5 Secretaries Report

27.5.1 DG informed the committee that members had been invited to a Diner to commemorate 100 years of CSMA. and that names need to send to Nick Hoath by November 1st.

27.5.2 DG also informed the committee that having spoken to drivers during the year at various circuits they had stated that they were pleased with the new circuits and the only comment was that Ellough Park in Suffolk was considered a long drive.

27.6 Treasurers Report

27.6.1 GG handed out the report to the committee and briefly went through it with them. All members agreed that the Bank account was in a healthy state and the report was agreed by committee.

27.7 Past Events

27.7.1 GG stated that there had been a good response to the day events organized at Ellough Park, North Pickenham and Whilton Mill as a replacement for Buckmore Park which had been used for many years until after it changed its opening times after the Covid pandemic.

27.7.2 MB quired why the numbers were low for North Pickenham evening event on 17 Aug . GG stated that this event was run in the evening and for mainly local members

27.8 New Events

27.8.1 GG stated that he was confident in running an event at Ellough Park and events at North Pickenham, as per the usual evening events for the Norfolk area.

27.8.2 GG was not hopeful at with the possibility of running any events at Buckmore Park in 2023, mainly because they were only open Wednesday to Sunday from 12.00 until 20.00 and the cost was now double what it had previously been.

27.8.3 GG said that he had already contacted the circuits used this year for their prices and that he should have them all by the end of the month.

27.8.4. GM said that Ellough Park was a good circuit, but that there had been some issues with not all of the karts being of the same standard.

27.8.5 DO replied that last time he used the new layout at Ellough Park during a Club 73 event there had been issues with track limits on the new track and that maybe this should be monitored when we use this circuit in 2023.

27.8.6 GM had said that North London would only run two events at Rye House and suggested that there be two at Whilton Mill one at Ellough Park and one at North Pickenham.

27.8.7 There was a brief discussion about other circuits GG said that contact had been made with Bayford Meadow, Brighton, Lydd, Lakeside, Red Lodge, Wild tracks none of which were able to offer what we required. Thrupton had been contacted recently and was considered too far and pricey, and that PF International Grantham would be contacted and considered as an alternative.

27.8.8 The committee decided on preliminary dates for next year to be the same as this year.

27.9 How to increase karting interest

27.9.1 The committee briefly discussed this topic, but no one could come up with any other suggestions other than using all that is available. Word of mouth, Facebook and Boundless magazine have all brought in new drivers, recent eshots have had a negative response.

27.9.2 GG asked MB if he had any other suggestions of how to increase attendance. MB replied saying that he had the same issues with Motorsport and although the cost for an event seemed high, he could see that there was no way of reducing the price. MB also suggested that we ran taster sessions in between our morning and afternoon racing for beginners and GG will look at the possibility.

27.10 Recognition of volunteers

27.10.1 The committee decided that the payments should stay the same as last year and that DG would send Nick Hoath a list of vouchers that the committee had requested.

27.11 100-year anniversary dinner

27.11.1 DG said that there had been a good response with DO, SG, IW putting their names forward and IW had agreed to be our reserve.

27.12 Any other business

27.12.1 As there were no other business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

27.13 Next Meeting will be in March 2023 date to be confirmed.

Note: During the meeting there were several questions from MB on how karting groups run and these were answered by the committee.

Signed as a true record of the 27th Meeting..... Date.....