

Canterbury Blokart Club Inc.

2021 AGM Presidents Report

Welcome to the 2021 Canterbury Blokart AGM, thank you for attending tonight.

I would like to start by thanking the committee...

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

...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.

A special thank you to Les Bearman who is stepping down from the committee at the AGM. Les has been a great committee member, not only looking after Tyre & Bearing sales & purchases but also getting stuck into many different jobs that just needed doing.

Another thank you is to Peter Kingsbury who retired from the committee during the year. Peter did a fantastic job as secretary and in the many other roles he took on during his time.

While we're on this, thank you to Michael Brown who stepped up as Secretary without having to have his arm twisted. Michael has slotted into the role well and is doing a great job.

Regular helpers - I'm always impressed at how many members regularly help 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 38 paid up members. That number is likely to increase as Terry chases the slow payers but will still be well down from 47 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.

That said, stagnant or falling membership is something the committee wants to address. One of the best sources of new members is from existing members. There's an old quote

“like attracts like”, think about the friends and family you have that may enjoy Blokarting and bring them out for a sail one Sunday.

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 caused some disruptions but all in all we've got through it without too many lost days.

Competitions – CBC is always well represented at competitions with many of our sailors taking podium honours. This last year was a bit quieter but we still had members competing:

- NI Open at Ardmore April 2021, the club had 1 entrant, Terry Helm who picked up a 2nd place
- NI Open at Napier November 2020, Rick Ward picked up a first place in production, well done Rick
- Closer to home we also held the Club Champs and the Handicap Series which were well supported

Constitution

The clubs Constitution has become outdated in terms of our needs and is no longer compliant with the Incorporated Societies Act. Tonight, we will be voting on accepting a new constitution which has many excellent safety features that will carry the club forward for many years.

In closing

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

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

Happy sailing.

David Tillman
President