

Open Board Meeting Minutes – Oct 9, 2017

Meeting Venue:

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

Board Members

Paul Hendricks – Present
Bernie Lacotta - Present
Scott Cebulski – Present
Richie Underwood - Present
Bill Scheets – Present
Jeff Smale - Present
Casey Rogalski – Absent

TIMELY ITEMS

Approve Minutes

- Approve Sep 11 Meeting Minutes. Approved.

Race Logistics – Winter Series Race #1 – Nov 12

- Track Configurations – not ready yet. Will run the Full Track CCW for practice until the showdown. Plan to do Vintage variants the first 3 races to allow track work.
- When should online registration end? Noon on Saturday.
- Race Day Timetable
 - 7:00 AM Gates Open
 - 8:00 AM Registration/Pre-Tech Opens
 - 9:00 AM Practice
 - 9:15 AM Registration Closes
 - 9:35 approx Drivers Meeting (5 min after practice)
 - 10:15 approx Heat #1 Kid Kart
 - Will have Kid Karts main before the break
 - 11:52 AM Dinner Break
 - 5:00 PM Gates closed

Competition Committee

- Note the World Formula will begin allowing the blue ignition and optional drum clutch (as with LO206). (Note that the Showdown will follow normal IKF rules (Red limiter)
- LO206 Masters class (40+). This would allow older folks to compete in a separate class, but will race with the LO206 Seniors, intermixed.

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They will also run at the same weight as Senior. Final approval occurred at this meeting.

- Red flag procedure – (1) lift foot off throttle, (2) raise hand, (3) pull around the oval. (Not just stop at the flag stand). Rich will work with the kid karts on Tuesdays.
- Kid Kart procedure should be to check the idle during pre-tech to make sure they don't stall on track. The grid boss should also tell them to start their motors prior to going out. Stalling creates significant disruption, and the cold weather exacerbates stalling.
- Rich Bowen brought up an issue where a board member gave direction to the race director that differed from the rules. Any change in rules should be made in official board meetings. The particular issue was bump drafting. Corner workers need to focus on contact in the corners and other blatant contact, and less on inadvertent contact.
- There was significant discussion with pushing on the straights. With bump drafting in a pack, the break point of the leader is much sooner than the last kart, and there is concern about our mix of experienced and inexperienced drivers. The board voted to retain the rule prohibiting bump drafting even on straights. The rule will stand.
- Review published 2 cycles classes - Deferred
 - TaG, Micro/Mini-Max, Micro/Mini-Swift, X-30, Vortex Rok
 - Differing Age Groups, Fuel, Rule Sets
 - Evinco Blue for "Cadet", Red for Senior?

Awards Banquet

- Revised Date – Sat Jan 13. At Dave & Busters.

2018 Tire Contract

- 2016/2017 Evinco tire contract with Tom Kutscher is up at the end of the year. Paul will put together an RFP, and is working with Curtis. Testing will be done after the showdown, and with one or more consistent drivers.
- Evinco, Bridgestone, Vega, and Hoosier appear to be viable (Performance, durability, cost, availability). In addition to the tire characteristics, we need to consider availability and terms the vendor would give the club (e.g. cash, free tires, major race). Those will be the factors in choosing a tire, and the information will be presented at the Nov or Dec meeting before making a decision.

Track / Facility

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- Agreed previously for Kevin Boland to do insulation work on the Conex A/C in exchange for a silver membership for Kevin and Kevin Jr. and pit spots 20 & 21. The work will be done soon, and the board agreed for Bill to update his membership.
- Additional Conex A/C repair work (including 50Amp breaker?) We can wait for now, and Scott will look for a deal and be ready to discuss at the November Meeting.
- Trading Silver Membership to Chris Rhein for 45 hours of Landscaping work. This is no longer the plan.
- The runoff area work has been done, and it can be touched up as required. He was paid \$3,000 and we are satisfied.
- Fixing Cracks. Previously approved Hendricks family business proposes to perform this work. Some reports of being slippery, and they will review and consider alternative material if necessary. They won't do any further work until the question is resolved.
- Modular Office for Registration – Rex Calderwood may be able to donate a unit. The alternative is to enclose part of the covered area. We'll continue to wait for now.
- Should we buy some replacement Transponders (\$275 each)? Casey has some used transponders, and has the ability to repair those no longer holding a charge. Richie will contact Casey. We also need to refurbish the bad transponders.
- Internet Hot Spot has bulging battery – at least needs the battery replaced. Need quick turnaround (e.g. take it on a Sunday and return Tuesday for practice?) Bernie to take care of this, and can use money from practice revenue with appropriate accounting given to Connie.
- New Breakers for some of the lights and add lights in dark areas. Scott will get an electrician and work with Bernie.
- Rich looked into speakers, and it would be about \$6,000 for about ½ the track (new amp, and running to the back). A decision deferred until the Nov meeting.

Board (and related) Responsibilities

- Paul will send out description of Director liability insurance to the directors. Still following up on details.
- Treasurer – Tentatively Jeff Smale. Jeff will decide after discussion with Connie and Paul.
- Promotions -
- Advertising -

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- Marketing –
- Sponsorship -
- Points – Mark Traylor will do for the Summer Season, but Jacob is planning to do this race day starting with the Winter season.

