



# *Phoenix Kart Racing Association*

Meeting Minutes  
18 May 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 18 May at **Fire station #50, 35<sup>th</sup> Ave and 101 Freeway.**

## **II. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Robert Riethmann read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

## **III. Reports**

### **President's Report:**

- Track Repairs - Jay F brought up the issue of the track repairs. The membership was brought up to speed on the re-surfacing. It has been decided that the club should wait to do the project because of the high temperatures and the possibility of getting a grant from the Sports Authority.
  - Bill W also added some information about this project. We are working on a proposal for funding for repairs and lighting. We can ask for one project per grant. 66% of the funds can be covered by the Sports Authority and PKRA would have to provide the other 33%.
  - 6/1/09 paper work must be turned in.
  - Lights - Jay discussed the status of the signal lights. Lights should be optional within a week or so.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Secretary, Brian Noel, was absent and no report was given.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Bill Wuestenhofer presented the treasurers report via Power Point. Last March, the IRS notified the club that the 2006 and 2007 tax returns were not filed. A daily delinquency penalty of \$11,000 was imposed. The club's accountant, MG Peterson worked with the IRS to remove, or reduce the penalty. The IRS removed the entire penalty.

To avoid possible conflicts of interest and improper personal benefit, Bill Wuestenhofer introduced the concept of fiduciary responsibility. Arizona state law indemnifies directors of non-profit corporations, under ARS 10-3851, to the extent that any director does not personally benefit through his or her official capacity as a director of the corporation. Our bylaws cannot override this indemnification,

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however, they don't protect a member, who may be liable under ARS 10-3851, from taking office either. Bill Wuestenhofer will be contacting the club's attorney's to learn more about Arizona's laws on fiduciary responsibility and ask if our bylaws should be amended to add these protections.

### **Membership Report:**

Bryan Casebolt gave the membership report. We have:

- 94 Gold members, that is up 14 from 80 last month.
- 68 Platinum members, that is up 6 from 62 last month.
- 162 Total voting members, that is up 20 from last month.
- 116 Family members, that is up 14 from last month.
- 278 Total members, that is up 34 from last month

### **Tech Report:**

- Race fuel testing - Ron discussed the current race fuel procedures and that we tested the top 3 from each class in the last race. There were no DQ's for the last race.
- Scales - A member (Jim Houston) brought up the issue of the scales weighing heavier as the race day goes on. Jim informed the membership that he has weighed his kart at the beginning of race day and thought out the day and the weights have gone up.
  - o Bill W mentioned that the scales are accurate and precise and have been tested recently. He also mentioned that our scales are good for commerce and have been tested by an authorized scale company.
  - o Bill W also suggested to the membership that any racer can request that the scales be zeroed and re-scaled. He also mentioned that the scales are accurate to within  $\pm 4$ oz's.
- Skipping Post Tech and Scales - Scott Lemon brought up the issue of skipping scales and post tech. Scott wanted to know what was the issue (problem) with skipping post tech and scales if the driver is not racing for points etc... A discussion was had by the membership and the board.
  - o It was decided that the board would discuss this issue during the board meeting
- Issue of consistency in tech - Pete Boyle brought up the issue of tech not being consistent and that tech needs to be consistent across the board.
  - o It was decided that this would be discussed during the board meeting.
- Jon Bullock - Brought up the issue of the 4<sup>th</sup> place kart and what should they do? Do they need to stay in post tech following a race and what are the rules and consequences if the 4<sup>th</sup> place does not stay in tech.



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- It was agreed that 4<sup>th</sup> place should hang around tech in the event that a kart from first through 3<sup>rd</sup> is DQ'd. The other finishers don't need to stay around and cannot be DQ'd.

### **Race Director Liaison Report:**

- AZ Championship Race - Pete Boyle discussed the status of the championship race. Pete mentioned that P1 was not willing to work with us and mentioned that it was discussed by the committee that if we could not secure P1 then we would not hold an AZ State Championship.
  - Pete also discussed the ups and downs of having and not having it.....No AZ Champion awarded and it's been a good series.
- Last Race Incident - Pete Boyle removed himself from this discussion because of potential conflict of interest as his son was involved.
  - Steve Odart, acting race director for last race, gave a very detailed explanation of why the race was called, what happened regarding post tech, and why the results are as posted.
  - A member asked why the race was not called at the time of race completion. Steve Odart said that it was discussed and rules were looked at and decided some time after the calling of the race. All decisions were based on the rules and with a safe, fair and fun attitude.
  - A member asked why the wrecked karts were not scaled, Barry Davies, who was in attendance in the tower said that we all try our best and it seemed a difficult task to ask karters to scale themselves after being involved in a violent accident. It was also mentioned that it is the scales persons responsibility to make sure all karts are scaled.

### **IV. New Business**

Kid Kart Champion Class - A discussion was held amongst the membership about making the Kid Kart class a championship class.

Some members expressed concern about tech rules not being available to the members and members not knowing the rules pertaining to Kid Karts. Ron Hall stated that the rules are now posted on the Website and that it was the boards error that they previously were not posted.

There was much discussion about the topic, issues like data acquiring methods, transponders, no parents on the track, full tech, IKF rules for Kid Karts, no re-starts, and points.

A request was made by the acting secretary for a show of hands. There were 7 Kid Kart parents in attendance (more than the typical recent race day turn out) and the vote was as follows.... 1 parent for a championship class, 5 against and one abstention.



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Kid Kart rules pertaining racing and tech - a discussion was held on the exact rules for Kid Karts, pertaining racing and tech. It was mentioned that in the past certain things that did not enhance the performance of a kart was overlooked in tech. The feeling of the membership was that this was creating confusion amongst the parents and racers.

In the end, it was decided that the Kid Kart class would be classified as following...the class will run as an exhibition class and the C51 motors (engines) will be considered a competition class. This allows all IFK rules to apply to tech. Ron Hall mentioned that from this point forward, all tech IKF rules apply and he will enforce them just as we do with all other classes. There will be no allowances made for technical violations that do not enhance speed.

A motion was made by Bill S that Kid Karts go by the IKF rules for the kart engine. The motion passed.

### **V. Adjournment**

**Jay Flasser** adjourned the meeting at **8:30 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Robert Riethmann