



Date: 10/22/2009  
To: PKRA Board of Directors  
From: Bryan Casebolt, Secretary  
RE: PKRA Club Meeting Minutes for 19 October 2009

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1. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Pete Boyle at 7:00 pm

2. Roll Call

In addition to the club members who were attending the following Board Members were present: Pete Boyle, Chris England, Tom Miller, Jim Houston, Bill Spicknall, Steve Randazzo, Rich Owen, Bill Wuestenhofer and Bryan Casebolt.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

4. Reports of Officers

**President's Report, Pete Boyle:**

Halloween at the track during the IKF race. Julie Conyers has e-mailed Pete about putting something together for the kids that are not racing. He responded saying that he thought it was a good idea and to please let him know that the club can do to support it. Mrs. Brieske and Mr. and Mrs. Enright have also indicated that they are interested in helping with a Halloween celebration at the track. Stewart Willis will get the Enrights in touch with Julie Conyers. Bill Spicknall will get Mrs. Brieske in touch with Julie Conyers.

He addressed the membership regarding disciplinary actions. When things are brought to the boards attention by a grievance or complaint we setup a committee to look into it. It is standard practice when serious allegations are presented is to issue a suspension to all parties involved and then conduct the investigation. That is how the recent incident was handled. The board has to look at the rules and decide what applies and what does not apply. They also have to look at what has been done in the past. Given past situations and the most recent situation everyone agreed that rules had been violated. The committee made recommendations to the board. The board then deliberates and votes on the issues and comes to an agreement as how to handle the situation. Not all parties involved provided information and this makes it difficult. It took a large amount of time and it was not easy, but all of the board agrees that it was handled fairly under the rules and bylaws of the club. There are always two sides to every story. The board has been privy to both sides. The general membership has not been privy to both sides and they need to understand that the board did not create the situation that we were charged in dealing with. There is a rumor / misconception with some of the members that the current board is a one shop board. This is not true, if you look at all the members of the board their business is spread amongst multiple shops and motor builders. Pete then opened the statement to the floor and said he would answer any questions to the best of his ability. Jay Flasser stated that the members involved have a way to appeal and make sure that all of the information is presented to the board. Pete Boyle stated that both parties are presenting their appeals to the board later tonight; it will be a closed board meeting. Stewart Willis asked why he was not interviewed. Pete Boyle explained that both parties were told to provide the names of anyone who they would like interviewed or to have them contact the board. Stewart Willis then stated that perception and reality are two different things and that the perception of the club by the members needs to be changed. Pete Boyle then stated that after the last election the club is fractured and why would he want to make something like this happen. What the board is trying to do is, what is right by the rules and what the 160 families that make up the club want to see out of this club, not just the wises of a handful of people. The board's goal is to improve the family environment and to make the club succeed, if the club succeeds all the kart shops succeed. He has spoken to all of the local kart shops and motor builders and is in the process on starting a steering committee. It would have already been started but the board has been busy with multiple issues that have been raised like the most recent one. Every shop and motor builder deserves to be out at the track, but there are guidelines that people are expected to follow. When a membership is issued you agree to the rules. We can't pick and chose who we hold to the rules and who we don't. Since he has been the President he thinks that the situations that the board has been given to deal with have been handled as appropriately as possible given the information provided.



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Jay Flasser asked if the board was looking at how the election process is handled. Pete Boyle explained that he has already been researching using an outside voting company for the next election. It would only cost a fraction more than the last election and would provide a secure online way for the members to vote. The company would mail ballot notices that would direct the members to a secure web site where they would be able to vote. The candidates would be able to post their bio on the web site. Each voting member would be issued a unique user name and password and once it was used it would then be deactivated and could not be used again. The board is working to prevent the type of issues that happened at the last election. It doesn't matter what color your kart is or what sticker is on your motor, we are all here because we have a common interest in karting and sportsmanship, everyone here has the same story. Look at my son, he was a wallflower before I got him involved in karting, now he has a ton of friends and loves to be at the track. The board will be forming an election committee to look into the election process and propose changes to the bylaws and present them to the membership for a vote. This will make the election secure and will remove the questions that are raised by absentee ballots at every election.

