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## 2018 AGM Presidents Report – Chris Gant

**W E L C O M E to the 2018 Canterbury Blokart AGM,** thank you for attending tonight.

**The Current Committee,** I would like to thank the current committee for their efforts over the past year including extra roles such as timing, stock management, IT, picked up by individuals to keep the club functioning. Thank you also to committee members who will be retiring from a committee role, your skills contributions were greatly appreciated.

A Special mention and a thank you goes out Jenny Norris who cannot be here tonight. I would like to thank her on behalf of the committee and the club for her contributions and a great job as Secretary and Treasurer over the last year. In recognition of her services and contributions to the two roles she has given her time to. The club committee will be presenting her with a token of our appreciation (today *if family there – next week if not*).

***Urban Wheels and Graeme Gordon.*** Most of you present tonight will know Graeme has not renewed his dealership with Blokart NZ. Graeme has taken this timing to step back from club activities and sailing. Graeme does remain a member of Canterbury Blokart Club and continues to be passionate about the club's success into the future. I am sure you will join me in thanking Graeme and Urban wheels as a Founding member and sponsor to the club since 2004.

***Lifetime membership certificate – presentation say above or read out now***

**Regular helpers,** acknowledged as well is those who helped regularly without question, from pack out and up again, timing gear set up, club kart duty and duties in club events. A thank you to Paul Talarico for

mowing duties during the week. I have been told he enjoys the mowing and gets time to switch off relax – cheers Paul.

**Membership** – for 2018/19 Year as of today we have 51 paid up members that is down from 73 Members in the previous year. A special welcome to new members who have joined us recently *and have come along tonight.*

**Club Sailing days at Wigram** – was hampered many Sundays during the last year with low or no wind. I cannot remember such a low number of sailing days. Members turning out to club days were also noticeable lower over the last year.

**Club Kart Sailing Experience** - Trade Me advertising was re started over the last few months. Sadly, there was not the expected interest this time around, enquiries and bookings were well down from previous years.

**A&P show 2017** – Thank you to Urban wheels and NZBAI who again supported us as sponsors at the A&P show. Thank you to club members who gave their time for this event. There was some interest in Blokarts and our club, but unfortunately this time around the show has not provided new members or kart bookings. Exposure of our club and sport, I'm sure will be a focus of the incoming committee.

**Competing away from Home.** Well done to all those who competed in National and International events representing Canterbury Blokart Club. Outstanding results were achieved by club members who competed in New Zealand and abroad in 2017 / 18. Well done to David Tillman, Michael Denton and Terry Helm for their placings in the Australian open earlier this year. Rain played a big part in making two National events the SIO and NI Open not run at all.

**The Future of the Club** Tonight's AGM and election of new committee members is very important to the future success and direction of the Canterbury Blokart Club.

Please consider what you can do for the club, whether you are stepping up and taking on a role in the committee, or can help in other ways.

Tonight's Nominations and voting is your chance to shape the future of our Club, whatever you can do will be appreciated and most welcomed.

**In closing** This is my last Presidents report and my three years are up. This time has passed quickly for me. I have enjoyed the challenges of my role as President, through its ups and downs. I feel I have learnt a lot and experienced personal growth during this time. I wish to acknowledge those who have assisted and guided me at times. Thank you for letting me have this opportunity as Club President.

I wish all members and families the very best for the coming year – Happy Sailing and Thank you.

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Canterbury Blokart Club President (2015-18)  
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