

Canterbury Blokart Club Inc.

2020 AGM Presidents Report

Welcome to the 2020 Canterbury Blokart AGM, thank you for attending tonight.

I would like to thank the committee...

- Peter Kingsbury (Secretary)
- Terry Helm (Treasurer)
- Michael Denton
- Michael Brown
- Les Bearman
- Alan Wylie
- Alex Morris

...for their hard work managing the club over the past year including taking on extra roles such as timing, stock management, IT, running competitions and events.

Regular helpers - I'm always impressed at how every member regularly helps with the pack out and pack up every Sunday along with helping at competitions and events – a big thank you to everyone.

Membership – as of today we have 47 paid up members, that's down from 57 in the previous year. Many of those that have fallen off were people who did little or no sailing and our core group remains strong.

Stagnant or falling membership is something the committee wants to address and as part of that we are working closely with Ian Brown (Velocity Karts) on a couple of initiatives.

There's an old quote "like attracts like", think about friends and family you have that may enjoy Blokarting and bring them out for a sail one Sunday.

In the meantime a special welcome to new members who have joined us recently and have come along tonight.

Club Sailing days at Wigram – the weather can be fickle at times but we've still had some great sailing over the last year. Covid-19 put a halt to sailing for a few months and then as we came out of lockdown the wind stopped blowing. Not to worry I'm assured there is wind coming.

A&P Show 2019 – Thank you to BIL and NZBAI who again supported us as sponsors at the A&P show. Also, thank you to the club members who gave their time for this event.

Competitions – CBC is always well represented at competitions with many of our sailors taking podium honours.

- NI Open at Ardmore June 2019, the club had 2 entrants attending with Terry Helm picking up a 2nd place
- NZ Open at Sanson & Ohakea October 2019 the club had 7 entrants and picked up a first place, 3 x 2nd place and a third. It was a lot fun sailing on Ohakea again.
- SI Open at Nelson February 2020 another great event cohosted by CBC, there was plenty of wind and exciting sailing. The club had 13 entrants and picked up 3 x 1st place, 2 x 2nd and 2 x 3rd.
- NZ Open – another great weekend hosted by CBC at Wigram February 2020. The club had 18 entrants and picked up 4 x 1st place, 4 x 2nd place and 3 x 3rd place
- Closer to home we also held the Club Champs and the Handicap Series.

Special thanks to all the members who help with the organisation and set up of both the SI Open at Nelson and the NZ Open at Wigram.

Constitution

The clubs Constitution has become outdated in terms of our needs and is no longer compliant with the Incorporated Societies Act. Peter Kingsbury has been working hard to rewrite the constitution and whilst basically complete we didn't have enough time to circulate to members before the AGM.

It is the committee's intention to have a general meeting later in the year where members will have ample time to read and suggest amendments before being formally adopted.

The Future of the Club

The club is in good shape with a solid core of members who take a genuine interest in it's success.

Tonight's AGM and the election of committee members is very important to our continued success and direction. Please consider what you can do for the club, whether you are stepping up and taking on a committee role, or can help in other ways.

In closing I'd like to once again say thank you to the committee members who have done fantastic job over past 12 months. I'm looking forward to the coming year on the committee should I be reelected.

I wish all members and families the very best for the coming year.

Happy sailing.

David Tillman
President