

**IKF Board of Directors
Phone Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 23, 2003**

The IKF Board of Directors met via telephone conference on Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at 5pm (PST). Present were Directors: Mr. Syd White, Mr. Jack Hoegerl, Mr. Carl Woltjer, Mr. John Podlesni, Mr. Jack Lehmann, Mr. Tim Doll, Mr. Doug Cole, Mr. Jim McMillan, Executive Director Mr. Brad Swiggart and IKF Office Manager, Pat Eldridge.

Appointment of IKF Director to replace Deborah Davidson-Harpur

Motion by Cole to appoint Mr. Bill Hilger as Director to fill remaining term of Deborah Davidson-Harpur. Second by Woltjer. Motion by Hoegerl to appoint Mrs. Debbie Kuntze to fill remaining term of Deborah Davidson-Harpur. Second by Doll.

In Favor of appointment of Mr. Bill Hilger: Cole, Doll, Lehmann, McMillan, Podlesni, White, Woltjer

In Favor of appointment of Mrs. Debbie Kuntze: Hoegerl

Appointment of Mr. Bill Hilger - Passed

Grand National Matters

Letter from Mr. John Whistler, Race Director of 2 Cycle Sprint Grand Nationals, regarding an incident at that event with Mr. Patrick Kennedy. Discussion by Board. Motion by Woltjer to suspend James Kennedy for one year from the IKF, effective 6/27/03 for actions by his crew at the above Grand National. Motion to ban Patrick Kennedy, pit crew for James Kennedy, from IKF events for one year effective 6/27/03. Second by Doll.

In Favor: Unanimous

Passed

4 Cycle Speedway Grand National Incidents at Pipestone County Speedway

Discussion by Board.

Motion by Woltjer to suspend Mr. Josh Most for six months from the IKF effective July 3, 2003, followed by a one year probation for actions at the above Grand National.

Second by Doll.

In Favor: Unanimous

Passed

Discussion by the Board regarding incident involving Mr. Nick Perry at above Grand National. A formal report will be requested from Pipestone County Speedway for discussion at the October Board meeting.

Motion by Woltjer for a one year probation from the IKF for Mr. Randy Wulf effective July 3, 2003, for actions at the above Grand National. Second by Doll.

In Favor: Unanimous

Passed

Letter from Patti Nelson re: Shifter Grand National incidents

Motion by Doll to place Trevor Buckenham on one year probation in the IKF, effective July 20, 2003, for actions regarding a lost nose/black flag incident at the Shifter Grand National. Second by Woltjer. Discussion by Board.

In Favor: Unanimous

Passed

Doll explains incidents involving loud music in the pit, a loud generator in the pit and refusal to lower an awning. Participants were approached by Atwater Club President regarding behavior of pit crews. Discussion by Board. Doll will contact Mrs. Nelson regarding this matter for possible further discussion at the October meeting. No action taken at this time.

Behavior of Racers and Crew at the Tracks

White asks that the following statement be printed in the IKF magazine, Karter News, posted on the IKF website, and read at each Driver's meeting at IKF events:

IKF kart racing is a sport designed for the fun and enjoyment of the whole family. On and off track behavior of some racers and crew has made some races an uncomfortable place to bring family members.

To help restore the sportsmanship inherent in IKF racing in the past, we would like to point out the following to racers and crew at IKF insured events.

1. Verbal abuse of any race official is grounds for expulsion from the event. Everyone gets his/her 15 seconds to be angry. After that, all conversations must be conducted in a civil manner. At the very least, by yelling at officials you have brought attention to yourself; they will watch more closely in the future and they may be less inclined to give you any break.
2. The decisions made by Race Directors, Flagmen and Corner Workers concerning on track occurrences are not protestable. When a call is made, or not made, it is final. The race cannot be rerun. Officials may choose to discuss their decisions with you at the end of the race, if you ask politely.
3. Any attempt at physical intimidation or verbal threat of physical harm to anyone on the insured premises is grounds for expulsion from the race track and pit area. The IKF, race promoters and race officials have an obligation and a right to protect the participants.
4. "No pretense is made of having designed a fool proof set of rules and regulations." These are the first words in Section 100 of the IKF Rulebook. Rules are administered by people who are mostly volunteers. They are doing their best. Calls will be made, or not made, with which you will not agree. It is part of the sport. Live with it. If you think it is your right to ruin everyone else's race because you got a back call, you have no place in IKF racing.

We regret that this statement is necessary. But, kart racing carries with it the threat of physical injury and good sportsmanship and consideration for your fellow competitors are necessary for the sport to thrive.

Board agrees with the above statement.

White, Swiggart and Woltjer are working on a recommended Driver's Meeting format. Swiggart adds that each division will need it's own tweak to the format. After discussion by Board regarding attendance at the Driver's meetings, no action was taken but subject will be discussed at the October meeting for inclusion in the 2004 IKF Tech Manual.

White requests a rule addendum as follows: Add to Sections 715.28.4 and 716.28.6: New billet flywheel with plastic fan, part number 555625, as supplied on Animals starting 7/03 is legal. Fan must be intact.

Motion by Doll to adopt the rule addendum as stated above. Second by Cole.

In Favor: Unanimous

Passed

White states that the addendum will be effective 30 days after posting.

Discussion by Board regarding deposits for 2004 Grand Nationals. Board agrees that Swiggart and White will work with the 2004 Grand National tracks/clubs/promoters regarding this matter.

Discussion by Board regarding helmet ratings. No action at this time and this matter was tabled for discussion at the October meeting.

Swiggart suggests that a meeting be held prior to the October Board meeting, with interested Directors in attendance, for proposals and review of insurance packages for 2004.

Swiggart exits the meeting at this time.

CIK Bodywork

Doll states that there are a lot of complaints and confusion regarding the new CIK Bodywork. Lengthy discussion by Board. No action taken at this time. Doll and McMillan, with the involvement of Mr. Art Verlengiere, to work on proposal for October Meeting for possible inclusion in the 2004 Tech Manual. IKF rules need to be in sync with other karting organizations.

White suggests that a full face helmet requirement be adopted. After discussion by the Board, this matter will be discussed at the October meeting.

Doll suggests the competitors not be allowed to compete in IKF events with outstanding litigation with the IKF. Board asks Doll to research this matter and report back to Board with findings.

Paid Grand National Officials

Doll suggests that IKF consider the hiring of professional officials for IKF Grand National events. Suggests that GN promoters furnish list of GN officials for Board approval. Discussion by Board. Board agrees that professional teams are needed to run the Grand Nationals. White provides information regarding the finances of hiring professional teams. Asks who will be paying for this? Clubs will be responsible for paying. Possible increase in entry fee to cover hiring of professional teams. Asks for list of possible persons for the professional teams. Clarification of Race Director and Director in Charge positions.

Punch/Points Event Clarification

Lehmann asks for clarification on punch and regional points events. A regional points race is always a punch race but a punch race is not always a regional points race.

Region 7 Road Race Events

Discussion regarding the change of two scheduled IKF regional points/punch road races to IKF insured only races in Region 7. IKF was not notified of this change by the club. Discussion by Board.

Motion for adjournment by Cole. Second by Hoegerl. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.