



Phoenix Kart Racing Association

Meeting Minutes

15 September 2008

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 September 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:

The MG spec tire program will continue for another two years. WR International, the manufacturer of MG tires, signed a two year agreement with PKRA to provide the same benefits as the current contract, but without the PKRA stamp requirement. The new contract will begin on 1 January 2009.

Secretary's Report:

The club meeting minutes are published on the PKRA website. The race day schedule was adjusted to accommodate the increased number of competitors and also to allow for more open practice. The newsletter editor, Gordon Krogh, is not able to continue publishing the newsletter because of time constraints. The club is looking for someone to publish the newsletter. The volunteer hours and volunteer work forms are online. Anyone who wants to volunteer their time, or receive credit for time volunteered can fill out the forms online.

Treasurer's Report:

The monthly financial report was provided with emphasis on practice day revenue. The number of people practicing increased during the month of August, however, the revenue generated decreased from previous months. This decrease in revenue is a result of a decrease in the number of non member practice and an increase in club member practice. Race two, of the series, also brought in record numbers of spectators and wrist band sales . There were 190 wrist bands sold.

Membership Report:

There are 315 total members, an increase of 3 Gold, 1 Platinum, and 4 family memberships.

Tech Report:

The new Pre and Post Technical Reference Manual will be published online in the near future.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as pre- and post-technical inspectors. The technical inspectors will serve under the direction of the chief technical inspector, John Fitzpatrick, during race days. Volunteers will be trained on how to conduct pre-tech and many of the post technical inspections outlined in the technical reference manual. To volunteer, either fill out the online volunteer form, or send an email to Technical Director, Ron Hall at Hall@pkra.com.

Race Director Liaison Report:

PKRA Director, Pete Boyle, was named the race director liaison to communicate race day incidents to the board's attention since our race director is not a club member. There was one Red Flag incident on the race track. No one was injured.



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The drivers and track personnel acted appropriately and there was nothing remarkable to report.

IV. Open Forum

During the open forum, a plaque was awarded to our previous race director and secretary, Barry Davies. The plaque commemorates Barry and his family for their long time dedication and service to our club. The plaque will be placed on the control tower which is officially named "Davies Tower".

Pit Space Revenue: The possibilities of charging for the use of pit spaces during race days was discussed and will be taken up by the board.

Online Payments: Online payments for race registration and membership renewals were brought up. Wells Fargo seems to be the best choice, however, another credit card merchant devoted strictly to motorsports is being looked into. The cost of processing credit cards versus the need of this service has not made this an important issue, however, the possibility is still being considered.

Pre-tech started at the same time as open practice and caused members to rush in order to get on the track. In the future, pre-tech will begin approximately one half hour earlier. There will also be a print out of the timed practice schedule posted.

The use of headsets by the corner workers appears to be diminishing and this is resulting in an increase of miscommunications. In the future, the corner workers will ensure they are using headsets during the races.

Timed practice during practice days sometimes becomes imbalanced allowing for more new comers having more use of the track. Since we have a limited number of employees responsible for managing the track time, it becomes more important for the members to police themselves in this area and allow the appropriate amount of time for Kid kart, Junior, and Senior sessions. New comers should make special arrangements to have the track opened earlier during regular practice days, or they can attend the Tuesday training sessions.

Automated External Defibrillators (AED): The facility does not have its own AED in the event someone suffers a cardiac arrest. This device is fully automatic, is easy to use and they have become popular in most public places like airports, bus and railway stations, stadiums, etc; Pete Boyle will bring one to the next meeting and we will discuss the possibility of purchasing one.

There was a punch cone hit by one driver that ended up underneath the kart of another driver during the start of a main event during Race two. This resulted in the affected driver not being able to finish the race. The consensus was the race director should have restarted the race and the driver who hit the cone penalized. This issue will be brought to the race director's attention for future reference.

There are a number of people crossing the red line into the track area during both practice and race days. Only official track personnel are allowed onto the track surface during these times. Anyone witnessing another member on the track surface should notify the track employee on duty.

V. Adjournment

Jay Flasser adjourned the meeting at **8:00 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Brian Noel