



Phoenix Kart Racing Association

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

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as read.

III. Reports

President's Report:

Jay Flasser reminded the members that the next three race configurations are posted on the website and asked for feedback.

Secretary's Report:

Brian Noel explained the nomination process for nominating candidates for the annual election. Nominations will remain open up until election night, however, mail in nominations must be received on or before August 7th to be placed on the official ballot. The ballots and proxies will be mailed to the voting membership and will also be available at the annual meeting. Any candidate who would like to have information about themselves and why they are running for a board position emailed to the membership can do so by emailing the secretary with their information.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Wuestenhofer presented the treasurers report. Bill reviewed the club's financial report, race revenue, 2008- 2009 race summary, and a practice analysis. Bill also reminded everyone to hydrate early and often during the next race.

Membership Report:

Bryan Casebolt presented the clubs' membership report. Currently, we have:
100 Gold members, up six from last month.
63 Platinum members, down five from last month.
166 voting members, up four from last month.
283 total members, up five from last month.

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 people to test fuel and mark tires.

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Race Director Liaison Report:

Pete Boyle reminded the members that the first race of the fall series is on Saturday July 25th, gates open at 1:30. During the last series, the race director tested an eight minute qualifying session with the shifter class. There was some discussion about trying timed qualifying for all of the classes. The PKRA board will discuss testing timed qualifying for other classes at its next meeting.

The Kid Karts will continue to use the Kid Kart track configuration until a few weeks prior to the IKF race in October. The Kid Karts were tested on the full track. The Kid Karts take a very long time to complete a lap and it was determined that the Kid Kart configuration was more enjoyable for both the driver and the spectator. Since IKF will use the full track, the full track configuration will be open for the Kid Karts a few weeks prior to the race.

Question: During the June 13th race, the race director used an accumulated rolled black flag for the heat and main race, meaning, if a rolled back flag was waived in the heat, then a full would be used in the main. Why was this done?

Answer: This approach made it safer. The drivers were getting too aggressive and the race director had to take this pro-active approach to get the attention of the drivers. In the future, the race director may decide this approach is no longer necessary.

Question: Two Jr. classes are back to back during the next race. Is there any way to separate them for people who are racing in more than one class?

Answer: We will look into it and see what we can change.

IV. Open Forum

Questions and discussion about the change in the spec oil were made by members from around the room.

A member mentioned a forum topic was posted on the PKRA forum and received nearly 1,00 views (see attachment). He stated that many of the replies were from members who race and who were not in favor of the change.

Question: Why is the forum considered an unofficial source of information? There should be a forum that is regarded as an official source of communication and would allow members to cast their vote.

Discussion: Brian Noel asked the member to clarify his idea with more detail. Online voting ballot services are available and could be used for casting member votes. However, the official means of making a motion and placing an initiative on a ballot will stay the same. Brian Noel will look into these services.



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Some of the members wanted to know what data was used to determine which oil was best for the club. A comment was made that members with air cooled engines preferred Burris Castor, while members with liquid cooled engines preferred the Motul.

Tom Miller, a tech committee member, explained that the reason we need to limit the oil is because of what competitors have added to their fuel in the past. The current fuel/oil program will not allow these types of additives to be discovered. Only by limiting the program to one oil (any oil can work) will we be able to tighten our tolerances on both the Digitron meter and specific gravity test. By tightening the tolerances on these test, we will be able to detect certain additives in a fuel sample.

Question: If any oil can work, then why can't we declare which oil we are using during pre-tech?

Ron Hall explained that the idea is to simplify the tech process so it runs quicker and more efficiently. Allowing the two oils would require more people to conduct tech and we don't have enough people now. If we had more people, dedicated to conducting fuel test, then we may be able to allow members to declare which oil they are using.

Ron also explained that the NHRA test, also known as the Germane fuel test will continue to be used. By moving towards a single oil we will be able to catch and stop people from using additives in their fuel.

The PKRA board will continue to look for more people to help with the tech program and if we can get more help, we may be able to allow both oils.

V. Nominations

Nominations for the five board positions up for election in August were accepted. Nominations will be accepted up until election night on 17 August.

The current list of nominees (in no particular order) are:

Steve Randazzo
Dan Conyers
Robert Riethmann
Ron Hall
Jim Houston
Bryan Casebolt
Jay Flasser
Rich Owen
Gary Loftgard

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Bill Wuestenhoefér

Jay Flasser adjourned the meeting at **8:05 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Brian Noel

Attachments: Spec Oil Forum Post
Two Stroke Oil Poll
Spec Fuel and Oil Forum Post