

Open Board Meeting Minutes – Oct 14, 2019

Meeting Venue: PKRA Track Conex

Board Members

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

Approve Minutes

- Approve Sep 9 Meeting Minutes. Approved

Race Logistics/Procedures – Next Race – Nov 3 Winter Race #1

- We need a Tech Inspector – Rich Alten and Bernie are looking for someone. Rich knows someone with some experience. Bernie also has a guy. Rich suggests posting on social media.
 - Who will take responsibility for finding someone? Bernie. If there isn't one found, Bernie will still do it.
 - How much should we pay them? Likely \$150. An assistant would be less. Would like to find someone technically adept but doesn't have to be certified.
- Should the Board give guidance/direction for lesser penalties for minor violations and which will be DQs (e.g. tires, weight, fuel, rear width, engine performance items)
 - Bernie: There is no reason to be racing outside the scope of the rules. There are multiple opportunities to make sure you are within the scope of the rules.
- Do we want to continue the practice of disallowing a drop for a DQ? Bill feels this is overly harsh. No. No change to the rule.
- Shifters creating a Spec Class
 - Shifters will get together and propose weight classes. They will also include the guys in Tucson in this conversation to be in line with they are doing as well. Paul and Jim Willittes will spearhead this.
- Kid kart engines—the Honda engine keeps blowing up. Discussion about switching to 206 for the KK classes as well.

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- They'd run 10 pounds heavier. Everyone in the Midwest has been running them. Wouldn't be buying multiple engines a year. When kid goes to Jr1, they just have to adjust the slide. What would be the timing of it? Curtis is going to run it for the next couple of months and see how it goes.
- Kid Karts needs to stop being "scored" with points. Points should not be listed for the kids at all. Just list the names of the kids who attended in alphabetical order or list the kart's number. It's a non-competitive class, but listing points sends a different message.

Showdown Oct 17-20

- Any issues to discuss?
 - Maintenance projects were all done with the exception of some weeds that Rich A couldn't get to without moving bleachers.
 - Showdown is having a BBQ Friday night after practice
 - Rich Bowen requests permission to mount a tv and lights near the eaves (granted)
 - Rich Alten will blow the track Wednesday; Rich Bowen will ask Robert to blow off the track Saturday and Sunday morning

Potential Enduro during Christmas Break?

- Add agenda item for November and see if we have some people willing to step up and get it done.
- We will start talking it up and see if there is interest
- Kids are off school, could be a good opportunity to do something
- This would be our own event
- There will also be something going on over at the dirt track

Potential J3 Event in the Spring

- The Board needs to decide the rental rate and let Justin decide. The board needs to decide the direction we would like to go
- Justin would also like to talk to the Board about a longer term commitment that would perhaps result in more financial reward. Propose that we sit down and have a meeting with him.

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County Lease Renewal

- County Proposed Agreement
 - Rich Bowen, Ted Williams, and Paul attended the meeting this afternoon with the county to discuss the fee rate. Paul informed them that we are membership based, and a 10% addition plus additional \$1000/yr would compound to where it wouldn't work for us.
 - County agreed to go back and talk about it more. They are interested in a percentage of gross receipts. Rich Bowen feels that we could definitely offer them something off of the gate receipts and membership and hit more of a middle ground.
 - They are proposing rates increases between 5-7% which is just too high. We are going to come back to them with a counter offer in a few weeks.
 - Paul's suggestion: Similar fee rate to what we have now, future increases but nothing greater than the current inflation rate. That way they have a set rate, and it is predictable. Also, something like a \$1 from every wristband (with us charging \$1 more every wristband)
 - Paul expects two more meetings before the final negotiation
 - Look over Paul's redline agreement and let him know of any concerns. He will revise it in a week's time. County acknowledges that the initial agreement was very one-sided.
 - Rich Bowen notes we need to be careful of percent of gross agreements for when people donate stuff—ex: if someone donates crack sealing valued at \$7k, do we then have to come up with the money to pay the County the percentage of that value?
 - Rich Bown thinks we are looking more at 2-3% rather than the 10%
 - Ted still needs to look and see what will work for his business plan
 - Lights and poles are available from the Estrella Rodeo grounds – Rich Bowen checked them out. They are 40'

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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.

- Emily says we can stack stuff (like poles) on our area
- 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
 - After Showdown, we will need to put a group of people together to move these.
 - It is time to get serious about deciding which bleachers and how many we want, and where we want them.
 - Ted would like the bleachers before his holiday shindig. This realistically only leaves us with 1-2 weekends to choose from. Thanksgiving weekend, and the second weekend in December.
 - Paul will follow up with the company that installed and removed the bleachers for SKUSA and get a quote from them to see what it would be to have them assemble everything for us.
- Budget for free Lights (foundations, disassembly/assembly, transport, erecting, potential new LED lights)
- Budget for free bleachers (foundations, disassembly/assembly, transport, erecting)
- 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
 - Sound testing starts the first week of November
 - 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.

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Finance

- Balance: \$47,544.21 as of Sept 29
- Scott Cebulski ideas
 - 50/50 raffle to raise money for track repaving, with money parked for use only for track repaving (escrow account).
 - Also donations only for repaving the track that would be in a separate account.
 - Approved setting up separate escrow accounts.
 - Scott hasn't done anything yet because he's been busy, but he will have everything ready to go in time for the first race of the winter series

Tire Contract

- PKRA's current Evinco tire contract is up April 2020, and we would like to get a new tire agreement done this summer.
- We will do tire testing after the Showdown with 5 different manufacturers. Weighting of factors, including cost to members, will be discussed at a later meeting.
- Should we use a more durable LO206 tire? More durable, but better than an endure.

Web Site

- Paid advertising on the site vs. links for selected vendors. There is a rate schedule on the web site under About / Contact Us. Do we want to charge for link? Links for links? We need to set this policy and start making it fair.

Track / Facility / Work Days

- Work date scheduled Sat Oct 12 @6:00am
- Permanent main signs? On Pinnacle Peak and at Entrance.
 - The county is interested in improved signage once Pinnacle Peak improvements are done
- Other informational signs
- Weed control: Why aren't the weeds dying?
- New Registration Room

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- Ken who had done other electrical work will install a new power cable to the breaker box and square away the electrical so it is useable.
 - Ken will do this on Thursday 10/17. He needs to decide if we have the right wiring.
- Scott C. and Parker will clean out the room. DONE
- We need to store the insulation in the registration conex until we can install drywall. Marc has indicated his guys are tied up for a while.
- The Board needs to decide if they want to install the window AC now or next spring.
- Phoenix Kart Rentals request put up a permanent cover covering 2 pit spots, similar to the tech area or the RV pad. After the new lease is signed, then the Board needs to decide if we want a concession rental business here, and if so, we rentals would be moved out of the way out of membership.

Misc

- Racing The Sun (RTS) - High school solar powered thing. We don't know much about this.
- Paul suggested a kart and accessories Swap and shop and donate event at pkra. Perhaps early October.
- Paul suggested getting in touch with people who haven't been to the track in a while. Bernie has talked to about 20 people in the last two weeks who are interested in getting into karting. Asked how they are hearing about us, it is usually because they are hearing the noise. Underscores the need for better signage near the waterpark.
- Pit passes will be validated from now on in the event of a rain date
- Worker party on 10/12: very successful, the workers were very appreciative of the party and the board members who showed up.