# IKF BOARD OF DIRECTORS PHONE BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2006

The IKF Board of Directors met via telephone conference on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at 5PM (PST). The Meeting was called to order by President Lehmann. Present at roll call were Directors Mr. Jack Hoegerl, Mrs. Debbie Kuntze, Mr. John Motley, Mr. Jack Lehmann, Mr. David Brennan, Mr. Wayne Brown, Mr. John Pence and IKF Office Manager, Pat Eldridge. Director Mr. Jim McMillan was not present at roll call for the Meeting. Invited to attend the Meeting were future IKF Directors Mr. Rick Scribner and Mr. Gary Richter.

#### Date Overlap of the 2007 Road Race Grand National & SWRA Event

Discussion by the Board regarding the overlap of dates for the 2007 Road Race Grand National and a Southwest Road Racing race. Lehmann states that he spoke with the promoters of the Grand National and they are unable to change the date. Brown states that NCK might protest the date of the SWRA event; Pence states that he guarantees that they will because of lost entries. Brown states that the Board will have to make a decision. Lehmann states that the SWRA promoter had paid for the track in August and could not get a refund. Lehmann states that he had talked to both parties; dates cannot be changed. Brown wants the Board to be aware of the situation and that it might come up later. Pence states that the IKF has no clout left if they cannot even keep the sanctity of their Grand Nationals pure; he is very frustrated by this. Brown agrees. Kuntze states that SWRA is trying to build a series back up in Texas and they have to take the race dates they get on a Road Race track. Remark made that tracks/clubs/promoters work to not overlay race dates. Brown adds that it is going to be an even bigger deal because it is now over a three mile road course – it is new and no one has run on it. Kuntze agrees. Brown states that race schedules should go through the Regional Coordinator. National Coordinator states that he has not yet seen a Region 4B Road Race schedule to approve. Brown states that race schedules need to be submitted by the Regional Coordinators to the IKF Office for approval by the National Coordinator. Kuntze states that Mitch Gillick keeps a spreadsheet of all Road Race events in the country. Hilger states that everyone knows that it must go through the Regional Coordinator to the National Coordinator for approval. Brown asks for opinion of the Board regarding the issue of the SWRA event being recognized as an IKF regional race or not. Kuntze states that it cannot be a regional race as per the rulebook. Pence feels that other sanctions should be brought forward. The damage is done; the 2007 Road Race Grand National in California will be without Texas representation because of a scheduling conflict. Lehmann states that he does not feel that it was done intentionally; they paid for the track in August without knowing what the dates were going to be. They never contacted him as the National Coordinator that they were going to do it and Lehmann feels that it was a bad decision.

#### Section 104.7.7 Junior Driver

Board discusses the junior driver who is exercising his option year to move up to compete in Road Race Junior classes. Brown questions how the competitor's karting and competition experience can be verified at the track. Pence states that they should have

applied for a Novice Road Race license and have their novice cards signed off at three events. Lehmann states that the promoter should know their racing experience. Kuntze states that the Race Director is also to watch them during the event.

# **Dry Clutch in Sprint Division**

Hoegerl states that there was discussion at the last Phone Board Meeting regarding the dry clutch issue in the Sprint division. He states that Marvin Justus of Tomar had requested that they allow the dry clutches in the Sprint division. Board agreed that it should go through the Proposal system because it is such a drastic change. Tomar requested an answer to his letter. Discussion regarding email that indicated that the dry clutch was approved; clarifies that no decision has been made and this matter will go through the Proposal system in April 2007. Letters were sent to clutch manufacturers, including Tomar Clutches, on November 17, 2006 with a deadline of January 10, 2007. Discussion by the Board regarding wet/dry clutches.

# 2007 Board of Director Vacancy

Hoegerl asks if the vacancy needs to be filled for a 3 year term. Reply is yes. Hoegerl asks if the Board will have a candidate ready for the January 2007 Meeting. Reply is yes. Hilger asks if there will be a Phone Board Meeting in January. Reply is no; it is too close to regular Board Meeting. Hilger suggests that they have a Phone Board Meeting the first week in January to appoint the new Director so he/she can attend the regular January Board Meeting. Hoegerl asks for Director recommendations. Lehmann and Brown state that Brad Swiggart has requested to be appointed to the Board. Hoegerl hopes that there will be a full Board at the January Meeting.

