

Open Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2019

Meeting Venue: Casey's Shop, 7745 E Evans Rd, Scottsdale

Board Members

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

Approve Minutes

- Approve May 11 Meeting Minutes. Approved.

Race Logistics/Procedures – Next Race

- Jr 1 would like to go as early in the rotation as possible (Kid Karts always first). Open issue is Bernie doing Tech on Jr 1 if Masters is after them.
- We agreed to start 1 hour later. (Open 3, Reg 4, Practice 5).
- Have Dinner Break after the heat? Track workers are out in the sun and need an earlier break, and don't want to eat dinner late. We will leave the dinner break after qualifying, but have a 15 min break between the Heat and Main.
- Plan for seat mounted transponders starting in the winter season? Yes. This will conform to the IKF rule change and match other series as well.

Practice

- Wednesday night surcharge. Member input is supportive of the Fri/Wed rental split, but not the \$40 charge, and the board agreed to rescind the surcharge. We will continue the Fri / Wed focus. Staying open during the summer on Wednesdays at all is contingent on maintaining sufficient numbers.
- Should we continue the \$10 first time fee? (originally meant to be a single session). No - We will eliminate this starting Aug 1.
- We need to follow-up with NKA regarding younger children running more powerful karts to make sure we are fully covered with the current waivers. Paul will contact Joe.

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County Lease Renewal

- Status
 - Special Use Permit through end of 2019
 - Does the county have a time frame for drafting an agreement? They are working on the approved activities, and will work on the details later.
 - Do we need to raise the north edge of the parking lot for overnight RV camping. There are plans to raise this.
- Dirt Track
 - When will we have a tentative contract with Ted to review? Plan to have a draft in June for review in July.
 - Ted is committed to a live monitor and keeping noise and dust within limits.
- Proposed activities for the PKRA side:
 - Arrive and Drive Motorsports Kart Rental (smaller asphalt outdoor track similar to indoor kart racing facilities). Karts are similar to the karts being raced currently at the track, however they have full bumper around the perimeter for safety.
 - PKRA – Phase II.
 - Rental karts will be housed on site in a new conex box.
 - The motor will be muffled.
 - Protective devices – helmet, jacket and gloves are required by all drivers.
 - Ages 5 and up – restricted to age groups at a time.
 - “Drifting Racing” (karts that are designed for drifting)
 - Communication to the county was that this would be done at PKRA.
 - Competitive Bicycle Racing (at PKRA Oval Track Racing). Communication to the county about doing this on the PKRA track
 - Remote Control Car Racing – PKRA Phase 2
 - Currently dirt track, Phase 2 PKRA
 - Closed low obstacle Course Drone Racing Course – PKRA Phase 2.
 - Super Moto – need separate description beyond AMS.

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- Proposed activities on the AMS side:
 - Mini Sprints
 - Open-wheel kart, that have an upright-style chassis, a center-mounted 4-cylinder 600 to 1200cc motor.
 - They have full roll cages, five-point harness
 - Some have “wings”
 - It is a restricted class for ages 12 and older.
 - Modified Lites
 - Closed-wheel kart with doors, a center-mounted 4-cylinder 600 to 1200cc motor.
 - They have full roll cages, five-point harness
 - It is a restricted class for ages 12 and older.
 - Dwarf/Legends (5/8 scale replicas for 1928 to 1948 coupes and sedans. The karts, fully caged for safety)
 - Closed-wheel kart with doors, a center-mounted 4-cylinder 600 to 1200cc motor.
 - They have full roll cages, five-point harness
 - Ages 14 and older.
 - Motorcycle Racing flat-track racing
 - Speed is restricted due to size of track.
 - Two different classes, children up to professional – restrictions for novice to professional classes.
 - Speedway bikes.
 - The air cooled engine is 500 cc and runs on methanol. They will be muffled. Push start
 - Bikes have a “kill” switch – if they fall off.
 - Bikes have a full mudguard (fender).
 - The wheels look like a pedal bike design.
 - For ages 14 and older – restrictions for novice to professional classes.
 - Midgets
 - Open-wheel kart that have been around since 1935.
 - Have an upright-style chassis (the driver sits upright in the seat as), a center-mounted 4-cylinder 300 to 400 horsepower. The motor will be muffled.
 - They have full roll cages, & five-point harness.
 - For ages 14 and older.

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- Quarter Midgets
 - Open-wheel kart, that have an upright-style chassis (the driver sits upright in the seat as), a center-mounted single-cylinder 300cc motor.
 - They have full roll cages & five-point harness
 - It is a restricted class for ages 5 and older. (
- Off Road Racing Track (off road karts, UTV's on a small oval track)
 - AMS Phase II.
 - Dirt Track with a combination of barriers and fencing. Corners will be banked, similar to a motor-cross track. There will be a jump for the UTVs – a barrier will be provided to prohibit off road karts from using the jump area.
 - Vehicle specifications: open karts with 500cc or less.
 - Ages 5 and older – restricted to age groups at a time.

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WEBSITE

- **Vendor links** – The following policy identifying the conditions under which links to vendor websites would be provided from the PKRA web site was approved:
 1. Involvement/Presence at club practices and/or races. Determination at the discretion of board.
 2. Their website has up to date web site information regarding PKRA
 3. Their website links back to the PKRA web site.
 4. They ask to have a link.
- Website recommends the Hampton Inn and references PKRA rates (click here, but there is no link). Is this still the case? No. Just remove. We could negotiate with hotels for a deal.

