

Open Meeting
September 12, 2023 6:30 PM
Venue: PKRA

Call to order 6:30 PM. Dave, Charlie, Paul, Bret, John, and Rich were present. Pete was not present.

Race Day Review

- Incident during Micro Max race with no protests.

Race Hero

- Race Hero went down again during the 2 cycle race. Rich explained the cost of Starlink is \$700 for equipment and \$120 a month for Internet access. 5G Verizon is \$100 a month with no guarantees on capacity. The cost for two Starlink Systems would be \$1800 initial cost at \$240 per month.
- One system would provide connectivity for Race Hero and one system would provide internet access for members and event attendees.
- The board approved a twin Starlink System to address all the internet issues plaguing PKRA. Estimated time of completion would be 6 weeks.

Winter Schedule

- John spoke to the scheduling for national events. The schedule will be posted along with the notes. Start time and lap counts will be decided later.
- A member brought up ending the season in April not March. This would eliminate any back to back scheduling.
- Move race 9 to March 8th was proposed.

Permits needed

- Permits are needed for Lighting, Septic and some other facility repairs. The board will provide Paul a list of all maintenance that might require a permit. One permit costs \$1750 and we will try to package a group of projects to limit the cost of permits.
- Paul will attempt to submit all permits at one time.
- Rich Cordova stressed not waiting for all the other project information to come in and hold up the Lighting Project that has been approved. John agreed and said if we need to pay for another permit for all the other projects, it was more important we get lighting project moving
- Paul was going to talk with Rich Bowen and John was going to speak with Kimbrell Electric about scope of work so we can move forward.

AMS Collaborating

- Paul is working with Ted at AMS about the new fencing and dust control. It was mentioned that PKRA should see if they can put a dust barrier on Fencing. Much like construction sites. Paul was to speak with Ted about that.

Lighting

- Paul has a licensed electrical engineer who may be able to help with lighting permits are \$1750.00. He is now waiting for the detailed sketch of the lighting project.
- \$500.00 for a \$25,000.00 will also be a cost.
- We believe each permit is good for 1 year.

Septic and Restroom Update

- Dave spoke to hiring a septic service. The board will look into pricing for a routine septic service. An estimate will be needed as to how often and cost. He also said the use of better paper products in the bathroom has improved septic function.

Conex

- Paul spoke to storage containers in the pits. He will look further into it. He offered to develop a business model. He was also questioned about Insurance and liability. Paul was going to look into this to make sure the club was protected and that this clearly did not violate our lease.

Fund Raising Options

- John spoke to the 501C3 non-Profit. John proposed an alternate to converting PKRA from a 501c7 to a 501C3 which was found to be not possible. The goal would be to set up another company, a true 501c3 that would be a Non-Profit and accept charitable donations. An alternate Board would manage the funds and distribute them to PKRA accordingly to help with Safety and other upgrades. Among other eligible things, this company would be used to help underprivileged kids get into karting and other PKRA events. John answered questions about the business details and benefits.
- It was voted to move forward with further research. John would spend the next 8 weeks working on getting it set up. He would need help with detailed purpose and write up by fellow Board members

Class Champion Program

- Paul described the class champion program. It would involve any driver not necessarily a point's winner. This could be a driver/parent who organizes get-togethers and small events. Paul will announce the details to the club. And ask for a Champion for each group. Paul will

announce at race and via email communications to the club. Paul said he would head up Jr2 Group.

Skill and Business Directory

- A memo will be sent out asking for members who may wish to offer skills and services for PKRA. This will allow us to develop a PKRA directory. These can be used to help with Club Projects, or should you like to contract with fellow members for your own potential needs.

Club Meetings

- On-Line Digital meetings will be offered with our Starlink upgrade. Rich Cordova will take that on. We will not have On-line Club Meetings until the system is operational and functioning.

Tractor Update

- Tractor has a flat. We are waiting for rear tires to be installed with correct tubs. Scott Cebulski is heading this up

Collaboration opportunities with AMS

- Paul will continue to talk with Ted at AMS.

Membership Level Names

- Keep names Gold, Silver and Bronze. Another naming system was proposed. We have already made multiple announcements about this and decided to stay the course with the names.

Newsletter

- John discussed the possibilities about a news letter. A member brought examples of a PKRA newsletter from years back. It would take someone to produce and edit it. Someone would have to collect the information and manage the process.
- Ideas like having a distribution box with flyers at the track.
- We will ask James Hussey and see if he can ask the student body via a professor at Grand Canyon (Paul's suggestion) if they would develop a class project or senior project to design a newsletter for us.

Emergency Evacuation Process

- The board will provide a laminated copy of the Adobe evacuation plan outside the office. John providing and putting on Bulletin Board.

Round Table

- Member brought up racing at Tucson as a series and the details involved with accomplishing that. The expenses are increased with having to bring up many workers to Tucson. As a separate state championship this has been done before. Ideas will continue to be offered. It was agreed this should not interfere with the PKRA Series and be separate if developed.