

**IKF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PHONE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008**

The IKF Board of Directors met via telephone conference on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 5:10 PM (PST). The Meeting was called to order by President Hilger. Present at roll call were Directors Mr. Jack Hoegerl, Mr. John Motley, Mr. Rick Scribner, Mr. Mike Schorn, Mr. Art Verlengiere, Mr. Gary Richter, Mr. Don Holmboe, Mr. Don St. Ours and IKF Office Manager, Pat Eldridge.

**K.J. McKinster Matter**

Board discusses and agrees that article and photos submitted by Mr. Ken McKinster regarding his son K.J. are to be submitted for publication in the Karter News.

**Licensing/Age Issue**

Hilger states that he thought that they were going to follow Section 104.6.5 no exceptions. Verlengiere asks to discuss the age issue; states that he does not have an answer, we are losing members to other organizations who are not locked in on age. States that he is very open about letting people move up. Maybe its time we re-think, we are losing people and obviously someone else has a better program. Asks that between now and the Fall Board Meeting, the Board should think about allowing some type of movement up on age, weight, etc. States that other organizations are doing it and people are going there. Hilger asks which organizations allow this. Verlengiere states that all of them have a review process now. At least take it under consideration and have the ability to move them up if they want to. Does not know what the criteria is for the other organizations but they all have the ability to do it. Hilger asks that this be Tabled for discussion at the Fall Board Meeting. Hoegerl asks if some of them have a lower/younger class structure than the IKF. Verlengiere says yes they do. Discusses processes by other organizations to allow this. Holmboe agrees with Verlengiere and states that the IKF needs to be looking like the rest of the organizations, not be holding ourselves out on the wrong side of those issues. Motley states that they are only talking about a handful of people. Holmboe agrees. Board discusses different instances of handling this at the event – does the Race Director reserve the right to disqualify anyone he does not think is qualified. Motley states yes. Hilger suggests that the Board work on the criteria and bring their ideas for the Fall Board Meeting. Verlengiere agrees. St. Ours feels that, in his region, if they allowed some of the kids to move up, it would strengthen the senior program. Scribner asks for clarification that this is for discussion at the Fall Board Meeting, not the next Phone Board Meeting. Hilger replies it is for the Fall Board Meeting. Discussion on whether this would require a Super Majority vote. Later in the meeting, Verlengiere tells Schorn to refer to Section 102.2 Rule Change.

**IKF Website**

Hilger asks Richter for an update on the IKF website. Richter states that he will have an answer for the Board by the middle of next week. Explains procedure to the Board. Hilger asks for update on racingjunk.com. Hoegerl states that he is uncomfortable with a Board member in control of the website; states that Board members come and go. Hilger states that Richter gave assurances that it would not be a problem. Discussion of ownership of the domain. Richter guarantees Hilger that he will have the new website up and running within 30 days.

Schorn states that Molecule One has come aboard as a contingency sponsor for the 2008 4 Cycle Sprint and Road Race Grand Nationals. Will forward to Holmboe to work with them to be a National Sponsor.

Hilger states that IKF received Maxxis sponsorship monies for the Grand National.

Motley asks if IKF has received replies from the fuel companies. Deadline for reply is June 1<sup>st</sup>. No replies yet.

### **Karter News Advertising**

Verlengiere discusses with the Board the cost of a page of the Karter News except the tech manual. Suggests that IKF approach the lost advertisers and offer aggressive advertisement pricing and scale the rest of the ads as a percentage of that. IKF wants to show an aggressive position to advertisers and offer a very economical opportunity to advertise in our magazine. Does not know if it would bring advertisers back but would be cost effective. Scribner asks if he means a full page ad at the reduced cost – Verlengiere says yes. Board discusses current cost of ads. Scribner states that the reduced cost sounds interesting from a company standpoint. Verlengiere suggests again the aggressive ad pricing to the advertisers. Discussion by Board on contingencies offered with the reduced rate. Motley says not to make it difficult or complex. Hilger suggests that banner ads be part of this offer also. Verlengiere offers to write up a proposal for consideration by the Board. Board agrees.

### **Board Votes**

Verlengiere feels that the people who make the effort to make the proposals, put in their time, come to the meetings, and make their presentations, that they should know how each of the Directors votes. He does not like the secret vote because no one is assigned to it. Thinks that if they are going to vote, their name should be attached to whether they voted for, opposed to or abstained. He is unhappy with having no names behind the votes and asks the Board to stop this somehow. Hoegerl explains the background on why it went to paper votes. Explains that there was a previous President felt that he was forced to vote because of the way that some Board members voted on some of the bidding. Does not disagree with Verlengiere; feels that every Board member needs to be responsible for how they vote and everyone should know how they vote. Hilger states that he does not mind the secret ballot, but after the voting is done, feels that the votes should be read aloud. Schorn suggests a query of the Board after the vote is done. Verlengiere wants the votes read at the Meeting and in the Minutes. Board agrees.

### **Expired Memberships**

Hoegerl suggests that when the memberships expire, the office should send a renewal notice. Wants to make an effort to get the members back. Verlengiere suggests that each Director contact 10 members who have expired. Office to supply contact information to each Director. Board agrees. Office to contact Board members after 10 days for update.

### **Neck Collars**

Motley comments that we have the Leatt Brace GPX. There is also a kart brace and they are virtually identical. States they should modify that the kart brace is also legal not just the GPX. Motley states that SFI is working on program to approve neck collars. Richter reads a letter from SFI to the Board regarding a meeting of the SFI Head & Neck Restraint Committee in Dayton OH in April 2008. States that spec should be in place by January 1, 2009. Motley states that they can make provisions to adopt the SFI standard when promulgated. Board agrees.

