

# Board Meeting Minutes – Apr 10, 2017

## Meeting Venue:

Chapel, Thunderbird School, 1 Global Place [1]Glendale, AZ 85306

## Board Members

Paul Hendricks – Present  
Bernie Lacotta - Present  
Brian Odello – Absent  
Scott Cebulski – Present  
Bryan Quattrocchi - Absent  
Bill Scheets - Present

## TIMELY ITEMS

### Approve Minutes

- Prior Meeting Minutes (Mar 13, 2016). Approved.

### Kid Kart Decisions Starting with Summer Season:

- Note that 4 Kid Kart families were present, and we had significant discussion of alternatives.
- Kid Kart Decisions:
  - We will NOT be making Kid Kart a competitive class.
  - We will be doing tech on Kid Karts.
  - We will try to align as closely to the Grand Nationals as possible. Bernie will talk with IKF about specific questions, including running both Comer and Honda, rolling starts, sprocket ratio (16:89 or 15:89), mileage limitation.
  - We will be doing rolling starts (unless there is some prohibition from IKF).
  - We will be allowing Comer and Honda.
  - We will continue to set the starting order by the results of the previous race
  - We would like for the race officials to use the Blue/Yellow flags for those about to be lapped in all heat races for safety.
  - We plan to do more laps, subject to IKF max length rules
  - We plan to finish the Kid Kart Main prior to the dinner break.

### Race Qualifying Format starting with Summer Season

- We will do the pill draw format for the summer season for all classes except for Kid Kart. No one at the meeting had any objections to this.
- The Pill Draw will determine the starting order of Heat #1. This order

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will be inverted for Heat #2. The order for the final will be determined by combining the results of the two heats.

- Drivers can always elect to go to the back if they feel uncomfortable starting towards the front. Those with an “X” will continue to start in the back.

## Proposal to Break Summer Night Races into Two:

- The decision is to get the Kid Karts done by the dinner break, but we will not split into two separate race segments at this time (the proposal was for Kid Kart, LO206 Jr & Jr 2 in segment 1, and LO206 Sr, World Formula, and TaG in segment 2). Concerns about splitting into separate segments included some overall increase in time (two drivers meetings), probable increase in cost (currently workers are leveraged for both registration and scoring), and lack of time between heats.
- We want Paul to pursue the option to run later than 10:00PM

## Summer Race #1 – Apr 22

- Configurations: Summer configurations will be all CW. Plans are to start off with Two Straights, and do 4 Vintage variants. Curtis, Rich and Bernie will determine the remaining configurations.
- Pre-Registration for the summer season will close at 9:00PM on Fridays (earlier in the week is much appreciated). We encourage everyone to pre-register, and let us know if there is some issue preventing you from pre-registering. If you have any problems with the web site not working correctly, please send an email to [webmaster@pkra.com](mailto:webmaster@pkra.com).

## Practice Schedule

- We will plan to open the track for practice on Good Friday. Would close if no one shows up.
- Will be changing to summer hours (weekend morning & evening sessions). Later, we will likely drop Wed night practice as participation declines.

## IKF 4 Cycle Grand National –

- Once Santa Maria contracts are signed (2017 2 and 4 cycle Grand Nationals), they want to talk with PKRA again about the winter 2018 Grand Nationals.

## COUNTY LEASE RENEWAL

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- We still plan to meet with AKA
- Note that Victory Lane is closing shop, and it's possible their lights could be utilized by PKRA. PKRA doesn't have sufficient capacity on the current electrical service; it would need to be upgraded.

## Race Penalty Reversal Request

- A situation arose where a driver was penalized, but allegedly not notified in a timely manner. (There was some confusion over which race, since a penalty was only assessed for this driver for an incident in race #9, the request was received after race #10, an incident involving that driver also occurred in race #10, and there was some discussion indicating that this driver was indeed notified about the race #9 penalty)
- The driver asked to have the position/points reinstated since they believed the proper procedure wasn't followed. They believed that they should have been afforded the opportunity to protest the penalty that race day. The BOD decision was that the penalty will stand. As per IKF 108.4.6 Contact: .... "The decision of the Race Director is not protestable." As per PKRA club rules 500.44.3 "A decision made by the Race Director, Starter, Technical Director or other race official, based on a judgment of the facts available to that them, cannot be protested."
- The Board agrees that drivers should be notified of penalties as soon as possible afterwards, either at the scales or the drivers being called to the tower.
- Per both the IKF (108.4.6) and PKRA (500.44.3) rules, the Race Directors decision is final, and the board declines to consider overruling the decision of the race director.

## NKA Insurance

- We need to check into whether Tom Rodie can receive some reimbursement from NKA insurance for his injuries during a practice incident and consequent medical bills. Paul will check into this.

## MAXSpeed / Rotax COTA is out of business

- This will impact our revenue, and we need to pursue other races (e.g. SKUSA)

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## Ryan Christiansen Resignation

- Per the bylaws, 9.03. Vacancies of Directors: “If the office of any director becomes vacant by reason of his death, resignation, disqualification, removal or otherwise, a special meeting shall be held within sixty (60) days of such vacancy, and shall be conducted in compliance with the terms and conditions contained in Article 7 relating to the election of directors.”
- We would need to seek nominations and hold an election. Whoever is elected will serve out the remainder of Ryan’s term (1 year, expiring in August, 2017). Side note that the terms for Bill Scheets and Bryan Quattrocchi also expire August 2017.
- This will be discussed at next months meeting.

