

Minutes of the 2026 Association of British Kart Club Annual General Meeting

Held by Zoom digitally on 28th April 2026

1 Apologies: Whilton Mill, Gary Preece (BHKC), James Clarke (Lydd), Paul Phelan (UKC represented by Gaynor Heath), Jamie Roe (HKC), John Vigor (Club100)

Present:

13 clubs represented: Bayford Meadow (Ian Ward), Chasewater (Mike Stackhouse), TVKC (Nigel Edwards), NATSKA (Peter Atmore), Champions (Dan Ashton), Sherington (Graham Smith), Fulbeck (Jim & Julie Thornsby), Cumbria (Malcolm & Marion Fell), Ian Rogers (BKC), FP4 (Chris Kelly & Alan Jacques), GKC (Gary Ingram), CKC (Paul Skipp), Bishops court (Richard Dewart), UKC (Gaynor Heath)

In attendance: Dan Parker (Head of Karting, Motorsport UK), Peter Stockwin (Sporting Assistant)

2 Approval of the 2025 AGM Minutes

First Nigel Edwards gave a warm welcome to all attendees and said there is good support from our clubs.

The 2025 AGM minutes were proposed by Fulbeck and seconded by Chasewater, all approved.

Action points addressed were:

Recruitment and Volunteers: Nigel thanked Jamie Roe for producing an excellent document which has been sent onto Motorsport UK, and Glynn Griffiths for a Training Plan including Cadet Marshals.

Rob Dodds was tasked with producing a document on choice of venues for travelling championships including the British, but not yet available.

3 Chairman's Address:

The Chair report was circulated with the agenda.

Nigel said with your support the ABKC is able to provide 'behind the scenes' assistance to its member clubs. We have a good network and good relations with Motorsport UK.

We are not an 'in your face' publicity machine but more a dedicated and professional group who only want one thing – for UK karting & UK Kart clubs to prosper and promote our brilliant sport in the best ways possible. I list below a few of the key points that member clubs benefit from :

- The Kart Clubs 'OFFICIAL' voice – direct to MSUK
- The only Karting Association dedicated to responding to members issues
- Provide a network of assistance and guidance in club support
- Representation on all main stream MSUK Committees
- Full access to our Social media outlets to promote your club and its activities.
- An informative website, kept up-to-date, with all contact details for our clubs and venues
- Regular updates on 'rule changes' in advance of implementation.
- Assisting in directing newcomers to the sport where their local club is and how to get in touch.

During our work over the year the 'steering group' has identified some key areas which affect all clubs, namely attracting and keeping volunteers and looking after the next generation of marshals.

To this end we have worked with individuals to produce some excellent pieces of work which spell out the challenges the clubs face and offer realistic ways to over these. He thanked everyone for their support so we can keep driving our clubs forward.

4 Secretary Report

Graham showed some bullet points, some of which we may go into in more depth at the informal Q&A.

- Regular newsletters to clubs, not quite monthly
- Attendance at Kartmania
- Thanks to Dan Ashton for moderating the socials
- Thanks to Jamie Roe for his excellent document on volunteering
- Challenges continue to get officials, especially scrutineers and Clerks
- Suggestion to have a Chief Marshal network to share marshal requirements
- Kart Club specific survey has not taken place yet, very poor response to earlier surveys
- Clubs want more discussion about allocating British Championships

- Clubs requested more information about the driver penalty system, for next newsletter
- Awaiting news about the grants for the new FIA kart light panel purchases
- Motorsport UK suggest ABKC join LARA – it is £300 per annum
- Partnership requests came from Zenico re grassroots karting
- Partnership proposal about sponsorship training from Pro Sports Hub
- ABKC lodged an objection to the Clay Pigeon planning proposal
- Offer from a company willing to collect old tyres was sent out, no responses

Coming from Motorsport UK -

- Requirement to name the driver's mechanic on entry
- Circuit grading proposals
- Club championship regulation approvals greatly simplified
- Proposal that Motorsport UK will collect Regional subscriptions on behalf of the Association
- Motorsport UK new phone system and call logging coming soon to improve responses, also website upgrades

Nigel asked Paul Skipp to give a quick update on the Clay Pigeon situation. Paul said some local councillors were in favour of the kart circuit continuing despite the PC putting in no objection. Nigel then asked Peter Stockwin to elaborate on the simplification of the club championship regulations. Peter said he reviewed the process and has cut out the need for a Notice of Intent.

5 Treasurer Report

The annual accounts to 31st October 2025 prepared by Ann Smith were available to all clubs by a web link on the agenda notice. The bank balance at the 31st October year end is £27569.56 compared with £27573.49 in 2024. The income was £2967.14 and expenditure £2971.07 compared with £2911.64 income and expenditure of £812.20 in 2025. So we end up with a loss of £3.93 compared with profit of £2099.44 in 2024, primarily due to the cost (£1700.00) of the new website. The Steering Group were still able to recommend to continue with a flat subscription fee of £75.