### **Update on IKF Marketing Committee**

Motley requests an update on the Marketing Committee. Holmboe states that he had the initial meeting about four weeks ago and is having his second meeting with his Committee next week. States that they have already outlined what he thinks the Marketing Committee should make as a proposal what the IKF needs to do to make itself marketable. He can send a copy of the proposal the end of next week. It will involve the website, which he thinks is the number one tool.

### **IKF/SFI Technical Inspector Certification**

Motley states that Richter may have a report from SFI on this. Richter states that he sent out a draft proposal to the Board. Only comment was from Motley. They discussed fees and the difference in times to take the 2 stroke and 4 stroke test. States that 4 stroke tech is much simpler and the 2 stroke tech is much more complex and involved. Defers to appropriate Committee Members to make a comment on 2 and 4 stroke tech. Asks if they feel that is a valid statement. Hoegerl thinks that it is just the opposite. Richter says that Motley caught the

difference in the time. Richter states that he has worked on 2 strokes and knows how simple and easy they are to take apart and put back together; 4 strokes are a lot more involved. Motley states the advantage with our Briggs program is essentially one or two engines as opposed to a variety of engine in the 2 stroke. Motley asks if they need to move ahead on this now; Richter says that he is looking for us to come to some kind of resolution on the time frame and what the fee structure is and then he will finalize it. Hoegerl states that if they have already done it, they may be aware of the time structure. States that the test time is shorter for 4 stroke than 2 stroke. They looked at our rulebook. Richter asks the Board if he has the green light to go ahead with this. Hilger asks if Syd White has looked at this. Richter says that this is just a proposal; they have not written the test yet. Discusses non-reimbursed travel expenses; could hold at same time as a Board Meeting. Richter to rewrite and submit to the Board again. Board agrees to proceed.

### **2009 IKF Shifter Grand National**

Richter asks for discussion on the naming of the 2009 Shifter Grand National. The approval for Shasta Kart Club to host the 2009 IKF Shifter Grand National was done by email poll vote by the Board in May. Hilger states that the Shifter Grand National is not to overshadow the 4 Cycle Sprint Grand National. Discussion of classes to be run at the event. Shasta Kart Club needs to submit the Shifter classes to the Board for approval. Hoegerl states that it needs to be finalized so they can promote the event.

### **2009 Road Race Grand National**

Schorn asks Verlengiere for an update on the 2009 Road Race Grand National, if he has contacted Baldus; Verlengiere states not yet. Schorn proposes that Portland Karting Association and Puget Sound Road Race Association combine to host the 2009 RR GN at Spokane with a low investment and potential to make a little bit of capital. Will depend upon the county and new management. Suggests this as a back up plan to Verlengiere's Kart/IKF plan.

### **Duffy Cost**

Schorn asks for cost of Duffys. Costs not yet determined as they have not yet decided who will be the supplier this year. Board agrees that the Duffy quality must be better. Board authorizes ordering of the Duffys.

### **Section 201.9.7 – 2008 Bodywork**

Scribner asks if the Board received his letter regarding Section 201.9.7. Motley asks if they have to do anything about it. Verlengiere agrees that, if it meets the criteria, they don't have to do anything. Motley states that if it meets the criteria, CIK style, dimensionally correct, it is ok; does not feel there is any issue to it at all. Verlengiere agrees. Board agrees that no changes need to be done.

### **Transponders & Brackets**

Scribner asks about old/new transponders and brackets and location on the kart. Richter clarifies that Section 201.2.1 answers Scribner's question. Directors discuss charges done by the regions for damaged transponders.

### **Kid Kart Mileage Rule**

Richter states that, at a later date, the Board needs to address the Kid Kart mileage rule again. Motley states that the Board should be getting a letter from the Santa Maria Karting Association regarding this issue. Verlengiere states that they did the distance rules for a reason. Discussion by Board of this issue in different regions. St. Ours tells his region that they have to go by the Rulebook; if they want to change the rule, they need to write a letter to the Board and the Board will discuss it to possibly change the Rulebook. If the Board has not heard from anyone regarding this issue, it is not up to the Board to change the rule. Motley told the SMKA the same thing. Verlengiere suggests that they put it on the agenda of the Fall Meeting. Scribner asks: what is the reasoning behind the three miles. Verlengiere states that he wrote the rule that way because they were concerned that the littlest, smallest kids would fatigue in the extreme hot weather. Did it as a safety issue; that was a distance they felt comfortable that the little kids would

be safe at and not get fatigued and not get tired and crash. Scribner asks if they increased the distance, would it be 3-1/2 or 4 miles. St. Ours feels that they should leave it up to the regional coordinator or the Race Director. Feels that Verlengiere has a valid point. Does not think it is valid in 55 degree weather but sure is valid in Primm at 105 degree weather. Verlengiere says that it was supposed to be a test of conserving tire and equipment and that is why it was written that way for the adults. Motley recalls being told that is was a concern about the attention span of the young children. Verlengiere states that he is sure that was part of the discussion. It was all about safety for the kids; that is why it was limited. Whether that was the right number of not, he does not know, but everyone felt comfortable at the time that it was a reasonable number for a five year old. Richter says that most of the parents are looking at the 6-7 not looking at the 5. Motley says at the time that decision was made, there was no data. Verlengiere agrees. States that if you put them on a little harder tire, let them go. Motley states that they run hard tires now. Hilger says that if they want the rule to change, the Board needs input from them on what they want. St. Ours said that he left it up to the parents. Scribner has asked people to write letters to the Board if they want a change. Scribner says that they need to wait and see what they get. Board agrees to wait and see.

Motion to adjourn by Motley.

Second by Motley.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.