

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

Club Meeting
September 8, 2025, 7:00 PM
Venue: PKRA & ZOOM

Call to order at 7:00 PM. James, Rich, Paul, Cameron, John, Charlie, and David were present.

Open John

- Five online.

Tech RD Update

- Scott talked about the use of the Bull Ring. He said he does his best to control their speed at the start of the race.
- A member missed tech after qualifying. Going forward we will remind drivers and teams that tech is required after qualifying.
- RD spoke about the start box being after the start finish and it slowing karts a bit.
- CC will pull data on all racing starts for Winter season.
- Multiple Green slides were apparently an issue. Tech failed a few drivers who failed the slide check.
- Offering 1 bottle of water as a rule. Some drivers were soaking themselves with water and placing extra bottles in their kart.
- Rylee's last race will be next race. School and life is taking her time now.

Ongoing Projects

- Rich proposed placing concrete over the entire dirt area between the front bleachers and Tech. 5K was an estimate for concrete only in that area.

Financial Review

- 62 racers are our breakeven point.
- August had 80 plus racers.
- 44K in checking
- 20K in savings



- 5K CDs
- 11K in membership in August
- For September we had 18K in membership renewals.
- \$3500 in track rentals for August.
- Super Moto has increased \$1500 a day due to another track closing.

COTA and ROTAX

- Paul informed us that the COTA promoter is hiring our people so clean-up should be completed according to our standards. April is the scheduled event.
- The former partner with J3 no longer runs events.
- John spoke to Duke with Factory Karts about the future of the 2026 Rotax event.
- We are still asking for the spread sheet from 2025 for the profit sharing owed or not.
- We are holding the February date open for now. We should know more in the next few weeks.
- Rotax practice did well for us during the 2025 event.

Projects and Timelines

- Items are placed in A, B and C buckets relating to priority
- A – Shade Cover. Moved to early 2026. Paul received clarification from the county. They are waiting for insurance information and bonds. Then once the flood clearance comes through the city permit will need to be received. 18K for the canopy and 7k for the installation.
- A – Storage containers. We need to address those who can rent them. Whether you must be a member or not. Even if you're out of town you will need to be a member.
- We are proposing to locate 3 of them in the far south area of the west pit lane.
- A – Seal Track. We need to budget updating the total track sealant. It is estimated to cost 40K. One coat applied of liquid road. 115,000 square feet for 25K.
- B – Drainage appears to be controlled between the north parking lot and the north bleacher area.
- We had erosion on the back straight, turn 5 and off-camber.
- B—Roof on several buildings reviewed and repaired/replaced.
- B—Remove Unnecessary poles from infield. Each pole needs to have the electrical moved and placed in a watertight sealed box underground.
- C – Moving scale location. John mentioned how families can congest the scale exit area.
- C—Septic maintenance – Odor in bathrooms. Ventilation needs to be improved.

Track Rental Holidays vs Member Open Track



- Labor Day was a success for opening for members.
- Paul made a motion to provide half the day for members and half the day for private. The motion passed.

Competition Committee

- Race Scheduling and Tech Rules
- CC discussed proposed rule changes to improve race scheduling and driver registration, including using Discord for grid position updates and a physical board at B grid fence for those without smartphones.
- Outlined options for handling restricted class slides, suggesting pre-checks, tech inspections on the way to grid, or random checks, with the goal of preventing non-restricted slides. Cameron sought input from their group on the most practical approach for their tech team and staff.
- Start procedure was discussed. They would like the start procedure written down and presented to the members on race day and posted in our by-laws.
- The rules will be written and presented in black and white.
- The CC talked about a driver apprenticeship program.
- No appetite for changing the slides now. This will be discussed in future meetings. Whether we use CKNA rules or not. PKRA will look at possibly changing sometime next year.
- NKA admonished all clubs about deviating from national rules.
- Proposed a new system for organizing grid positions in racing events, focusing on reducing animosity and confusion during qualifying sessions.
- It was suggested that we use a simple paper-based system to assign grid positions based on warm-up speeds, with penalties for using the wrong tire or transponder failure.
- It was emphasized that the changes are not meant to create new qualifying methods or penalize drivers, but rather to improve organization and reduce conflicts.
- It was noted that while the suggestions seem minor, implementing them would require significant work from club volunteers and the competition committee, with the changes likely to be introduced during the winter season.
- The meeting focused on addressing issues related to race day procedures and congestion at the starting line.
- The goal is to improve the overall experience by reducing stress and animosity among participants, rather than targeting specific problems.
- Suggested organizing the flow of the first half of the race to alleviate congestion.
- It was acknowledged that the grid-by-points system is not consistently followed and suggested that the average points calculation does not effectively determine race positions until later in the season.



