

**IKF Board of Directors  
Sprint Meeting Minutes  
April 17-18, 2010**

President Bill Hilger called the Saturday Open Meeting to order at 8:15 am. Directors present at Roll Call were Glenn Araki, Bill Hilger, Ed Diederich, Jack Hoegerl, Don Holmboe, , Mike Schorn, Rick Scribner and Art Verlengiere. Director John Motley was not in attendance at the Meeting.

President Hilger welcomes the members and guests to the Meeting. Members and guests in attendance were Janet Scribner, Roger Miller, Don Durbin, Walter Pate, Jamie Pate, Dave Brant, Steve Marso, Hal Casner and Andy Bear.

President Hilger discusses the format of the Meeting.

**Financial Report**

Hoegerl presented an overview of the financial statements i.e. Accounts Receivable, 3 Year Balance Sheet and 3 Year Profit & Loss. Income is down. Money saved on the virtual Karter News. Discussion on Expenses. Recall of pit passes because of change in insurance carrier has affected income. Income is down but IKF remains financially sound.

Hilger states the IKF did not pass the total increase in insurance prices to the clubs/tracks/promoters. IKF paid the better part of the increase. Discusses loss ratio.

Hilger discusses the general outlook of IKF karting. Economy has affected karting. Need to increase membership i.e. working with clubs.

Verlengiere asks the guests why they are at the Meeting. Replies were:

Don Durbin – general interest, TaG rules, report on Region 11

Roger Miller – meeting in area

Andy Bear – Grand National tire rule, Region 3 Dirt Series, Grand National presentation

Steve Marso – South Dakota Kart Club, see what the Board does, big supporter of IKF, Grand National presentation

Hal Casner – see what Board has in mind relative to the economy, he goes back to the start of go karting, sees need to change things, discusses emphasis on the rules, listen to the racers, the importance of promotion, need to step back and re-group.

Verlengiere states the Board had a pretty extensive conversation about doing the “same old thing” yesterday; need to do something dramatically different, more sooner than later. Cannot get enough input from the end user – the driver. They have a disconnect with the racer. Discussion of miscommunication or non communication regarding cameras on karts, helmets.

Hilger states to contact the IKF office with questions – will be forwarded to the appropriate Board member for answers. Industry wants the kids to start karting early but they are now leaving the sport early. Casner states the kids are the emphasis at some tracks.

Scribner reads the rule regarding cameras on karts and helmets. States the rule was driven from a safety standpoint. Bear discusses the use of video camera to argue a call, states that he will not change the call and destroy the officiating on the track. From a promotional standpoint, a kart on U Tube is a good thing. Can do it in a control fashion. Thinks they have a place. Use it to promote sport and keep away from officiating.

Regarding the age issue, Bear states they go on to bigger and better things; other venues have classes for the 13-14 year olds. Can conquer the age thing. Need to change sooner and faster. Need to promote the overall sport of karting. Keep cost of sport low. Feels that IKF is not responsive, needs campaign to clean the image up.

Discussion regarding the clone, animal. Verlengiere states it is a challenge to get consumer to understand.

Durbin discusses kid karts – people ask how to get started – ask what age they can start racing – ongoing cost of competitiveness is what draws them out of karting. In kid karts there is a lot of competition from the market. Feels the Region 11 reception is positive. Rules are good and cannot be softened, adjustments must be made.

Sharon Barros joins the Meeting.

Sharon states it is a very difficult year in karting overall. Some clubs are struggling. Sees more of the clubs and series working together. Anxious to see the 2<sup>nd</sup> series in Region 7. Going to the 2 day format. Challenge to get racers back. Discussion of the 2010 Region 7 series. Decisions made in the best interest of the members. Sharon states the clubs depend on the regional program – not happening in 2010. Suggests a unique trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> place winners at regional races. Could offer this to all regions. Board agrees this is a good idea. Suggests to start with the 2011 series; advertise 2-3 months in advance, add prestige. Sharon wants to see how the 2 day format will work in Region 7. Discussion on inverts on the starts, pea picks. Racers want more track time. Sharon suggests changing the points structure – score points throughout the day.

