

2017 AGM Presidents Report – Chris Gant

W E L C O M E, thank you for attending tonight. Firstly I would like to thank the current committee for their efforts in the past year including extra roles picked up recently. Thank you also to committee members who will be retiring from the Committee this year.

Barry Emms - A few short months ago Canterbury Blokart Club was informed of the sad and unexpected news of Barry's Emms passing. Barry was a key member of our club and a person who had a drive and dedication to keep the club progressing well into the future.

Since the 2016 AGM Barry led and completed many club projects and activities - such as the container and trailer projects, managing stock and sales, club kart audit, collection of track fees as well as his dual roles of Club Secretary and Treasurer.

Not so long ago Barry got his competitive spirit back, with a shiny new kart, green wheels and orange sails, he worked his way back up the club Production rankings. You could tell he was enjoying his sailing, being well physically and competitive again. At his last trip away in February to the NZ Masters Games he achieved a well-earned Gold Medal in his class - I wasn't there to witness this proud moment for Barry and the Canterbury Club but I'm sure he didn't let his win go too unnoticed with his travelling companions. Barry you will be dearly missed by all.

Regular helpers On behalf of the Club Committee I wish to express my appreciation to those who helped out regularly on Sundays. From pack out and up again, race timing, club kart duty and other duties in club run events. The committee look forward to being assisted by members who have kindly offered their help taking on new club roles in the future.

The Future of the Club Especially with Barry's passing and all that he did, new club roles and challenges lie ahead more than ever. The committee has drafted up a range of tasks and duties that we will be requesting help from our general membership – the idea is to spread the load and for all that can to help out where they can. We will outline these over the next few weeks and would be most grateful for members responding positively. Tonight is your chance to shape the future of our Club, whatever you can do will be welcomed.

Membership - 2016 / 17 Year as of 16th May we have 73 paid up members that is up from 53 Members in 2015/16 and a special welcome to new members who have joined us recently and have come along tonight.

Club Sailing days at Wigram - 40 Days were sailed at Wigram over the past year. Canterbury Blokart Club have paid track fees to the Museum totalling \$7920.00.

Club Kart Sailing Experience - Trade Me advertising was suspended from mid-March 2017. It will remain suspended until the new incoming committee has formed. Club karts have been booked regularly throughout the year, although numbers are slightly down on the previous year. Our Club Karts are in a well maintained safe condition fit for the future.

A&P show 9th-11th November - We were again supported at the show by NZBAI and Urbans Wheels generosity. Thank you to club members who gave their time to man our site for the three day event. There was plenty of interest in blokarts and this resulted in kart bookings over the next few weeks. Exposure of our sport at a show is difficult to measure the interest levels - but it is an event we will continue to patronise again this year.

Projects

- **Cone trailer**, at the moment we are in the process of having a small trailer constructed by Davie Norris – Thank you Davie. The trailer will be used each Sunday to assist the OOD setting out the cones and markers. The Trailer is lightweight and towable, a good opportunity for members to assist on the day.

- ***End of taxiway prepared area*** – is in the planning stage, but will be marked out, prepared and rolled smooth ready for the New Zealand Open in October.
- ***Ride on mower*** Barry's Family has generously donated one of Barry's Ride on Mowers to the Club. Currently the mower is being repaired and will be used for track preparation in the future.

Competing away from Home. Well done to all those who competed in National and International events representing Canterbury Blokart Club. Outstanding results were achieved in every event we attended. Well done to those who attended and had a great time along the way.

In closing my report, I know our club will build on the successes of the previous year. I wish all members and families well for the coming year – Thank you.

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Chris Gant
Canterbury Blokart Club President
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