## Membership Process

- Promotions
  - We will likely assign the intern to work on promotions.
  - The board approved giving out a free race coupon with a new membership (those that haven’t raced before). This might encourage those who just practice to try racing.

## Sound System

- Elaine Hendricks agreed to help fund sound system improvements if they would help in the area of their pits.
- It appears the problem is not with the speakers, but that an additional amplifier is required. Wiring could also be required.
- It was suggested that Rich Cordova might be able to take this on.

## Highlights of Survey Results

### Interest in Kart Storage at the Track

- 11 out of 35 respondents were interested
- Average price they said they’d be willing to pay: \$60

### Club Priorities – Top 5

- Club Racing (26)
- Track Improvement (16)
- Providing Kart Storage at the Track (14)
- Pursuing a Rental Program (11)
- Pursuing Big Events (11)

### What PKRA is doing right and should continue – Top 5

- Track Availability / Practice / Beginner Night (14)

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- People / Friendliness / Family Atmosphere (7)
- Well Maintained Track (5)
- Keeping race days on schedule (3)
- Reasonable Price (2)

## Suggestions for Improvement – Top Categories

- Enforcing Racing Rules (5) – Individual comments:  
NASCAR mentality of contact. Discourage rough driving to encourage participation. Rules enforcement and penalizing people that drive dirty and are known for it. Have copies of the rules signed by drivers/parents. More focus on safe driving in the kid classes. Black flag dangerous behavior, etc. Kid kart parents need to educate their kids on rules and etiquette for racing, pit lane, etc. Consistent rulings on track. Allow for more competitive racing, and don't make calls for "reasonable contact"
- Condense race day schedule (5) - Individual Comments:  
Remove/shorten the lunch break from race days, there is plenty of time to eat between race classes. Allows us to finish quicker. Need consistent schedule. Keep to Race Day Schedule – Provide printed copies
- Want Shade (5)
- Rental program (5) - Individual Comments: Arrive and Drive Rental fleet, including Race class. One suggestion of LO206 and \$300/day.
- Advertise (4)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS - Deferred

### FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

- Financial Status –
- Tax filing?
- Financial Responsibility Clarification
  - Financial Transaction Entry
  - Bill Paying
  - Credit Card / Billing Reconciliation
  - Financial Reporting
- Consider renting the Conex for kart storage. Would need to be a member. We will look at moving forward with this. There was interest in this from the survey with the average price respondents said they were willing to pay of \$60.

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- Do we have information for 1099's for all required 2016 workers?

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE

- See items above

## TRACK / FACILITY

- Rex Calderwood may have a unit for PKRA.
- Work on Bondurant container – A/C ducts and insulation / waterproofing. Possible donation from Kevin Boland's company to perform this work. We will need a committee to get this done.
- Develop list of projects

## PROMOTIONS / MARKETING

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## MISC FOLLOW-UP

- Bernie & Connie to work out plan to communicate the breakdown of track revenues.
- Weed killing in lieu of advertising. Bill DeLong will coordinate.
- Transponder refurbishment status? Bill and Rich will take care of it.
- Rich Bowen to print up rain check cards which can be used for rain checks or promotional free races (including drivers meeting giveaway)
- Hanging wire – Brian plans to put underground if he can get a trencher.
- Consider a grant for LED lights. Scott will look into this.
- Bernie and Brian need to provide letters to opt into WC.
- Paul following-up with APS check into any grants / programs for LED lighting.
- Bryan Q / Rich – Sign on Trailer. Bryan had a quote for \$315 for a two-sided sign. On-hold until we get a sponsor to pay for it.
- Paul to look into Drone and/or RC racing- Awaiting their proposal.
- Paul taking the lead on park lease renewal in general

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- Track / Facility Projects
  - Fire Extinguisher Inspect/Recharge needed- Who will take the lead?
  - Some speakers not working. Apparently need another Amp and readjust placement of speakers. Who will take the lead?
  - A few sockets blown in the tower. Who will take the lead?
  - Still have wires that need to be terminated near the restrooms. Who will take the lead?
  - Brian getting some trees.

## DEFERRED DISCUSSION ITEMS (Not discussed)

### Advertising

- Noram Clutches <https://www.facebook.com/noramclutch> Plan to charge them \$500 web, \$525 for physical sign. Rich Cordova to get back with them.

### Try A Kart Program

- To let potential drivers rent a kart

### Consider NKA for Full Race Sanctioning?

- Brought up by Joe Janowski
- See Rules under [www.nkaonline.com](http://www.nkaonline.com).

### Website Update / Motorsports Reg

- Bill will work with Jacob on getting it configured and tested, and will then have others test.
- We'll need a process for managing pit spots. This won't be automated, and manual work is needed to maintain the diagram anyway. Bill will take on being the person if he can get the manual records.
- We will need a clean membership list to import. We will also need a reliable membership process (e.g. at track payment of membership).

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- Adding Pictures