Discussion regarding Kid Kart as a non competitive/competitive class; was originally introduced as an exhibition class. Discussion regarding kid kart parents. Claiming the motor – would this work? Bear shares success stories of Junior classes. Lengthy discussion on Kid Karts.

Mark Morrison joins the Meeting.

Casner discusses the Region 11 Sprint series. First year of a no throw away series, losing kart count. Suggests changes for 2011; needs to talk to NCTA per Schorn. Diederich gives background on the set up of the series. Suggestions need to be made at the November meeting and they need to support the regional meetings. Casner in favor of a points system change. Holmboe states they need to revisit the points system. Hoegerl states one reason why the sprint points system was changed was because there was an attempt to make this a spectators sport and the spectators did not know who won for the day with the old system when you took the points from the three heats. Today, whoever wins the final is the winner. Discussion of “old school” versus “new school”.

Motion by Scribner to add to Section 104.6.4 Exceptions Under b. Add to the second sentence before “and” : Exception must be submitted by Parent or Legal Guardian and must include participant’s current weight, height and amount of ballast on current kart.

Second by Holmboe.

In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner, Verlengiere

Absent: Motley

Passed

Clone Rules Discussion Tabled at this time.

Motion by Holmboe to curtail the qualification process to obtain a Qualified Road Race license for the 2010 Road Race Grand National at Buttonwillow. Any sprint driver who submits a request to the IKF Office with verifiable (IKF records) or certifications from other sanctioning body (Letter) as to two years experience will be issued a Qualified Road Race license.

The license would be issued after review by the Road Race Committee Chairperson.

The qualification process would apply to sprint kart classes, not to 250cc or laydown classes.

Second by Scribner.

In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner, Verlengiere

Absent: Motley

Passed

Motion by Schorn to appoint Jack Lehmann as the IKF Director in Charge of the 2010 4 Cycle Sprint/Shifter Grand National.

Second by Araki.

In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner, Verlengiere

Absent: Motley

Passed

Motion by Scribner to appoint Mark Alton as the IKF Tech Director of the 2010 4 Cycle Speedway Grand National.

Second by Hoegerl.

In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner, Verlengiere

Absent: Motley

Passed

HPV-KPV matter will be addressed by the 2 Cycle Tech Committee soon.

Mike Manning has requested a change to the punch requirements for the 2010 2 Cycle Sprint Grand National.

Motion by Schorn to reduce the requirements from three punches to two punches for the 2010 2 Cycle Sprint Grand National.

Second by Holmboe.

In Favor: Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner

Opposed: Araki

Absent: Motley

Abstain: Verlengiere

Passed

Discussion regarding Timmy Bachman's Lifetime Suspension. Report from Sharon Barros. Matter Tabled to the September Board Meeting.

Proposals:

Submitted by Motley:

1) Section 200.2.2 Replace: Rain tires may be replaced at competitors discretion With: Only one set of rain tires may be used, marked after their first competition use.

Seconds: Schorn and Holmboe. (Not sure if Holmboe was the second Second or not....)

2) Section 101.3.3.1 #3, #5, #6, #8 Remove: "with participation from at least two regions". Rescind the BOD action to allow a National class to be established when run in one region only. This is simply another cheapening of the value of the Duffy. One needs only look at the 80 Shifter classes, basically only run in Region 11 and the many Duffys awarded for these classes. This is basically another Regional race for those competitors for which the winner gets a Duffy. As a National Championship it's a joke. The previous thought has been expressed to me by a considerable number of people. Discussion by Board.

No Seconds.

Scott Formanek and Cayla Ross join the Meeting. Scott states he is new to Region 11 karting. Trying to learn what is going on. Likes new tire rules, not fond of new pipe rules. Having a lot of fun. Started karting three years ago. Wanted to learn how to drive. Discussion on the can. Cayla comments that she loves karting, loves the people, learned a lot.

Hilger reads the following: The June issue of Karter News will have the notice of acceptance of bids for the IKF Grand National races (approximately 24 months away). The bids for the IKF

Grand Nationals must be in the IKF Office prior to September 1, 2010 (approximately 21 months before the race).

Winners of door prizes for attending the Meeting were Dave Brant and Roger Miller. The door prizes were donated by Scribner Plastics.

