

Open Board Meeting Minutes – Jan 14, 2019

Meeting Venue: Chapel, 1 Global Place Glendale, AZ

Board Members

Paul Hendricks – Present
Bernie Lacotta – Present
Tom Rodie – Present
Bill Scheets – Present
Cindy Lacotta – Present
Casey Rogalski – Present
Richie Underwood – Absent

Approve Minutes

- Approve Dec 10 Meeting Minutes. Approved.

Guest Introduction: Justin Stefani from J3 Competition

- Justin just moved into the area.
- J3 has a race team and a kart brand (Compkart). They also distribute Rotax, but don't plan to have a storefront locally.
- They plan to do product development, and will likely bring drivers to PKRA for that purpose.
- Justin has lots of experience including schooling and rental programs. Involvement at PKRA could include some form of sponsorship.
- Justin would like a unit onsite (The Murphy's also have requested onsite storage). Paul is working with the county and would like to make a special use permit request to see if we can start this before March (although this approval would only last until March – beyond that would be part of the new contract).

Guest Introduction: Ted Williams – Proposal for the Dirt Track

- His family has run quarter midgets years ago.
- A lot of experience at Manzanita, including track prep.
- He's been an A/C contractor for 27 years.
- His team that has won championships in Micro Sprints
- Some folks at AKA approached him a few years ago and got involved. They could never get enough people to help out.
- Ted feels the property is unique and can be built into

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something very special. He thinks it can be one of the premier facilities in the US in 3-5 years.

- The track needs improvement, and needs significant safety improvement. He plans to put in \$50,000 initially.
- He'll have some full time paid employees.

Race Logistics/Procedures – Next Race

- Proposal from last meeting to have two heats (in addition to practice, qualifying and the main).
 - Lots of discussion. We would be looking at reducing the number of laps per heat to add a heat.
 - A suggestion was made to eliminate practice (go right to qualifying) and have registration earlier, but this has dramatic implications for the race day schedule and registration process.
 - We will consider this for the future, but there wasn't enough support for changing the format this significantly, particularly mid season.
- Tag 100 Jr – The board originally set the weight at 330 (IKF weight) but they have been running at 320, and SKUSA is running at 320. Change to 320? Yes - Approved. Only issue would be if someone is significantly overweight, and we can revisit at that time.
- Penalty for wrong brand tires? We will not allow them on the track (not just DQ).
- Helmet certification. Bernie checked at the last race, and notified a few people with expired or with insufficient certification. Without proper certification, they won't be allowed to race.
- Overall Race Day Responsibility. Paul encouraged us all to clean up as we see things that need doing, but we also want someone to take specific race day responsibility.
- Race workers
 - Tech staff – Bernie is doing OK for now.
 - Paul proposed eliminating the paid announcer to spend more on trophies. We will plan to have the grid boss announce the next classes, and Scott will provide some color commentary as well. Approved.

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- If anyone has an issue with actions of others that they feel they need help with, please come talk to Paul Hendricks, and he can help.

Practice Schedule

- MLK – Mon Jan 21. We'll be open 9-5.
- Proposal to open Friday practice before a race from noon to normal closing for the rest of the winter season. Approved.

COUNTY LEASE RENEWAL

- Status – the county will likely not have everything approved by March 4, and will likely have month to month extensions.
- Paul submitted our P&L and Balance Sheet to the county as required.

Finance

- Current Balance: \$63,583 as of 12/31/2018
- Renew Workers Comp for \$994? Approved.
- Some workers may need to be considered employees vs. a contract worker. We would need to take out SS & other Taxes. Paul is following up and there will be future discussion.
- We'll pursue shopping for a better deal for Waste management.

Race Trophies

- Getting trophies can be difficult due to the short notice and limited selection for racing. We have been pending \$8-\$10 on awards (a little more this time for graduated sizes).
- Some suggestion that we provide plaques as an alternative.
- Melissa Ruth will take over doing the trophies. She's gotten a lot of suggestions and contacts, and will look into alternatives.
- We will consider asking for award options for those wanting a plaque or no award. This would be until changed, and not on asked for each race.
- Jr1 class goes to 5 trophies for each race. Approved.

Track / Facility

- Work Days: 1 per month
Who to organize: Cindy Lacotta

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When?

- The Saturday after the first race of the Month from 7:00am-10:00am. Approved. Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16.
- Specific Work Items
 - Weeds – we'll be looking at using a company. But will spray them ourselves to start. Jared Schroeder will be getting some proper nozzles in the future.
 - Paint Curbs & edge lines
 - Stacking Tires
 - Painting
 - Removing rusted out trashcans
 - Organize conex under the tower
 - Project to enclose the front area and make into a registration area.
 - Sliding gate at pit out.
 - Take down/replace the grid A shade cover.

Banquet

- The awards banquet will be Feb 2 at Dave & Busters.
- Custom trophies should be here in a week
- Scott Cebulski will be the MC
- Should we do something for the workers? Let them first in line if they attend the banquet.

Age Waiver Request

- A waiver request was made for James Weisman (DOB 4/27/2012) to run Jr1 (Cadet). He would be expected to only practice until April. The board denied this. They can rent the track.

Tire Contract

- PKRA's current Evinco tire contract is up April 2020
- We need to get a tire agreement for 2020 this year. It potentially affects our ability to get races, and need to get it done by August 1.
- We will plan to discuss this at the next meeting.

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PKRA Direction

- Paul has several volunteers for input on future plans for PKRA.
- Discussion about Rental Karts
 - There is a potential opportunity to lease some Sodi rental karts on a no-upfront cost basis. These are slower and heavier than our current type karts. PKRA would not run these rental karts ourselves, but are looking to a business run this. We would prefer to have a separate rental track for these. We aren't ready for this right now.
 - Paul will have further discussion about terms and how long a period we would have to decide.