



Phoenix Kart Racing Association

Meeting Minutes
20 April 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 **20 April** 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 the members who turned out for the March 28th work party. The work party was successful and a lot was accomplished. The new track safety light is installed and will be operational soon. The light controller is being built, and it's expected to be completed soon.

Secretary's Report:

Brian Noel presented a presentation of the track's asphalt repair scheduled to begin on May 11th.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Wuestenhofer presented the club's monthly financial report. Bill explained in the next couple of months we will be spending a large portion of our available funds on the track asphalt repair and we will be possibly purchasing new transponders to replace some of our older ones.

Membership Report:

Bryan Casebolt presented the club's membership report. We have 241 members, a decrease of 76 from last month. Although we have seen a large decrease in our membership base, it's not uncommon for this time of year. There were a lot of memberships expiring in March and we expect many of these memberships to be renewed.

Tech Report:

Brian Noel discussed tech in lieu of Ron Hall, who was absent. Self pre-tech inspections were discussed at the last club meeting and we looked into the possibility of having a self pre-tech inspection. We learned that our insurance company will not allow this at the club level because there is too many new and

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inexperienced karters who may need experienced people inspecting their karts. The pre-tech inspection checklist is still available for those who want to ensure their kart is ready before going to pre-tech.

Starting in the fall, we will honor sealed Rotax engines in the senior TaG classes. A PKRA Rotax sealed engine primer for the TaG classes, adopted from the Rotax max Challenge rulebook, was published and explains the procedures our technical inspectors will follow in honoring this new program. The primer will be available on the website soon.

Race Director Liaison Report:

Pete Boyle and Chris England reported their progress with the promotion and planning of the Arizona State Championship (AZC) race. The manager of the P1 kart track in Tucson does not want to participate in this year's event and we are negotiating the cost to rent the track for the event. We are up against a time constraint to get a race in Tucson and we may end up having only one race hosted at PKRA. Kid Karts will be included as one of the available classes. The AZC committee will be meeting again later this month.

IV. Open Forum

There are a number of people from Las Vegas who would like to run their Rotax class at our next race. Can we accommodate them even though they are running Mojo tires?

Although we would like to accommodate guest from out of town, our legal commitment to MG tires does not allow us to make this kind of exception.

The kid kart class is made up of kids with varying degrees of experience and equipment. Since the class is an exhibition class, can we make a local option to allow both the C-50 (old and new style) and C-51 engines? Also, is it possible to rent a transponder just for review purposes?

The kid kart class is an exhibition class, however, we are still bound by the safety guidelines and the pre and post technical inspections outlined in the IKF manual. Although it is a non competitive class, the racers in the class still view it as a competitive sport and want to keep a level playing field.

A motion to add the kid kart class as a competition class in the fall was made. The motion was seconded and added to the agenda for the next club meeting. The motion will be discussed and voted on, by the members, at the next club meeting.

Currently, if transponders are available, we will allow kid kart classes to rent them.

Instead of a trophy, do we still have the option of receiving a plaque?

It has been a long time since we gave out plaques. Although we haven't changed our policy, we don't have a means in place to determine who gets a trophy or a plaque. We'll need to look at how we can start doing this again.



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V. Adjournment

Jay Flasser adjourned the meeting at **8:40 p.m.**.

Minutes submitted by: Brian Noel