Directors List:

Lengthy discussion regarding the 2010 4 Cycle Speedway Grand National Open/Spec Tire Rule. Motion by Diederich to allow the "Any Maxxis Tire Rule" at the 2010 4 Cycle Speedway Grand National.

Second by: Holmboe

In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner

Absent: Motley

Abstain: Verlengiere

Passed

Motion by Verlengiere to approve the awards and shirts for the 2010 4 Cycle Speedway Grand National.

Second by Araki.

In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner, Verlengiere

Absent: Motley

Passed

Verlengiere discusses the rotation system in NorCal. Clubs can sit out 5 years; how do they survive? Scribner asks what they can do for the tracks sitting out. Reality is there are so many tracks and only so many races. Diederich suggest a second series for the tracks sitting out. Scribner suggests a second championship series. Discussion by Board. No action taken.

Regional Race Distance Proposal by Diederich. Sprint Division only. Excludes Kid Kart.

Discussion by Board. This item is Tabled and forwarded to the Sprint Committee and Regions 7 and 11 for recommendations to the Board.

Motion by Schorn to accept the clone rules, Sections 722 and 723, as added to Rule Updates on the IKF website, [www.ikfkarting.com](http://www.ikfkarting.com) by Schorn.

Second by Diederich.

Discussion by Board.

In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner, Verlengiere

Absent: Motley

Passed

Scribner asks Dave Brant and Don Durbin for a brief overview of the Region 11 Sprint races so far this season. Brant states the one day program is going good. Everyone doing a real good job. He follows the Rulebook. Has a 10 minute Rulebook training session at every driver's meeting; Scribner says comments are positive, people like that. Scott states this is very helpful. Araki says he attended the 1<sup>st</sup> race at Davis and the race was run very well.

Durbin states it is going well; tech done by the Rulebook. Created set of inspection lists for each class. Vision inspection after practice. Built frames for measuring karts. Direct/indirect response has been positive. A lot of help from Rick Luther. Tries to address safety issues before main event. Be safe and fun according to rules. Lengthy discussion re: fuel and fuel vendor.

Verlengiere speaks with Durbin re: Alberico safety wire protest. Hilger sent reply letter to Alberico. Discussion on rule. In regards to this issue, Durbin refers to the Pre Tech Form, dated April 2009, used at the event.

Scribner asks Roger Miller and Mark Morrison about the Road Race Program. Stressed financially, attendance down, considered cancelling next event. Verlengiere discusses recent

Region 7 Sprint race cancellation. Racers did not pre-register; racers should tell you if they are coming. Miller did 3 year analysis; expenses and track dates are major issues. Could look into partnering with other groups. May have to cut down on classes. Discussion on track deposits. Contact with racers. Diederich mentions Reno-Fernley and other tracks.

Miller states they are working on promoting the 2010 Grand National. Need sponsors.

Dave Brant wants to get his name out there as a Race Director.

Motion to Adjourn by Scribner.

Second by Verlengiere.

Meeting Adjourned at 4pm.

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President Bill Hilger called the Sunday Open Meeting to order at 8:05 am. Directors present at Roll Call by Holmboe were Glenn Araki, Bill Hilger, Jack Hoegerl, Don Holmboe, Mike Schorn, Rick Scribner, and Ed Diederich. Director Art Verlengiere was not present at Roll Call. Director John Motley was not in attendance at the Meeting.

President Hilger welcomes the following members and guests in attendance: Janet Scribner, Keith Foux, Lane Amlin, Andy Bear, Steve Marso and Dan Pellizzari.

Motion by Schorn to accept the late bids for the 4 Cycle Sprint Grand National from Shasta Kart Club and the 2 Cycle Speedway/Speedway Midget Grand National from Tri County Karters.

Second by Hoegerl.

In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner

Absent: Motley, Verlengiere

Passed

#### **2011 IKF GRAND NATIONAL BIDS**

##### **2 CYCLE SPRINT**

Region 7 EP1K ProMotion

CalSpeed

Fontana CA

No representative for a presentation. All questions asked by Directors answered by promoter. Scribner questions the date of the event, will send letter to promoter. Araki has issues about the pit charges and hope this will be resolved in 2012 and further. Verlengiere states he will take any directives the Board has for Niles. Araki wants to address the pit charges for any future events as soon as the 2012 bids come in. Hilger says #58 on the Questionnaire is the one Araki wants to address most of all. Discussion on the pit spaces and costs. Promoter to work with IKF on the date of the event. Scribner suggests August 22-27 date.