- A proposal for a new system for club races to improve organization and fairness, allowing drivers to reset their positions daily based on speed rather than cumulative points.
- Early registration incentives were discussed to increase field visibility and registrations, with the goal of attracting more participants and reducing last-minute sign-ups.
- Emphasized the need for a predictable race schedule, which would be facilitated by early registration numbers and information from Tri-C, and aimed to minimize incidents by maintaining consistent speeds across practice, qualifying, and races.

Race Day Proposals

- The meeting focused on voting for three items related to the Winter Series.
- It was proposed to vote on all three items together but agreed to vote individually if preferred.
- The board approved the use of a green-white-checked flag for qualifying in the Winter Series.
- The process for handling practice order by registration, with the race coordinator compiling and printing information for the grid boss to post. The conversation ended with a brief discussion about the handling of practice orders, though some details were left to be worked out with Heather.
- The meeting discussed the practice and qualification order for a racing event. A majority vote of 4 to 2 approved the practice order based on early registration, with some concerns raised about potential abuses.
- A motion was made to use practice times for qualification order, which James seconded. The competition committee was tasked with working out the logistics of implementing this change.

Tire Contract Discussion for 2 Strokes

- The meeting focused on discussing tire usage policies for practice and qualifying sessions. CC proposed having Byron check tires during warm-up.
- The group debated whether to use practice times or qualifying results to determine grid positions.
- The discussion also touched on the need for similar speeds during green-white-checked finishes, with the CC explaining the rationale for the proposed changes.
- The board discussed tire options for the winter season.
- Research on Envincos as a cost-effective and widely available choice for 2-stroke classes.
- A motion was made to make Envincos the official tire for the winter season, which was seconded, and the board agreed without entering a formal contract.



- John clarified that this was a retail decision without manufacturer commitments. The board decided to monitor the market situation and reassess tire options at the end of the winter season.
- The group decided to continue using Mojo tires for the remainder of the summer season and switch to Evinco blue tires for winter racing.
- It was suggested that members can purchase Evinco blues until further notice. They agreed to maintain the current Mojo tire policy for the last two races of the summer season, despite the increased cost.
- The group also discussed the possibility of running open tire races if a significant number of drivers cannot obtain tires for upcoming races, but no formal decision was made on this issue.

Non-Profit 501C3 Designation

- Christina was a guest and represents a law firm. She helps with many 501C3s.
- It insulates directors from legal action and provides for tax deductible donations.
- The club will need to budget for services from the correct law firm.

Fire Lane

- 50 feet will be the limit for parking.
- 20 feet must be maintained for the fire truck.
- The limits will be painted on the kart paths. We would like to limit any responsibility for an emergency.

Alpha use for Garages - David

- Alpha can be used to manage the use of the container rentals.
- Alpha is also polishing the PKRA pit map.
- Certain pit spots are blocked out until more information is available for conexs.
- The board discussed a draft letter for a container program.
- PKRA would offer two premium containers near Turn 8 for \$250 each, generating \$3,000 annually. John requested the board review and to approve the letter while he's away, aiming to send it to members by the end of October.
- Paul mentioned he had visited a container storage company and was waiting on quotes from a Canadian contact for potential future purchases.

Round Table

- The board brought up the south fence repairs needed. The cost will be around 5K.



- A member brought up a couple members who lost their current pit spots. Whether spots should be maintained for members who aren't here.
- The question was answered by David. The individual who lost his pit spot was given a new one and the member was satisfied.
- David Haraldsen is continuing to build his race team and providing a family club experience.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:34 PM

