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Lance Hickey Life Member

At the recent National Conference, current National President, Lance Hickey became the 21st person to be honoured with appointment as a Life Member of KartSport New Zealand.

Lance joined the sport in the late 1980's and became legendary in the WPKA region driving his 250cc gearbox kart.

In 2002 he was elected to the Executive and has been National President since 2007.

Lance is also well known around the country as the National Track and Safety Inspector and as the *godfather* of the AMB transponder system in New Zealand.

For a more comprehensive summary of Lance's dedication to the sport [CLICK HERE](#).





Island Sprint Championships Entries Open

Entry Forms for the North Island (Hawkes Bay) and South Island (Nelson) Island Sprint Championships are now available.

For the first time both events are open to competitors with an **A** or **B** Sprint Licence rating.

Closing Dates for early entries:

Thirsty Whale North Island Sprint Championships **23-9-11**

South Island Sprint Championships **24-9-11**

For Entry Form and Supplementary Rules [CLICK HERE](#)

For On-Line Entry [CLICK HERE](#)



Raket 120 Base Gaskets....

I have recently been asked if it is permissible to have multiple base gaskets in a Raket 120 to achieve the 0.40mm min to 0.80mm max thickness.

Unlike other classes such as KT100 which allow an 'accumulative' thickness or Raket 85 which specify a 'minimum number' which clearly allows more, the Raket 120 rule N13.5 specifically states "Cylinder base gasket thickness - 0.40mm minimum, 0.80mm maximum."

Tech Talk

with John Lennox
National Technical Officer

The wording is 'base gasket' singular, so this means a single gasket only.

The single gasket can of course be any thickness from 0.40mm minimum to 0.80mm maximum as stated.



Rule Changes Issues 2011-8 & 2011-9



Rule Changes 2011-8 and 2011-9 were published on 2-9-11 and 5-9-11 respectively. These changes include successful proposals from Rules Round 23 and two MAW adjustments made as a result of Conference direction following the Weight Survey presentation. To view [CLICK HERE](#).



DPE Safety Warning



DPE have issued a safety warning regarding bearings in 25mm front hubs fitted to some Arrow and Monaco chassis.

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2011 National Conference

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19 Clubs were represented at this year's National Conference held in Rotorua for the first time. On the Friday evening each Club gave a presentation on activities in their Club over the last 12 months plus plans for the future. Clubs also gave their feedback and opinions regarding issues the sport needs to address.

[Contact Robert Hutton](#)

Saturday morning saw presentation of the:

- **President's Report** [CLICK HERE](#),
- **Financial Results** for the year ending 30-6-11 [CLICK HERE](#) and the
- **Management Report** [CLICK HERE](#).

A new **Strategic Plan**, which has been work in progress for the last 24 months and had been circulated in February in draft form to Clubs for input, was adopted. [CLICK HERE](#).

A key discussion on Saturday afternoon addressed the (crowded) **Event Calendar**, especially in the North Island. This issue is increasingly affecting attendance at events and hence finances of Clubs plus putting increasing pressure on our volunteer Race Officials and Technical Officers. Even members of the karting trade are asking for this issue to be addressed. General agreement was reached on some key principles to reduce calendar clutter, however from the initial result of the actual Calendar Planning session on Sunday morning it appears many of the current NI issues look to be repeated in 2012 if further action is not taken. To this end the Executive is working on new options regarding the Rules covering permits.

Licence Fees were discussed together with a brief review of what similar organisations charge and how they structure their fees (fixed versus *user pays* variable). Proposals for a tiered system, based on Licence Rating, were tabled by Whangarei and Taranaki. Following discussion the Executive was tasked with preparing revised options. Investigations into time payment of fees will also be investigated.



Late Saturday afternoon most Delegates travelled to the recently opened KartSport Rotorua International Raceway. While some choose to look over the facility, a keen group decided to try out the hire karts. Andrew Hoare (Mwtu) recorded a near lap record time for the hire karts of 1-10-470!

A presentation from the Rotorua KartSport Development Trust tracing the history of the project followed, together with a presentation from Raceline Karting on how the hire karts operate alongside the Club activities.

On Sunday the results of the latest **Weight Survey** were presented. Most class weights were found to be appropriate with only two classes requiring minor change. See **Rule Updates** for details.

Elections were held for a number of positions on the Executive. The following were elected:

Vice President	Graeme Moore
NI Executive Member	Anita Kinsman
SI Executive Member	Wayne Croft
Either Island Executive Member	Andrew Donohue

If you want to know more about what went on at Conference talk to your Club Delegate and Observer or contact a member of the [Executive](#).

The Executive is currently considering a restructure of the Race Officials department following the retirement of Laurie Lester at Conference. In the interim, National President, Lance Hickey has been appointed Acting National Steward and John Lennox, Permits Manager (in addition to his role as NTO and Webmaster).

You can view current Permits and keep up to date with Permit status by [CLICKING HERE](#).



Reminders

- If you are purchasing a new race suit make sure it complies with Rule G3.2 "new rule applicable **1-1-12**." KartSport New Zealand is pleased to report that **JPC Motorsport**, Christchurch (phone 03-383 3353) has been issued with the first KartSport New Zealand Approval Code Label issued under Rule G3.2 Option 2 for locally made race suits.
- Competitors and guardians are reminded that drivers can only practice in a class of kart which is allowed for their respective age. See Rules E3 and Q5.1 for details.