The accounts were approved with no comments and no dissenters.

And update to 26.4.26 was given by the Treasurer for information. So far the 2026 subscriptions have raised £2400 with four clubs still to pay – Dragon KC, F100, MBKC and RAFMSA (the latter promised), and two resignations – Medway and South Yorks KC which have not re-affiliated with MSUK. Income since 1 November was £2400 and expenditure of £379, and bank balance of £29654.71.

Jim Thornsby asked if SYKC could still offer ARKS tests. Graham Smith said no, because they do not have a track licence and have not re-affiliated. Dan Parker said he is reached out for a meeting with their directors.

6 Nominations for Steering Group

Nominations received are Nigel Edwards for Chair, Graham Smith for Secretary and for the other members Jim Thornsby, Ian Ward, Jamie Roe, Ian Rogers and Dan Ashton therefore no vote was required. The retiring members were thanked for their service.

7 Appointment of Treasurer

Ann Smith was appointed Treasurer

8 Resolutions

There were no formal resolutions put forward by clubs. The formal meeting was closed.

Informal Q&A

Once the formal meeting was over, there was an open Q&A but first Nigel asked all the clubs to give a quick resume of current challenges and successes.

Fulbeck – numbers are down slightly but they got 70 at the last meeting, they have embraced Super KX for most events.

Shenington – very pleasantly surprised to be getting large entries from 220 – 250, which exceeded expectations. UKC- quite happy with the entries this year.

TVKC – A good start to the season, numbers holding up well. Nigel added what works for one club doesn't always suit another, but for sure there are a lot of people racing right now.

Bayford Meadows – Have introduced some economy classes like Junior and Senior Honda, very popular and the take up was extraordinary.

FP4K – Going well, fairly well supported, grids of 20 – 25, but lost Medway. Alan asked if there was any discussion from MSUK to venues asking about access for visiting championships to venues (he thanked Shenington for accommodating them). Dan Parker responded saying NatSKA had a similar problem, and he asked for an email to remind him to pick this up.

NatSKA – Peter agreed with FP4 and is grateful for Dan's support, their problem is the high venue fees. He thanked Fulbeck to always being willing to accommodate the schools. They are working through a transition to licencing as Super KX, starting in September and also having a strong push on improving driver standards.

Cumbria – only had 26 entries for February, then cancelled March but even with 23 starting Super KX this weekend they will continue. They have issues with the MSUK website, very hard to find documents like the Kart Development Grant application form, and in registering new marshals. Rowrah is popular for visiting championships.

Clay Pigeon – continue to carry on, and having a few more entries this year, at the last meeting 50% were novices. They struggle with getting officials like Clerks.

Bishopscourt – Class 1 starts in June, Superkart has had two events, good grids of 125, 250 less so. There are a lot of other events in NI, mainly for Rotax.

Grampian – low numbers so starting some budget racing, and pushing to do Super KX in 2027. It has turned round, and getting half decent grids now.

Champions – The Kart Championship is now under new ownership who have applied for a new club to have the permit for 2027. Meanwhile CKC is having some events at Buckmore Park.

Informal Q&A:

Motorsport UK – Dan Parker said it was interesting to hear about the popularity of the economy racing that are attracting drivers. Karting is popular with events almost every weekend but there is a culture of teams being used with consequent higher costs. There are also a huge pool of drivers racing outside of Motorsport UK permitted events. The Junior and Senior Honda can be attractive to those moving up from Honda Cadet. Good work is being done by the ABKC, a great relationship, and also he thanked Mike Stackhouse for his data analysis of IKR.

British Kart Championships – Dan said he has stepped slightly aside from the management team this year. There are some changes to the structure to try and make it more sustainable. The biggest growth is in the budget classes, there were 35% of new drivers as some current drivers move onto pastures new, like racing in the USA. Ian Rogers reported he now works for SportsTiming Services and the BKC, and Shenington, Rowrah and Grampian have had the new FIA homologated light panels delivered. He hopes to roll out more in the future. Dan added that the use of light panels could allow for a reduction in post marshals, so long as there are sufficient incident marshals. The fact that kart marshals got expenses raised eyebrows at Council. The funding for light panel grants is taking longer than anticipated but there are a lot of people having to be involved. There will be a set criteria for the grants. Ian Rogers also drew attention to the BKC being aired this year on the Sky Sports F1 channel and Dan added there would be a special feature on starting kart racing at club level.

CQC – Malcolm Fell highlighted that the Care Quality Commission (from 7 December 2027) will be regulating medical coverage at including sports grounds and he said the cost of registration was very high perhaps £10-20k.

Government is putting through new legislation called THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT 2008 (REGULATED ACTIVITIES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2026.

He urged Motorsport UK to investigate the implications as it would affect all sports venues and events. Dan Parker asked for an email with more information and he would ensure they would consult Sport England.