

# NSWOK MEETING MINUTES

Date: 07 December 2025  
Type: Annual General Meeting

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**Meeting Location: Rosehill Bowling Club, NSW**

**Meeting Opened: 11:00 sign on > 11:15am**

**Meeting Closed: 12:30pm**

**Attendees: Chris Street (CS), Sean Dicker (SD), Caroline Craft (CC), Louise Lawson (LL), Craig Chaffey (CCh), Daniel Flood (DF), Nicaelie Flood (NF), David Gilyeat (DG), Adam Lawson (AL), John Lodge (JL), John Lodge Jnr (JLJ), Belinda Street (BS), Daniel Vassal (DV), Sean Winters (SW), David Craft (DC), Mark Garey (MG).**  
**- 16 Members -**

**Apologies: Nil.**

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## **Items discussed:**

CS opened meeting and thanked all for coming.

CS noted the 2024 AGM Minutes were available to review. [Motion to accept > Passed 16-0.]

## **2025 Presidents report (Chris Street)**

- CS acknowledged & thanked new 2025 Committee in Executive roles.
- Thanked volunteers that make the club what it is and continue to seek opportunities that benefit the club.
  - Discussed 13 drivers attending Taillem Bend, SA event in September.
  - Thanked those who have explored promotional opportunities for the Club – Imogen Sansom at Chrome Fest Central Coast, Jamie Dicker at McHappy Day in Sydney, Adam Lawson at Car Show in Hunter.
  - Advised promotional material had been developed on the back on this, so if anyone wants/finds opportunities in 2026, reach out to the Committee.
- Discussed 2025 had seen huge growth for the club, particularly in Juniors. Acknowledged that we continue to struggle getting & retaining adults, but hopefully depth in junior ranks will flow through into the future.
  - 2025 Membership statistics snapshot. [Attendees given 'Member Statistics' handout.]
  - Drivers = 38 > 27 Juniors & 11 Opens.
  - Divisions = 10 Beginners, 12 Box Stock, 5 Inters, 11 Opens
- Discussed there have been instances of poor behaviour, mainly by adults, this season. Expressed it is kids sport and whilst kids compete, they shouldn't be marred by poor parent/adult behaviour. Noted overall the club is a welcoming and inclusive environment, so we just need to keep building on that and keep having fun.
- Discussed 2026
  - Predicted movement across the divisions, but healthy numbers in each.
  - Club will see changes with Outlaw Karts Australia, Club Championship Calendar, locations, opportunities, sponsorship. Fully addressed later in General Business.

### **2025 Secretary Report (Louise Lawson)**

- Discussed a deep-dive into Club operations, policies and procedures since taking on the role of Secretary and concluded there is a lot of opportunity for growth.
- Discussed need for having the right systems and processes in place within the club so it could continue to grow in a professional manner.
- Discussed the Member Survey completed in October. [Attendees given 'Survey results' handout].
  - Potential for communication and marketing strategy to be developed.
  - Marketing/Advertising – Identified the website needs to be much more user friendly and enticing with a stronger correlation to social media.
  - Development of promotional brochure that can be used at events. [Attendees given 'Promotional flyer' handout].
  - BS acknowledged for her assistance with design.
- Discussed Child Safe Sport
  - Need for club to solidify and align to best practices within NSW Office of Sport and Sports Integrity Australia.
  - Noted Committee members now required to have Working With Children Check
  - Discussed it's a work-in-progress introducing policies pertaining to code of conduct, disciplinary procedures, complaints handling and fair play.

### **2025 Financial report (Caroline Craft)**

- CC noted club is in healthy financial position for 2026 with approximately \$12K in bank.
- Discussed Comparative P&L Financial statement. [Attendees given 'P&L' handout.]
  - Noted introduction of club nomination fees & raffle assisted income generation to cover operating costs.
  - Noted large costs were reduced in insurance and legal fields due to not holding track licence for Kurri Kurri and no legal issues in 2025.
- CC thanked businesses and people for contributions made throughout the year - CSR Fabrications, Craft Diff, SAT Mechanical.
- CC noted there is now opportunity to spend money on equipment such as drive on scales, and, marketing material such as advertising flyers, web design, promotional banners at track etc.
- CC discussed 2026 will also re-introduce a 'Sponsorship Opportunity' model with differing tiers and that committee will also be exploring sports grant opportunities in 2026, particularly for equipment.
- SW suggested it would be great for club to have a 'Scrutineering station' which included a gazebo, banner, scales and could be transported to each event. Set up would provide professionalism and advertising benefits for club.
- AL voiced that the NSW Office of Sport often has grant opportunities.
- LL voiced that often banks provide local grants.
- SW voiced that NSW is marked to host the 2027 OKA National Title and that could be good bargaining power for proposals.