- **Move to MotorsportReg**
 - Timetable
 - Memberships – Started June 1.
 - Members to create/update profiles by today. Status: 74/140 members set up. *[Bill set the rest up June 11]*
 - Race entry will be turned on July 1.
 - Other Decisions / Discussions
 - Kart Numbering rules
 - Approved: changing Club rules (500.41) to be up to 3 digit.
 - We need to be collecting names of non-driver pit passes for those under 2, and differentiating between those 11-17 and true adults so we know which need minor release forms signed. We agreed to have the following categories starting July 1 under MSR:
 - Toddler Under 2 - Free - Start collecting names and have release form signed
 - Minor 2-17 - \$5 - Need names & release form
 - Adult 18+ - \$10 - we still need names
 - Do we need medical information? This is separate, and doesn't download in member profile or race entry downloads. E.g. blood type, drug allergies,

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special conditions. Many clubs no longer collecting this information. We won't ask for or download.

- Meeting Minutes Publishing. Plan to publish meeting minutes through Club Meeting Events – Not the best user interaction, but the only way to control access to members only.
 - Continue to print Physical Cards? This represents time/effort, and with electronic system together with printed lists, they are not necessary to our business process. Yes for now, but will revisit
 - Are the Driver Member Lists effective and being used for Practice? Bernie says he uses them frequently.
 - Discounts – We will set any “Free Race” discounts at \$65 (the Member Pre-registration price plus transponder).
 - We are currently giving out First Free Race coupons to new members who haven't raced before, but it's no longer feasible to continue this. It doesn't appear to have been very effective. We will discontinue the practice.
 - We should be able to use let users subscribe to mailing list(s) for Constant Contact or Mail Chimp, though MotorsportReg, though this will be a subset of contacts in the current list.
 - Apparently, others are using eWaivers for races. Is that an option? We can research if this is possible for the future, though no one was aware of anyone doing this.
 - To take full advantage of the system, we need to push for even higher online pre-registration.
- **PKRA.com**
 - This will be for information only and with no user logins.
 - Site to be re-written in WordPress and maintained by MGR Consulting Group (owned by one of the members).
 - Paul signed the agreement for the nominal monthly charge.

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August BOD Elections / Staffing

- We will have at 4 board openings in August, with 2 candidates so far.
 - Nominations/applications accepted at June 10 and July 8 meetings.
 - Open Election July 22 through Aug 5
 - Successful candidates take office Aug 12 Meeting
- President: Paul will be stepping down August 2019, and we'll need to choose a President from board members.
- Treasurer: We still need someone who has time to devote
- Secretary/Web/Membership: Bill Scheets' term up in August, 2019.
 - Bill will run for one last term and is willing to perform
 - Secretary responsibilities
 - Points responsibilities.
 - Website Content Management / calendar
 - Need to transition one or more individual(s) to take over these responsibilities by January, 2020:
 - Membership, Pit Spots, & Kart Numbers in new system – 8-10 hours/month.
 - Race Registration Setup and support (incl credits/refunds) – MotorsportReg– 4-6 hrs/month
 - Web sales management (reconciliation, reports) – in MotorsportReg – now using standard reports - normally part of finance – down to 1 hrs/month
- Richie Underwood's term will expire August, 2019, and he will not be running for another term.
- Casey Rogalski's term will expire August, 2019, and he will not be running for another term.
- Rich Alten was nominated.
- Each Candidate should provide:
 - Picture (less than 2MB)
 - Short Description (less than 200 characters)
This appears in-line
 - Long Description (optional)
This requires voter to click to get more information.

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Finance

- Balance as of June 5: \$47,411.59
- Net Income Jan 1-June 5, 2019: \$7,685.89
- We may be getting a sizable donation from one of the members to cover some of the recent expenditures.
- Balance in Unemployment Fund of \$1,200. Should we request a refund? Yes. We still have the underlying issue of whether contracted workers should be considered employees.
- Plan for raising rates agreed to by the board:
 - Bronze Membership - \$300
 - Silver Membership - \$750
 - Family Member - \$65
 - Practice for Bronze \$15.
 - Front Row spot \$300, Per Race \$25
 - Race Pre-Entry: \$100 Non Member, \$60 Member
 - Onsite Race: \$125 Non Member, \$85 Member
 - Plan to implement Oct 1

Price increases are needed to address significant capital projects (lights, track paving), though this will not cover all expenses. The level of volunteering has decreased over the years, and we'll likely have to pay for a significant amount of required improvements.

There was also some discussion about increasing the membership ranks being a priority, but the majority felt a price increase was needed; regardless.

Tire Contract

- PKRA's current Evinco tire contract is up April 2020, and we would like to get a new tire agreement done by Aug 2019.
- We will do tire testing this month. Weighting of factors, including cost to members, will be discussed at a later meeting.

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Track / Facility / Work Days

- Next formal work day is June 15, and the plan is to install the cover on the A-Grid.
- We have some kids play equipment and will install in spectator area.
- New Light Pole Up and some other lights fixed / Aimerd. We want higher output LEDs. 4 lights are still out.
- Turn 2 high spots ground down – Ritch Marziale (All Cut) – Gave 2 year Silver Membership.
- Crack Sealing completed – Cactus Asphalt – Kevin Hill. Paul was thinking of providing rental kart gift certificates from Bailey to Cactus Asphalt. Bailey said he would donate some to this as well. Also posting a sign on pit fence.
- Free Aluminum Bleachers
(From old rodeo site west of PIR – will use some at Dirt track). We now have final approval. We will need to do the following:
- How is Calspeed sealer working on their track? Just for aesthetics – not a solution for us.
- Rich Bowen had a plan done for new lighting. Current ranges from 1 foot candle to 28 foot candle. 15 poles and 60 lights. We'll be getting estimates.