



Phoenix Kart Racing Association

Meeting Minutes
19 January 2009

I. Call to order

Jay Flasser called to order the regular meeting of the **Phoenix Kart Racing Association** at **7:00 p.m.** on **19 January 2009** at **Fire station #50, 35th Ave and 101 Freeway.**

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Brian Noel read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

III. Reports

President's Report:

Jay Flasser thanked everyone in attendance for a very successful annual banquet. Jay also reminded everyone of the upcoming Gatorz race this weekend. Jay also reported that Victory Lanes will be the food vendor for the upcoming Gatorz race.

Secretary's Report:

A secretary's report was not given.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Wuestenhofer reported the club's monthly profit and loss financial report and also reported the club is doing better, financially, at this time than was expected for this month.

Membership Report:

Bryan Casebolt reported on the club's membership status with 14 new members from last month. There are a total of 299 active PKRA members.

Tech Report:

Brian Noel filled in for Ron Hall and gave the tech report. A new local options list is being published that will accommodate the IKF rulebook. During the last club meeting, the board announced it was considering bringing in engine builders to act as advisors to the post tech inspectors during race events. However, this idea is on hold so the board can focus on its current post tech inspection procedures. The concept of bringing engine builders to the program was to help increase the quality and efficiency of the post tech process. However, it was determined that we could focus on other areas that would accomplish the same result with less people.

Race Director Liaison Report:

Pete Boyle announced the laminated track maps were a big success and he was having more maps made for sale during practice and race events. Pete also

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mentioned that new race director committee was in placed and reiterated that its purpose is to provide quality and a seamless race from the perspective of the competitors. With several qualified race directors, scorers and registration people, each race will be of the same quality regardless of who is directing it. Pete also discussed ideas on how to reduce the race day length. He proposed ideas about changing the timed practice, presenting the trophies during the intermission qualifying in groups, and running some classes together. The race director committee will be meeting later this week to consider some of these changes.

IV. Open Forum

Pete Boyle proposed the idea of qualifying in groups during an eight minute qualifying period. PKRA member, Barry Davies pointed out that this may not actually save time. He stated that there may be some other benefits to doing this, but the amount of time required to qualify is about the same.

Another member asked if we could reduce the amount of time given to qualify in groups, especially if the track configuration for a particular race is short. The board responded that this is feasible, however, we want to give our competitors their money's worth and allot as much time to qualifying as possible.

Pete Boyle also pointed out that for small classes, instead of qualifying, we could have a pill draw to determine the starting positions.

A members asked if we could conduct our pre-tech the same way Pro Kart Challenge does by having the members pre-tech themselves and sign their pre-tech safety forms. The board answered by saying that at the club level, we have too many new members who may not be familiar with all of the required safety items and that an extra set of eyes looking at their karts was the most prudent means of conducting pre-tech inspections. Pete Boyle pointed out that our technical reference handbook contains a pre-tech inspection checklist and members may find it helpful to review before having their karts pre-teched. This may help speed up the pre-tech inspection process. It was also pointed out that if our pre-tech inspectors are in place at the time pre-tech is supposed to start, there usually isn't a problem getting the tech inspections finished in time.

A member asked if we could present and announce the trophy winners during the racing after each class. Tom Miller responded that it would be fine to do that, however, he doesn't have the time to do that after each class and that we would have to have people in place at each race to make that happen. Currently, the idea of presenting them at the driver's meeting, or during the intermission is the best option.

A member asked if we are actively seeking sponsors to help pay for some of the club's operating cost. The board responded yes, and qualified its statement by stating that we need more people to actively solicit for this type of sponsorship.



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A member asked if we have received any current bids to repave the track. Brian Noel responded that ACE Asphalt was contacted earlier in the week to provide a new estimate.

V. Adjournment

Jay Flasser adjourned the meeting at **8:10 p.m.**.

Minutes submitted by: Brian Noel