### **Nomination of Committee positions - Ordinary Member (Chris Street)**

- CS thanked outgoing ODM Daniel Flood for his expertise and role on the committee for 2yrs. Wished him well with his move to QLD.
- CS expressed that ODM nominations were received by Daniel Vassall and Sean Winters. Explained to members that Exec Committee decided with expertise they both offered – SW backbone to NSWOK & DV experience in motor sport – it would be good to have both nominees on the Committee, taking committee to eight (8) members.

- [Motion to accept both nominees for 2026 Committee > Passed 16-0.]

### General Business (Sean Dicker)

- SD discussed **Outlaw Karts Australia** Update. [Attendees given 'NSWOK Member Information – Outlaw Karts Australia' handout.] Noted 2026 NSWOK will fall under OKA for Membership and Rule Book, with NSWOK Supp Regs as applicable.
- SD informed members there was a OKA delegates meeting scheduled for 11/12/25.
- SD advised NSWOK were requesting a rule change to lower entry age to 5yrs in Beginner Box Stock and 10yrs in Intermediate. This would assist in club retention – particularly where we lose Intermediate juniors to other classes eg Micro, and engage children earlier on.
- Discussion was had for how a 5yr old would be identified within BBS; Observed Licence Test, streamer on helmet, ROF starts, minimum 3 races were suggestions given.
- Discussion was had that lowering Inters to 10yrs on approval would benefit heavier participants with weight change, and, consistent winners as it provided a new challenge.
- LL voiced that 5yr old entry needed to be cleared with both Speedway Australia (no foreseen issue as 5yrs in Qtr Midget) and AASA (currently 6+yr olds).
- SW advised that NSWOK would be required to supply the framework for the age rule to be submitted to OKA, for them to liaise with Speedway Australia. It would also need to be voted on at an OKA Special General Meeting as it is a rule change. SW stressed that the suggestion won't be approved at the meeting on 11/12/25 and that NSWOK would be given 2wks perhaps to lodge appropriately.
- DC advised OKA were confirming an error in the rule book in relation to kart numbers. An outcome is expected on 11/12/25 as the error was previously voted on but printed incorrectly.
- CS noted that pending the wording, NSWOK may add kart numbers as a supp reg.
- SD released **2026 Calendar** naming SWF as the Club Championship sponsor.
- SD Noted variety of tracks and additional opportunities were based on feedback from members [Attendees given '2026 Calendar' handout.]
- JL stated that Kurri was a great location that club should build on.
- AL advised that Kurri is open to future events/usage. Noted Practice days required 5 to 6 interested parties to commit and they could be arranged ad-hoc.
- JJJ noted that the previous private practice session that AL conducted was great for the kids.
- SD noted it was a great location and had everything required. SD queried whether a Development Day or Club Scrutineering Day could be held at Kurri. AL was willing to assist with negotiations between SD/CS/Kurri.
- AL noted that a TBC February Practice Day was on the calendar, but it did not want to take away from those attending VIC State Title and OKA National Title.
- CS voiced desire to support Victoria with VIC State Title in February 2026.
- CS noted that OKA National Title in Perth Feb 2026 was a big ask.
- LL expressed SW had been appointed by NSWOK as contact for OKA Title and all queries to him. SW indicated at least two drivers were hoping to attend and AL was assisting with transport logistics.
- LL expressed MG had been appointed by NSWOK as contact for Exhibition in Dubbo in December 2025 and all queries to him. MG indicated 11 drivers were hoping to attend.
- SD discussed **2026 Membership** structure/pricing. Noted there will be a National Body fee imposed on Memberships but club currently looking at structure of memberships and pricing so that the effect on members is as minimal as possible.
- CC suggested introduction of family rate for memberships and/or nominations. Eg) 2<sup>nd</sup> child discount. Using current member base, this would be beneficial for Davey, Dicker, Lodge,

Michael and Street families who all had 2-3 children involved. Noted if the age rule changed, potential for more families to bring in younger siblings.