Motion by Schorn to award the 2011 2 Cycle Sprint Grand National to EP1K ProMotion @ CalSpeed in Fontana CA.

Second by Hoegerl.

In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner, Verlengiere

Absent: Motley

Passed

##### **4 CYCLE SPRINT**

Region 11 Shasta Kart Club

Shasta Kart Track

Redding CA

Discussion regarding date of the event. Pellizzari states the event needs to be in June for the benefit of the racer. Verlengiere suggest an end of September/October date – discussion. Verlengiere states the June date impacts all of the regions in a real negative way. Suggests that recommended dates be included in the Questionnaires. Later dates created more racing prior to the Nationals. Pellizzari states September is not out of the question, can research that. Should

be able to support a September/October event but worried about racer's budgets. Scribner suggests they call/poll their former Grand National participants and give feedback to the Board. Schorn suggests they push it toward the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Pellizzari would rather have the event in September. Scribner requests they shore up the back gate. Closer attention to wristbands in the restricted area. Discussion on fuel; Hilger to contact fuel vendor. Discussion on pit spots. Dietrich suggests the entry forms list everything included in the entry fee. Pellizzari will consider the Shifters.

Motion by Schorn to award the 2011 4 Cycle Sprint Grand National to Shasta Kart Club @ Shasta Kart Track in Redding CA pending dates and fuel. Need date by August/September. Second by Diederich.

In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner, Verlengiere

Absent: Motley

Passed

### **2 CYCLE SPEEDWAY/SPEEDWAY MIDGET/4 CYCLE SPEEDWAY**

Region 5A South Dakota Kart Club University Plains Speedway

Brookings SD

Andy Bear states there is a huge economical advantage for the track and the IKF to do the events together, there will be crossovers, net entries higher. But feels the 2 Cycle racers will not travel. Hoegerl states it is also an economic issue. Board discusses entry counts for 2 and 4 cycle events. Discuss tires. Hoegerl is concerned about a 500-700 kart event and the control on the tires has never been forced on the 2 cycle before. Different tires for 2/4 cycle events. Bear states it will be on Maxxis. Hilger says the issue would be to schedule the classes so you would get the crossover. Would need to add to the date. Hoegerl states they need to take the Grand National where the racers are. Discussion by Board. Combined event means long days for racers. Bear states the bid will be for a 2 Cycle Speedway/Speedway Midget Grand National stand alone.

Bear to give a PowerPoint presentation for both the 2 Cycle Speedway and 4 Cycle Speedway Grand Nationals. Hoegerl suggests a Spring National and a Fall National; asks if they are interested in putting together a program like that. These are one step down from a Grand National but one step up from a regional race. Discussion.

PowerPoint Presentation by Bear. First class track. Dedicated crew has followed the series from beginning; done 5 Grand Nationals. Have fantastic attitude and heart & soul in karting. Great support from town. Good accommodations. Track photographer from the local college. Track stats. Tech crew attended the SFI Certification seminar. Discusses city grants. Marso states they would like to have the Grand National the week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Executive Session by Board.

### **2 CYCLE SPEEDWAY/SPEEDWAY MIDGET**

Region 5 Tri County Karters

Delaware Speedway

Delaware IA

Hoegerl gives presentation for Tri County Karters, Bill Rieken, promoter. Date is late July, early August. Open for dates in that time frame. Multi day event – 3 day event option. Starts hot laps late in the day. Pump in/pump out. Fuel discussion; needs Hilger's help with this. Regional race Saturday night before the event. Plenty of hotels. Entry fees in line. Schorn states they are promoting travel this year with 2010 regional program.

Bear comments they started three years ago to bring University Plains Speedway online. Community, fans of South Dakota Kart Club stepped up. Requests the Board give them a number of events to generate revenue to help pay the bills. Superior facility. Stabilizes club's financial future. Asks the Board to seriously consider this. Hilger states this is a common thread through all divisions. Verlengiere states it is hard to spread the wealth with so few big races. Discussion.

