

Open Board Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2020

Meeting Venue: PKRA Track Registration Room

Board Members

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

Approve Minutes

- Approve May 11 Minutes. Approved.

Race Logistics – June 13 Race

- Race Day Logistics
 - Any changes to the Race Day Procedures or Timeline?
 - We'll use Jim Willittes procedures and he will take care of Orbits / Points.
- Proposal to raise # of entrants to 5 to receive per-race trophies (currently 4). Yes. Shifters will accept medals if they meet the minimum.
- Issue of Blatant Driving Rules Violations.
 - Rich Bowen and Cindy have been working with the race staff to improve rules understanding and otherwise improve officiating.
 - We would like to get raised platforms for race worker observers. This would require additional trained workers, as corner workers are primarily for safety.
 - The board encourages the frequent use of rolled black flags, though it is difficult to handle rolled black flags in a timely manner. Real time decisions are difficult, and communication remains problematic.
 - Bill believes we will always have significant limitations on what infractions the race team will ever be able to catch. Bill believes the drivers themselves do often have the best perspective, but are not being utilized. Drivers who complain to the race director are consistently ignored if the

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race crew didn't see the incidents. The first 2020 summer race in Tag100 was thought to be very clean by the race crew, but many drivers had a dramatically different opinion.

Bill proposed:

1. Encouraging drivers to submit protests for significant driving issues. Include those in the RD reports.
2. Give guidance to the RD to penalize drivers appropriately and not be a soft touch. Some penalties still put drivers in a better position than if they hadn't created the offense. The penalties are intended to be punitive to discourage them and others.
3. Give guidance to the RD to investigate significant incidents even if they didn't see them and even if a protest isn't filed.
4. The board should suspend drivers for consistent patterns of driving.

There was significant discussion but no action was taken.

- There are continued reports of drinking prior and/or during races, which would be clearly in violation of Club Rule 600.8. Drinking tends to exacerbate the behavior problems that occur. We will make more of an effort to police this.
- Change Club Race camping to \$20/night.
- The following rule changes were approved.

Bill will make the wording changes and get approval.

- Fuel must be at ambient temperature.
- Override the NKA maximum frame member diameter of 1.125" (28.575mm) under 20.2.6. PKRA will have no limit on the frame member diameter.
- Removing pit spot pricing numbers in the rules.
- Adjust the rule change for number panel to remove the panel size and just say white or yellow background and readable.

Competition Committee Report

- Nothing to report
- The board changed the class name change to "Shifter – ROK"

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June 19/20 COTA Race

- Andy Seesman is renting the track June 19/20 for a race.
- Two Straights CW Configuration.

Practice – Wednesday / Thursday

- Thursday June 18 – open 9:00am-10:00pm
- We need security – Bernie and Paul will work this out.
- Special event practice rate \$80/day non-member before COTA race
- Special Event Overnight camping \$50/night
- Leaving equipment overnight \$20/night/spot

Finance

- Balance: Checking \$82,274, Savings \$1,058, County restoration collateral fund CD \$5,181
- Improved balance helped by increased Track Rental and greater race day income than last year.

Track / Facility

- Weeds: Cindy is coordinating for now. The company came out and re-sprayed.
- Initial \$20,000 light improvement. Discussion deferred.
- New “Free” Bleacher Plans. Ted is working with Scott Jackson.

County Lease Renewal / AMS Report

- County still doesn't have a time frame for getting the agreement finalized and signed. No issues; just slow governmental processes.

Marketing Committee Report

- Nothing to report

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August Board Election

- Timeline:
 - Nominations/applications accepted at June 8 and July 13 meetings.
 - Open Election July 20 through Aug 3
 - Successful candidates take office Aug 10 Meeting
- There will be 4 openings:
 - Cindy Lacotta – Current President – Expiring
She hasn't decided whether she will run again.
 - Bernie Lacotta – Current Vice President – Expiring
He hasn't decided whether he will run again.
 - Tom Rodie – Current Treasurer – Expiring –
Not Running again.
 - Bill Scheets – Current Secretary – Resigning.
- Candidates should contact secretary@pkra.com
- 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.