

Open Board Meeting Minutes – Sept 9, 2019

Meeting Venue: PKRA Track Conex

Board Members

Cindy Lacotta – Present
Bernie Lacotta – Present
Tom Rodie – Present
Bill Scheets – Present
Scott Jackson – Present
Scott Cebulski – Present
Rich Alten - Absent

Approve Minutes

- Approve August 12 Meeting Minutes. Approved.
- Bill will be out of town for the October meeting. Cindy will take the minutes.

Race Logistics/Procedures – Next Race

- Worker Party: Sat night, Oct 5 works for them (about 20 workers), and they are happy to drive karts. Phoenix Kart Rentals will absorb some of the rental cost – Bernie will negotiate with Phoenix Kart Rentals. We're thinking at least \$800-\$1000 for food catering.
- Proposal approved to get nice looking podium trophies (\$250 for 1-5) just to take pictures on the podium right after the race. The real trophies with names are still given out at the next race. Race 10 will be given out without names, as there is a long gap and some don't race the winter season.

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Winter Race Season

- The following race configurations were approved:
 - Race 1 11/3 Full Track CCW
 - Race 2 11/17 Two Straights CCW
 - Race 3 12/1 Short Track CCW
 - Race 4 12/15 Vintage CCW
 - Race 5 1/5 Two Straights CW
 - Race 6 1/19 Full Track CW
 - Race 7 2/2 Short Track CW
 - Race 8 2/16 Full Track CW
 - Race 9 3/1 Vintage Two Straights CW
 - Race 10 3/15 Full Track CCW
 - Rain Date 3/22 Configuration of rain race
- Winter Race Time Schedule will be the same as last year:
 - Gates Open: 8:00am
 - Check-in-Registration/Pre-tech: 9:00am
 - Practice: 10:00am
 - Registration Closed: 10:30am
 - Dinner Break: After Heat 1
- Registration ends noon the Saturday before.
- We will continue the qualifying format for winter.

Practice

- Significant practice safety issue regarding drivers taking the wrong turns.
 - The Vintage turn is a particular issue, when Kid Karts always take it, Shifters don't, and everyone else varies by the configuration. Cones / Barriers would help, but they currently can't be set up for practice as they would need to be changed for the Kid Karts or Shifters.
 - **Proposal to have everyone run exactly the same configuration (race and practice).** This includes Shifters and Kid Karts. Cones, Tires, or other barriers would be set up remain in place until the configuration changes (typically after each race).
 - **Approved**
 - We'll need some new cones too. We'll buy 50, @\$10.

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SKUSA / IKF - Chris England on behalf of Tom Kutcher

Chris updated PKRA on the latest status of IKF and SKUSA.

IKF was taken over by Tom Kutcher, who also owns SKUSA. The intent is to rebuild IKF to what it was. The northwest has set up a region for IKF racing, but that would be difficult for Arizona. The structure for IKF Grand Nationals has changed such that PKRA would not have to put up money for a race here, but would need to be an IKF club. There is some potential for a 2020 Grand National at PKRA. It is probably not handled as a track rental, but somewhere between that and the club/track taking full responsibility as it used to be. That would need to be worked out.

There are no plans to combine IKF and SKUSA rule books.

The condition of the surface of the PKRA track is an issue, but SKUSA has run on worse tracks. There is potential for PKRA to have a SKUSA race, though not a national race.

Tom feels like the relationship with PKRA has been up and down. Tom has a vertically integrated business, and from his perspective the relationship (and consequent potential of races) depends on being an “IKF Club” and our commitment to Evinco tires.

Evinco will have tire compounds available by the end of the year that are both more durable and faster. These would be the same price as current tires. We received some harder Evinco tires for testing, but it will not be possible to get these in quantity going forward, so they would like them back.

Being an “IKF Club” means using the Evinco Tires, the IKF Rulebook, and IKF Insurance. We are currently sanctioned by IKF, but haven’t made the commitment to Evinco tires Tom is looking for.

Tom has offered all PKRA board members VIP access to the supernats.

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County Lease Renewal

- County Proposed Agreement
 - Paul is meeting with the county on Sept 10.
 - The PKRA Fee Schedule initially proposed by the county shows substantial increases over the 25 year term, but Paul feels this is just their initial negotiating position, and not to worry yet.
 - Lights and poles are available from the Estrella Rodeo grounds – Rich Bowen checked them out. They are 40' stadium lights, and appear to be excellent. 4 poles have 10 fixtures. These would not be enough unless we could get the parking lot poles as well.
 - Lights and poles also available from a facility in Prescott. \$11,000 for 40 poles (new cost \$11k for 3). We'd likely need only 18 – Ted is not interested in the rest.
 - Bleachers.
 - Need disassembly, re-engineering and reassembly. Paul is pushing Ted to take the lead on this.
 - There are 800 seats; we would likely get about half
- Dirt Track – Adobe Mountain Speedway (AMS)
 - County proposal has similar fee terms
 - Tentative Time frame – Sound Testing beginning Sept 27, and UAS race Nov 2, Flat Track Nov 9
 - Proposed Classes: Outlaw karts, UAS karts, Backyard karts, Adult clone karts, Super stock karts, ¼ Midgets, Mini sprints.
 - Plans for Paved Oval & Off Road Karts
- Others: ¼ midgets are interested in both dirt and paved. Off road karts also seem interested. RC cars have a little track now. Drones are still interested.

Showdown Oct 17-20

- Registration is open. Numbers so far are better than last year, including a couple from California and one from Florida.
- Trying to work with KPX to get them interested.
- Rich can always use sponsorships.

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Finance

- Balance: August 31: \$48,252
- Scott Cebulski ideas
 - 50/50 raffle to raise money for track repaving, with money parked for use only for track repaving (escrow account).
 - Another escrow account for donations only for repaving.
 - Approved setting up separate escrow accounts.
 - Idea for Enduro during Christmas.
 - Requested link to his YouTube channel RaceBumTv - approved.

Track / Facility / Work Days

- We had work day Sept 2 (Labor Day).
- We are canceling the scheduled Sat Sept 21 work day.
- We may schedule another work day when additional side panels are ready.