



Phoenix Kart Racing Association

Meeting Minutes
15 June 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 **15 June** at **Fire station #50, 35th Ave and 101 Freeway.**

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as published.

III. Reports

President's Report:

The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority grant process is underway. Jay Flasser is responsible for securing a bid for new track lighting. Asphalt repair and shade structures will also be included in the bid and Brian Noel is responsible for those bids.

Secretary's Report:

Annual board member elections will be held at the August club meeting. Proxies and ballots will be available after the July meeting. Five board member positions are open for election.

The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority 2009 grant program is taking applications for grants. PKRA is submitting a grant proposal for asphalt repair, lighting, and shade structures. The application process will be complete in July. Announcements for grants will be made in October.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Wuestenhofer presented the treasurers report via Power Point. The club is more profitable than this time one year ago. The reason for the increased profitability is from more competitors, more spectators, and lower operating cost.

Membership Report:

Bryan Casebolt was on vacation and a membership report wasn't given.

Tech Report:

Ron Hall is looking for an additional technical inspector. This is a paid position and no experience is necessary, training will be provided. Ron is also looking for volunteers to help with pre and post tech inspection. Next season, tires may be marked to ensure tire changes aren't made after qualifying.

Ron announced the change in the fuel oil program for the start of the next season. Burris High Rev castor is the only oil allowed mixed at 6 - 8 ounces per gallon of



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fuel (4 -8 ounces per gallon for Rotax engines) for all classes. VP MS98 is still the spec fuel for all classes (VP110 is allowed for built motos).

Race Director Liaison Report:

Pete Boyle recapped the last race. There were 71 entries in the last race. During the drivers meeting the race director announced that only one rolled black flag may be given and a full black flag will be waived after that. This seemed to make a positive difference and there were less infractions during the races. The shifter classes held an 8 minute qualifying session in lieu of the three lap qualifying session. This saved a few minutes and was also well received amongst the drivers. The 8 minute session will be tested again among some of the other classes to determine if it will save time and be something the majority of the members want.

Bill Wuestenhofer, the assistant race director spent time on the track during the races and communicated with the race director via radio. This helps the race director know more of what's going on during the race. The new radios have helped increase the quality of communication between the race director and the corner workers. The race ended at 9:27 p.m.

IV. Open Forum

Question: Can we find out in advance what the track configuration will be.

Answer: Jay Flasser is responsible for determining the track configuration and tries to mix it up to make the racing more enjoyable. Jay will decide the track configurations for the next few races in advance and publish the information on the club website.

Question: Is it possible to allow the kid karts to use the full track configuration?

Discussion: Other than time constraints and the number of laps that can be completed if the kid karts use the full track configuration, there is no reason why the kid karts can't use the full track. The amount of time the kid karts will take to complete a lap needs to be determined so the number of laps for each race can be determined, as well.

Answer: Pete Boyle will begin testing the kid karts on the full track during the Tuesday night training sessions.

Question: What about the idea of having points awarded for most laps lead, fastest lap. etc?

Discussion: The idea was well received and an argument to award points for most laps lead was made because of the importance the draft makes on passing. Many drivers will stay in the draft until the last lap to pass for the win. Most laps lead



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could change this strategy. The board will look into this some more to see if it can be done fairly easily.

Question: Is it possible to open up Saturday mornings for practice during our night races?

Answer: Opening up practice the morning of a night race has some logistical problems. In order to provide IKF insurance, everyone must first be signed in for the race. Having someone come in for morning practice and stay until 10:00 p.m. may be too much. We can also provide NKA insurance for the morning practice, but then we need to have everyone off the track and outside the gate so we can then start the IKF race insurance process. The race director committee, however, will look into it some more.

Question: Why are we closed on Monday, can we see about opening on Monday's to allow more practice?

Discussion: The reason Mondays are closed is because of low turnout. The kid karts don't have much time to practice during the week and if Mondays were open, this may allow more time for them. If the kid karts can show enough interest, then Mondays may be open for them. However, the board will follow up with some of the kid kart parents to determine the interest level and whether or not some or all Mondays can be opened.

V. Adjournment

Jay Flasser adjourned the meeting at **7:55 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Brian Noel