Motion by Pence re: IKF to pay expenses for outgoing President, Mr. Jack Lehmann, to attend the 2007 January Board Meeting.

Second by: Brown In Favor: Brennan, Brown, Hilger, Hoegerl, Kuntze, Motley, Pence Absent: McMillan Passed

### 2007 Tech Manual Advertising

Hoegerl states that the 2007 rulebook advertising program has been very successful. He credits Mr. Jack Lehmann for this success. Rulebook advertising revenue for 2007 is over double the revenue of the 2006 advertising revenue. Suggests that the advertising program be discussed at the caucus of each Fall Meeting. Lehmann states that he will be glad to continue to work on rulebook advertising after he leaves the IKF Board. Hoegerl states that all of the Directors need to look at advertising each year.

### 2007 Membership Drive

Hoegerl states that the Board should implement a program to increase the membership numbers. Board needs to think about this prior to the January Board Meeting and possibly come up with an incentive program to increase membership. Lehmann states that the 2006 membership count is up from the prior year.

#### 2007 4 Cycle Speedway Agreement & Security Deposit

Discussion by the Board regarding the 2007 4 Cycle Speedway Agreement received at the IKF Office. Questions regarding the entry fees. Agreement was returned from the promoter with the same fees as the original Agreement and no security deposit was sent with the Agreement. Lehmann states that the Agreements were not signed by the IKF. Lehmann states that he called David Brennan. Hilger states that the issues were the fuel prices and driver's pass prices pulled from the entry fees. These fees are included in the entry fee according to the questionnaire that the promoter signed. Brown clarifies that the questionnaire is part of the Grand National Agreement. Hilger states that the Grand Nationals are awarded based on the questionnaires as they are presented at the Board Meeting; if the promoter had told him at that time that he was going to pull all of these costs out of the entry fees, he would not have been awarded the Grand National. Hilger states that he told the promoter that he needs to decide if he wants to host the event or not. The promoter agreed to the questionnaire and would abide by it. The Board will not allow the changes. Lehmann states that the \$2500 security deposit is also required and has not been received yet. Brennan states that the deposit is due upon execution of the Agreement. (Clarification: the Agreement reads: Concurrently with the Promoter's execution of this Agreement, the Promoter will deposit with IKF the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500)...) Brennan states that he spoke with Hilger and Lehmann about this and neither time was he told about the questionnaire. Brennan asks about Agreement and fees. States that he feels that Bill's proposal will fly with the promoter but feels that the promoter is not confident that he has the support of everyone to make it a successful National. Lehmann states that he will have the support of the IKF and Brown states that no one would hurt the Nationals or the IKF. Hilger states that it is an organizational issue and the promoter needs help to put on this event. No closer now than in September to the Agreement being completed and the security deposit being paid. Brennan agrees that it should have been done long before now. Kuntze asks for point of the continued dialog – are they looking to award the event to another promoter? Lehmann says yes, if the promoter does not sign the Agreement and submit the deposit. Brennan states that the promoter, with the assurance of IKF support, will sign the Agreement with the original fees. Hilger states that the promoter has to make the decision what he wants to do so they can move forward. December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline was also missed. Board agrees that the Board will support the promoter. Board asks the IKF Office to send overnight a set of Agreements to the promoter with the questionnaire fees with a deadline of December 22, 2006 to return the signed Agreements with the \$2500.00 Security Deposit.

#### 2006 4 Cycle Speedway Grand National Matter

Lehmann states that the IKF is moving ahead with arbitration with the promoter of the event.