Motion to award the 2011 2 Cycle Speedway to Tri County Karters/Delaware Speedway.  
In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner, Verlengiere  
Absent: Motley  
Passed

#### **4 CYCLE SPEEDWAY**

Region 5A South Dakota Kart Club	University Plains Speedway	Brookings SD
Region 5A Huron Kart Club	Rolling Thunder Speedway	Huron SD

Presentation information by Andy Bear above for South Dakota Kart Club/University Plains Speedway. Verlengiere asks for recommendation from the Regional Coordinator (not at the Meeting) and Series Coordinator. Hilger, Series Coordinator, states both are great facilities, Huron got the same program from the city as SDKC did, Huron did a fantastic job for two years. Hilger states both deserve consideration. Bear states it is a good solid strategy to award the event to SDKC two years in a row. Discussion by Board and guests. Verlengiere asks Schorn for comments on both tracks.

Motion to award the 2011 4 Cycle Speedway to South Dakota Kart Club/University Plains Speedway.  
In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner, Verlengiere  
Absent: Motley  
Opposed: Schorn voted for Huron Kart Club/Rolling Thunder Speedway  
Passed

Diederich discusses an item from the Speedway and Sprint Questionnaires. Hilger states the rented pit rates were put in for the Speedway, could not control the Sprint. Discussion by Board.

#### **ROAD RACE**

Region 4B SWRA	Texas World Speedway	College Station TX
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Received answers to questions posed by the Board.

Motion by Scribner to award the 2011 Road Race Grand National to SWRA at Texas World Speedway.  
Second by Diederich.  
In Favor: Araki, Diederich, Hoegerl, Holmboe, Schorn, Scribner  
Abstain: Verlengiere  
Absent: Motley  
Passed

Dan Pellizzari states he appreciates what the Board does. States we all struggle with certain challenges, the racer, the promoter, the non profit group. One of the challenges they encountered last year was with the tire issue. A change was made just prior to their Grand National. From the standpoint of a racer, the tire deal seems to be way more advantageous to them than to the IKF. Asks if they can change the leverage and diminish the potential of what happened last year with the phase out of one tire compound to another, so it does not happen again. Araki states it was a huge problem and the Board understands that. The biggest issue was that it was already too late in the season when the IKF was notified there was a distribution problem. Verlengiere comments the IKF was assured there were ample supplies. Pellizzari states he was told there would be no problem with the tires prior to the event. Asks of any way he can help. Verlengiere was assured there would be no problem with the tires in November 2008. Discussion of IKF agreement with tire manufacturer.

Dan Pellizzari asks the Board if Shasta Kart Club can have "punch only" races for their remaining club races in 2010. Races before the 2010 Grand Nationals count for that Grand National. Races after the 2010 Grand National count towards the 2011 Grand National. Scriber suggests that Dan submit a calendar of the "punch only" race events to Verlengiere; Verlengiere states he will

approve through the end of the 2010. Discussion of Region 11 series. Pellizzari to submit request for approval.

Andy Bear thanks the Board; encourages the Board in the future to enhance the website, use all venues for promotion of karting, email campaigns, use Forums to control the conversation, social networks, use of graphical emails, discuss mediatag, need lifestyle pictures of karting.

Schorn asks about the Speedway Pavement series. Bear replies he has not idea what pavement is going to do. Discuss Speedway Pavement Grand National.

Dan Pellizzari states there are regional races where promotions can be done through handouts, etc.

Discuss the Grand National Annual – well received by IKF Members.

Door prize won by Dan Pellizzari. Prize donated by Scribner Plastics.

Glenn Araki thanks everyone for coming to the Meeting.

Hilger states the following:

I do somewhat believe in the spec tire program for the Speedway Grand National, but I was not in favor of specing a tire that has an existing tire that will become a hot commodity because it is no longer produced and a new tire that is somewhat unproven in hot weather and that this tire will have to be cut to be competitive which adds costs. In these hard economic times we have chosen a tire rule that will put added financial burden on the racer to compete and a sponsorship package that gives very little back to the end user.

Scribner thanks the people for attending the Meeting. Note to John Motley that we truly missed him.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Verlengiere.

Second by Scribner.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55am.