



Phoenix Kart Racing Association

Meeting Minutes
18 November 2008

I. Call to order

Jay Flasser called to order the regular meeting of the **Phoenix Kart Racing Association** at 7:00 pm on 17 November 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 many people who volunteered their time over the last several weeks, helping to market and grow the organization. He also thanked everyone who participated in the work party held recently.

Secretary's Report:

Brian Noel updated the membership on the IKF 2009 race schedule and the addition of bonus , or "Show Up" points for the last three IKF races in the 2009 series. There's a chance that our IKF race date, scheduled over Halloween, next year may change.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Wuestenhofer presented the club's financial statement. Bill discussed the club's types of fixed and variable incomes and expenses and the challenges they present when trying to forecast the club's finances. The next few months will be challenging since this is typically a lean time for new memberships and our practice schedule doesn't generate much revenue. We expect to see our available cash balance drop a little over the next few months, and then begin to grow again in the months that follow.

Membership Report:

Bryan Casebolt presented the club's membership report. Many of the memberships that were up for renewal in September and October have since renewed and we have a few new memberships, as well. This results in a net increase of one for October. Bryan also pointed out that most of the renewals were for family memberships and those who have allowed their memberships to expire were individual members.

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Race Director Liaison Report:

Pete Boyle was happy to announce that he had nothing remarkable to report about the last race event.

IV. Open Forum

A question was asked if Friday practice could start earlier to help accommodate more people. The board will look into the Friday practice schedule and try to determine if an earlier start will generate more attendance.

A member asked if the 2009 schedule was ready for posting. The schedule is available on the website.

Open practice continues to present a safety hazard between the cadet and senior classes. Concerns about junior drivers being collided by faster and heavier senior drivers were raised. Although mixed classes don't always present a hazard, there are times when there are too many karts on the track and the disparity between their speeds and weights presents a potential for a mishap. Discussions about how to mitigate these hazards followed. The members agreed that they should be empowered with the ability to enforce a timed practice schedule if necessary, in order to mitigate a dangerous situation from developing. Further discussion revealed a misconception some people have about open practice. Closing the track for a class, other than kid karts, during a regular open practice day isn't well taken by some members. The question about what Tuesday night training is for is then asked. However, Tuesday night training is an introductory course and doesn't guarantee everyone who graduates from Tuesday nights will have the same skill level as everyone practicing during open practice. Each member is accorded the same privileges as any other member, and if the need arises, the members will have to break the practice up into timed sessions to reduce the potential for a mishap. Good communication is a key factor when instituting timed sessions. Announcing the timed schedule so everyone can hear it and plan for it is necessary to reduce any negative impact the timed sessions may have. A bull horn is available and will be used to communicate when timed sessions are going into effect. The board will also look at other measures to help mitigate the threat of a mishap during open practice.

A member pointed out that the painted edge along one of the corners on the back side of the track needs to be repainted. Track maintenance will have that area repainted soon.

Jay Flasser pointed out that the AZ Championship and DKC series was not in the schedule for 2009. Pete Boyle will form the scheduling committee and see if a shorter series can be added to the schedule during the summer break between the local series.



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V. Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: Brian Noel