#### **Insurance Coverage Clarification**

Pence asks for clarification that the IKF is NOT responsible for claims from tracks that allow their members access to the track for practice and do not have them purchase a pit pass and sign the appropriate waivers. States that the club members are given keys or cards to the track as part of their club membership. Clarification that the Premises Liability Policy does NOT cover this either. Pence states that this problem is primarily with club owned tracks. Lehmann states that they must have a signed waiver and purchased a pit pass for insurance coverage. This information will be included in the track packs from the IKF Office. Lehmann states that it also can be included in the February Karter News. The signed waivers with pit pass numbers from all IKF insured events must be turned into the IKF office and are kept on file.

# **Helmet Information**

Pence states that there should be information regarding how to fit your Junior helmet. There will be no change to the IKF helmet standards at this time. Asks that helmet brochures be included in Junior IKF memberships. Scribner states that he is currently at the PRI Show and will visit all of the helmet booths and will bring literature to the January Board Meeting. Pence asks if the helmet manufacturers would agree to come to the regional races and put on a helmet fitting clinic. Kuntze suggests that they have a helmet clinic at the Board meetings and Hilger suggests at the Grand Nationals.

# Leopard Port Height

Motley states that, while there is some dispute regarding the degree versus the LAD tool measurement, there are no plans to do anything with it. We have a program that has worked for a couple of years with no issues. The LAD tool is simpler and less subject to variation. WKA responded as well. Considers this a dead issue. States that it will stay at 1.380" with the LAD tool.

### **Tire Contracts**

Motley states that the deadline is approaching for submission of the tire contracts.

### 2008 Homologation

Motley states that he is bringing this up primarily for TaG engines. Our rulebook says that the TaG engines are approved through 2007 but we may open up a program for 2008. Motley read the WKA engine homologation process information to the Board. Feels that it would be appropriate for the IKF to do exactly the same for the TaG and any other engines. He will forward the information to Hoegerl. Feels that, at least for the TaG engines, this was essentially what they had been talking about doing for 2007 but cannot do until 2008. In some cases, they don't know who the importer is. Suggests that we have a parallel program with the WKA.

Brown asks about the homologation fee for Rotax. Motley states that nothing was done on this because the rulebook says that they are approved until 2008.

Rick Scribner exits the meeting.

### **General Items for Board Discussion**

Email from Mr. Robert Brooks regarding a scoring question. Kuntze states that this matter has already been taken care of as per Section 211.3.1b. DNF-scored as leaving the track.

Email from Mr. Roger Lynch re:201 Go Kart Speedway request to run 4-5 punch races and 2006 track sanctioning and membership fees. Board agrees that the 2006 fees cannot be applied to 2007. Request to run the series must go to the Regional Coordinator first. Lehmann to contact Mr. Lynch regarding his requests.

Discussion by Board of tracks sanctioning with the IKF to use the IKF rules but are not purchasing IKF pit passes for their events.

Email from Don Moormeister re: 2007 2 Cycle Sprint/Shifter Grand National classes and schedule. Discussion by Board. IKF Office to reply to Mr. Moormeister. The promoter will need to submit a schedule and local option request for approval by the Board.

# **Letters from Membership**

Letter from Mr. Marty Patrick re: double points for Gold Cup Series in Region 6. Lehmann states that the last race of the year is a double points race in the Gold Cup series. Clarified that double points are allowed for the Gold Cup series, not the IKF regional series. These are two separate set of points. Regional points are not double points.

Letter from Tri-C Karters re: new kid kart helmets. Board agrees that only helmets listed in the current IKF rulebook are allowed at IKF insured events.

Fax Letter from Mr. Dan Myers re: regional awards. Lehmann spoke with Mr. Myers regarding his inquiry. Board agrees that regional awards are awarded according to Section 800 Regional Points Program. Brown states that, if you want to earn a regional jacket, you have to run a class that has the required number of entries to uphold the prestige of earning a jacket.

Richter asks about the Letter from Atwater re: series request. Lehmann told the IKF office to communicate to Atwater that they needed to submit the event dates and locations to the IKF office for approval. Discussion by Board. Richter states that he does not have a problem with this request.

Motion to adjourn by Kuntze. Second by Brown. Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm PST