

Phoenix Kart Racing Association (PKRA) LLC
22500 N 43rdE Ave, Glendale, AZ 85310
Date of Business Establishment March 5th, 1982

Club Meeting
July 14, 2025, 7:00 PM
Venue: PKRA & ZOOM

Call to order at 7:00 PM. David Hillburn, Bret, Rich, Paul, and Cameron.

Open John

- John greeted everyone and opened the meeting.

Election Preparations and Membership Updates

- The meeting focused on election preparations and membership list updates.
- David explained that he, along with Alpha and Heather, had been working to correct and update membership profiles, removing duplicates and ensuring accurate voting rights for the upcoming election.
- Three candidates were confirmed: Paul, Rich, and James, with James still needing to confirm his acceptance.
- The group discussed the bylaws regarding the number of board positions up for election, with Paul agreeing to check the rules.
- The conversation ended with an open call for additional nominations, which would be addressed at the end of the session if needed.

Club Financial and Racing Review

- The board discussed the club's financial status, noting a decrease in participation to 70 racers at the last event compared to 90 previously.
- Reviewed the current balances of \$102,000 in checking, \$20,000 in savings, and \$5,300 in CDs, with plans to spend approximately \$70,000 on track and pit projects.
- The board also discussed typical race costs, which include \$5,000-6,000 for expenses like food, workers, and insurance, with a break-even point of around 60 racers.

Tri-C vs PKRA Racing Comparison

- PKRA compares their racing experience to Tri-C, noting that Tri-C's race fee is \$440 for a two-day event, which includes practice, qualifying, and races.



- A member and his son attended a recent Tri-C event, describing it as feeling more like a regional event than a club race.
- The discussion highlights that Tri-C has a larger clientele base, more staffing, and a newer facility, but they rent their track and don't have maintenance costs. PKRA emphasizes that their own club offers good value for money, with similar race procedures and experiences to Tri-C, despite having fewer resources.

Shade Covering

- Paul provided an update on the shade covering project. The county permit has been approved, pending submission of the work plan.
- They are waiting for the floodplain clearance document to be signed before submitting paperwork to the city of Phoenix for their permit.
- The fabrication of the canopy could be expedited by authorizing payment of half the cost (\$18,000) to start production, but this carries some risk if the city requires changes. Alternatively, they can wait for the city permit to be approved before beginning fabrication, which would be risk-free but may delay the project.

Project Planning and Budget Review

- The group discussed several projects and financial matters. They reviewed the costs for a canopy installation and decided to delay the installation until January due to budget constraints.
- They also discussed plans for shade coverings and storage containers, with Cameron receiving praise for his work on shade structures for the corner workers.
- The group agreed to pursue storage container options, with PKRA planning to create a revenue model and get pricing.
- Paul updated the group on drainage improvements, explaining that while interim measures were in place, they needed to obtain a permit to restore some work done outside the fence.
- The group also discussed the need to move a scale for better flow and mentioned that Rich had some ideas for this.

Race Management and Committee Updates

- Discussed the need for volunteers to install a concrete walkway and mentioned working with David to create a narrative for membership communication.
- PKRA shared updates on using Ted's tractor for ad hoc barriers and drainage ditches and mentioned a survey by Black Mountain, a licensed land surveyor, to assess the parking lot.
- The board discussed working with the county's Department of Transportation on drainage issues and noted that recent trench digging might help manage flood risks.



Race Management and Committee Updates

- The meeting discussed connecting turn #8 to turn #3, a project estimated at \$9,000, which will be considered in the executive session.
- Cameron, who heads the competition committee, provided updates on its activities, including the development of signs and flags, discussions on start procedures for next season, and plans for training films for flaggers.
- The committee is also exploring different qualifying methods and working on scheduling programs for races.
- New members were added to the committee, and the group is considering various changes to improve race management and consistency in flagging and penalties.

Operational Improvements and Staffing Updates

- The meeting focused on several operational improvements, including streamlining the check-in process for members and guests using tablets and kiosks, with plans to implement a system like amusement parks.
- PKRA emphasized the need for updated member lists to prevent non-members from gaining access and discussed the potential for members to use their phones to verify their status.
- Additionally, the group addressed staffing changes, with Brandon set to shadow Scott as a backup announcer, and PKRA hinted at a new race day coordinator role to oversee race operations, which will be discussed further in the next executive session.
- The meeting also covered a workday project to construct a shade cover for track workers, with Romeo researching pre-engineered options.

Showdown Race Returns to PKRA

- PKRA confirmed that the Showdown race is officially returning, scheduled for November 6th to the 9th, and is equivalent to a national race.
- The board discussed the need for volunteers to create a membership directory, but no one stepped forward to take on the task.
- Nominations for club positions were closed with three candidates, and PKRA will check the bylaws to determine if an election is necessary.
- The board also mentioned potential races with Cordova in April and the Rotax Western race in February, with the Cactus Cup still under consideration.



Pit Area Safety and Access

- PKRA discussed two main issues: a broken lock at the gate that needs repair, and safety concerns around vehicle speeds in the pit area.
- The group agreed to implement 5 mph speed limits and install warning signs in the pit area to prevent accidents involving children.
- PKRA emphasized that if safety issues cannot be controlled, the pit entrance gate may need to remain closed, as insurance requirements are strict.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:00 PM