Finance

- Current Balance: \$30,571

Outside Events / Promotions / Marketing / Advertising

- Paul has finalized the contract for the Showdown (Oct 20-22). We have the special use permit. Senior 206 count looking good – about 6 WF in both Medium and Masters.
- COTA race scheduled for Jan 26-28, 2018 signed agreement needed (and a SUP).
- Rich Cordova has trailer for sale – We like to ask Rich to donate if possible and have a good quality sign painted. Curtis will contact Rich.

ARRIVE AND DRIVE PROPOSAL – Bailey Murphy

Summary

- The company would be called Phoenix Karting Complex LLC (PKC)
- PKC would have Rental Karts (Honda gas motors, with full surround bumpers). Plans are that this would be roughly similar to LO206. Plan for 16 karts initially.
- Karts would have roll bars and seat belts.
- Based on business plan of Alan Rudolph track in Texas, averaging 30 people a week.
- PKC has a plan for Advertising/Marketing
- PKC will take care of their own insurance.
- PKC would pay for lights on nights when PKRA isn't using it.
- Initial operation would require PKC using a trailer to bring karts in and out on a daily basis. They would like to rent the Conex for storage when it is available.
- PKRA would still have exclusive use of the track for Club Races, Super Moto, and Special Events (e.g. SKUSA, COTA, Showdown, including prior track rental & practice the week prior). PKC would receive a pro-rated rebate if the track is unavailable more than 7 days/month.

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- PKRA could still rent the track at any time; PKC reservations and PKRA reservations would be first come, first served.
- Term would be 1 year, or March 2019 if sooner (our current SUP with the county ends then)

Potential Future Plans

- Would like to run a class at PKRA races, and would like to purchase 3-4 pit spots for race day. They would like the rules changed to allow for that. Race Entry fees would be payable to PKRA.
- They would like to rent the existing Conex for storage

Key Discussion Items / Issues

- Timeframe – PKC would like to be open 9-9, and overlap with regular club practice hours both weekdays and weekends. They would rotate their class in during regular club practices as another class group. PKC offered to mitigate the impact on practice time by expanding PKRA practice times (Monday, other weekdays starting 3 hours earlier), and offering to perform track management during practice (including wrist bands).
- PKRA input was that current PKRA weekday practice nights would need to be retained exclusively for PKRA practices, and PKRA would like to continue to run the practice sessions.
- Concern that with this much usage, the heavy karts will damage the track.
- We'd need to double-check with the county to confirm this would be allowable, but we believe it is allowed.
- Concern this much non-member usage with impact our 501(c)7 status.

Member Input

- We will have a Special Member Meeting 7:00-8:00PM at the track Friday Oct 20. Bleachers by the Tech Shed, Grid B.
- Input may also be submitted to the directors at directors@pkra.com

DEFERRED ITEMS

COUNTY LEASE RENEWAL

- Would like to seek SUP to add additional CONEX units.
(Host/Caretaker has a new unit on their site so we may be able to

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add some units for rental or PKRA storage).

IKF 4 Cycle (and 2 cycle?) Grand National – Are we in or out for 2018?

- Concerns
 - Participation of PKRA regulars may be at the cost of club racing and/or Showdown. Showdown is October 20-22, 2017, and COTA is Jan 26-28, 2018.
 - Financial Risk. Santa Maria apparently made about \$6k
 - Someone needs to lead this. It won't happen by itself.
- We need to make a decision – waiting until IKF gets back to us. It would almost certainly not be in December/January as was previously discussed.

Other Discussion

- Rain Date for Winter Season?
- Consider lower race rates in summer / higher in winter.
- Electronic Payments at the track during Practice
- Consider using MailChimp instead of Constant Contact
- Renting the Conex for Member Kart Storage. Need pricing and rules. Need County approval for additional units.

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FOLLOW-UP ITEMS (deferred until next meeting)

- Lower Cost Trophies? We spend about \$250-\$300 a race.
Proposals include:
 - Added “No Award” as an option for race registration, but no process to collect / use this information.
 - Consider only having trophies when a certain minimum number of entrants for a class.
 - Proposal for some cheaper alternative like flags
- Bernie & Connie & Rich to work out plan to communicate the breakdown of track revenues.
- Transponder refurbishment status? - Rich Bowen See also above about buying additional.
- Document a transponder list with serial numbers?
- Noram Clutches <https://www.facebook.com/noramclutch> Plan to charge them \$500 web, \$525 for physical sign.
- Fix Speakers (need amp). Elaine Hendricks agreed to help fund sound system improvements if they would help in the area of their pits. The old wires have been disconnected until the amp issue is corrected. Rich Bowen will contact the guy we used last time.
- Rich Bowen is looking at light replacements (LED would be 60% of the usage). Scott was going to look into getting a grant. We need the new contract first, since a grant won't be considered with only a short time on the lease.
- Consider renting the Conex for kart storage and/or additional containers. Paul has someone to consult with on considering the potential of attaching additional storage units to the one that is secured instead of them all being secured.
- Consider NKA for Full Race Sanctioning?
 - Brought up by Joe Janowski
 - See Rules under www.nkaonline.com.
- We would like some driver education in addition to Tuesdays.
- Try A Kart Program To let potential drivers rent a kart. Curtis will talk to the other kart shops.
- Fire Extinguisher Inspect/Recharge needed – Brian thought the tags were all good, but will double-check?
- Rex Calderwood may have a unit for PKRA.
- Bernie and Brian need to provide letters to opt into WC.
- Paul to look into Drone and/or RC racing- Awaiting their proposal.
- Brian was going to get some trees.

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- Motorsports Reg – Bill and Jacob