- DV expressed this occurs in other karting sports. Also, that the tracks may have room to move when drivers pay their nomination fee.
- SD acknowledged it was certainly worth a question to the tracks.
  
- SD discussed **2026 Sponsorship Opportunities**. Advised club developed 'Sponsorship Opportunities' on a tiered system seeking Round Sponsors, NSW State Title Sponsor and Club Championship Sponsor. Encourage everyone to spread the word. [Attendees given '2026 Sponsorship Opportunities' handout.]
  
- SD discussed **2026 NSWOK Supplementary Regulations** as standard for all 2026 Club Championship rounds – these are just FYI, not the specific supp reg and all to be confirmed.
  - Tyre Rule – TBC – Inters and Open right rear tyre (RR) must Hoosier D50 or Burris QRC50. This aligns with VIC, WA and OKA National Title regs.
    - MG advised he had been working on a deal with Hoosier that the rule would change to Hoosier only for the entire season to be eligible for Club Championship, in return for winning one tyre. MG said he had verbal confirmation from Hoosier. LL noted the committee had not been included in or updated with any communications.
    - CS expressed concern in eliminating choice.
    - LL expressed it was limiting choice forcing them to use a specific tyre, possibly restraint of trade, and that it was not viable to seek new members and then force costs upon them – particularly if they have no chance of winning a championship. Concern for driver who could compete all season, have a chance of winning championship and then be disqualified for not using Hoosier. Makes the championship about money, not talent.
    - AL expressed the cost of implementation forced drivers to pay up to \$2,000 in Hoosier tyres (assuming 1 per round) to win one tyre. Discussed Burris was a more economical option and liked the ability to choose.
    - DG expressed he was not on board with the proposal. Queried supply issues as evident in 2025 season.
    - MG expressed that he had lots of Hoosier D50's in stock.
    - LL expressed it was a conflict of interest for MG to have a commercial supply of tyres for a rule he was trying to get changed/implemented.
    - SD noted a formal proposal in writing had to come from Hoosier and it needed to be beneficial for both parties. Any rule change would require members to vote.
  - Kart numbers – TBC – Pending wording correction from OKA, NSWOK may stipulate its own requirements for kart numbers which would assign one number per kart within a division and/or one number to a team which could be used across divisions.

#### **Consideration of agenda submissions (Chris Street)**

- CS noted none received for AGM but asked for general questions.
- JLJ raised question about age progressions & what happens if child reaches next division at end of season – is any disposition considered.
  - CS advised we would wait for OKA ruling on ages and division brackets.
  - CS advised 2026 may implement a 'drop your worst round' scenario for Club Championship. To be confirmed pending OKA age changes.

- CCh raised question about helmets and a change to the specs. Noted that the old vs new rule difference in weight was up to 2kg on a child's neck as well as cost. Desire for there to be a small, lightweight, affordable helmet for juniors.
  - CS advised the technical specification for the helmet was removed by Speedway Australia, but replaced with nothing. The OKA rule book included the original specification. Therefore, the two conflicted.
  - SW advised that Speedway Australia is the overarching body for safety requirements. Thus whatever Speedway Australia ruling is, is what OKA should be. If any discrepancies, OKA would change safety specifications without needing to consult State Member Clubs.
  - Desire for there to be a small, lightweight, affordable helmet for juniors.
  - LL will identify the specific differences in rules and send to OKA for updating.
  - LL will clarify rule with Speedway Australia.
- CC questioned talks about Eastern Creek opportunities
  - CS advised Mitch Biner may / is hoping to be able to get Outlaw Karts to race at Eastern Creek, Sydney.
  - At this stage, no further information available. NSWOK will promote if opportunity arises as we do with other POWRI events.
- SW advised that any NSWOK Supp Regs to the OKA Rule Book should be able to be done from mid-Jan 2026 for the coming season. Assuming Delegate Meeting on 11/12/25 and then allowing 4wks for motions and changes to be made.

CS closed meeting. 2025 Club Presentation followed.