At this point both Stewart Willis and Jay Flasser asked to address the board in regard to this issue mentioned above. Jim Houston took them aside one at a time to listen to their input.

**Vice-Presidents Report, Chris England:**

The work party was very successful. New corner numbers have been installed. The tire walls have been improved and repainted. The weeds have been cleared from most of the infield. For the IKF race the fire lane will be striped on the dirt for the middle of the pits. Some of the out of town racers families contacted him about Halloween at the track. He is going to get her in contact with Julie Conyers. IKF is now talking about making PKRA the second or third race of the series next year. They are looking at February or March. For the IKF race the karts will be started on the back straight. Do we want to start the club race this weekend on the back straight? The downside is that if a kart is out before the start finish line they will not get counted for anything. It was agreed that all classes would start on the back straight except for kid karts and shifters. There is a two day track rental happening the after the IKF race.

**Treasurer' Report, Bill Wuestenhofer:**

Bill presented the club financial report and review of the last race. The flu has had an impact on race turnout for the last two races. We had three drivers who registered and did not show up for the race. IKF registrations are already just shy of breaking even. There are four more days for the discounted pre-registration. The participants who register at the track will pay a higher fee. IKF has agreed to reimburse the club for part of the cost of having an ambulance on site for the IKF race. He is looking into the cost of having a second dumpster for the IKF race. AZSTA grant update: The questions have been answered.

**Secretaries Report, Bryan Casebolt:**

Membership report:  
101 Gold Members, that is down from 108 last month.  
56 Platinum members, that is down from 63 last month.  
157 Total Voting Members.  
109 Family Members, that is down from 116 last month.  
2 Non Karting Members.  
268 Total Members.



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5. Reports of Board of Directors

**Race Director Committee:**

Barry Davies, Bill Wuestenhoefler, Steve Odart.

Barry Davies was the race director for the last race. Bill presented his report. There were very few rolled black flags. There was a red flag incident during the rookie Sportsman Race due to medical incident in the pits. A driver who was out sick was pulled as the winner of the tires. The drawing was re-done later and Gus Flasser won the tires.

The behavior in the Rookie Sportsman class was much better. The talk with the drivers seems to have had a positive effect

Because the last race day ended early the Race Directors have decided to extend the number of laps for the next club race.

**Steve Randazzo, Race Director Liaison:**

Bill Spicknall was the acting Race Director Liaison at the last race. There were no incidents that needed his input.

**Rich Owen, Tech Director:**

Inventory is being done on the tools for the Tech barn.

**Tom Miller:**

The plaque for the plates instead of the trophies. He proposed that the plaques instead of trophies be implemented after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Curtis Ruth said that the old plaques just said PKRA Best Club in the U.S. Most of the plaques had twelve spaces on them.

6. New Business

Scheduling committee is going to be formed for the 2010 schedule.

- Did the members like the ten race series?
- The spring series schedule needs to be ready 30 days before the start of the next season.
- The spring schedule will have to be subject to change due to the track repairs.

Does anyone want to run the banquet this year. The Griffin's are interested in organizing the banquet. Curtis Ruth mentioned that Chris Fosso is looking into alternate locations for the banquet.

Stewart Willis asked for more practice time for Kid Karts. Pete Boyle explained that we are planning on starting a Monday night Kid Karts only night. It would be two to three hour session. The first date will be sometime after the IKF race weekend and it will be announced on the club forum and by an e-mail news letter.

7. Scheduling:

Chris England The calendar has been updated through November.

8. Adjournment

Pete Boyle adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Bryan Casebolt

Bryan Casebolt, Secretary