



## WOODBIDGE KART CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

### February 12, 2022

Members meeting at Summit Point, WV. Twenty-five (25) members present.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by WKC President Bill Kassy.

#### **Bill:**

The election procedure was reviewed and members Rodney Smith, Brandon Taylor, and Simon Whitnell were announced as newly appointed Board Members.

Talks with Summit point personnel including Ed, were discussed.

SPR will try to improve the transition from track to run-off areas have been made smoother. A new restaurant has been built and is operating at the Shenandoah track. Neither track will be repaved this year, but the plan is to do so within a couple of years.

Our track rent has increased.

Paid positions rates have gone up too. (This is to help ensure that personnel will be present and not leave us scrambling to fill said positions the day of the event.)

A new position has been created to assist with post-race supervision. Keith Champine has been appointed in this role where he will assist tech as needed and be in charge of ensuring that participants are processed properly and be an interface to the competitor to allow the tech personnel to do their job.

We have new tech personnel in position for this coming year.

In the past the grid supervisor made sure you had a transponder on your kart, now we have the capability to make sure you have the correct transponder on the kart.

The first race of the year will be a Friday/Saturday only event at the SPR Shenandoah Circuit. This will enable karters to spend Easter with their families. We opted to not move the race weekend as this would jeopardize having this weekend available to us in future years to come.

The May event is a national event with a full day of practice on Friday. Please attend as the Friday alone costs the club \$15,000. Practice cost is TBD as well as race entry fees and pit pass prices.

Our race season has 6 events this year (2 at Summit Point Main, 2 at Summit Point Shenandoah, Mid-Ohio and Pittsburgh). For the championship - count your best 8 of 12 races. If your class only runs once a weekend, then count your best 4 of 6 finishes.

Currently any future talks with WKA have been suspended as they do not wish to work with us on a reasonable level.

Last year WKC had 153 members.

At this point the meeting was opened up to others to share info and ask questions.

**Bob Wimmer:**

Reviewed the sponsorship program and mentioned that if you enroll before March 1st you will be able to pick your pit spot. Cost is still \$250.

**Arthur McKenny:**

If anyone has family members that want to work while at the races, please contact him. The club will pay \$15 per hour.

**Member:**

A question was asked, "can we exchange working for race entire fees?" The answer was "No. It gets too complicated too quickly. The racer is better off getting paid separately".

**Bill:**

Pre-tech will now be a paid position.

**Arthur:**

This year the Vintage Foster cup will be held at the May event. Last race of the day on Saturday. Because we have a shared event at the August race, we felt more time was available on the May schedule.

**Bill:**

Competitor Tripp Ritter passed away, our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. He was a good person and a good competitor, and he will be missed.

Scott and JC Sanders are stepping away from the BOD to focus on their racing activities.

Our current class structure is not yet set. We are working with AKRA and Dart to help streamline the classes and reduce the number of classes.

**Member:**

Can we combine some classes, eliminate the ones not used? Also can all races be 1/2 hour in length.

The consistent race length created quite a side discussion. All present felt it to be fair that all classes are the same length, as we all pay the same. This may or may not fly with AKRA and Dart. This will be brought to their attention and hopefully lead to an open minded discussion.

**Arthur:**

Gene Davis from Dart leads the influence with AKRA as to what classes there are available.

**Arthur** proposed that we have one of our BOD members sit in their next meeting, and one of their BOD members sit in on our next meeting. This was well received, but no action was taken.

**Member:**

Will classes be separated out based upon speed this year. (unless the writer of this is mistaken - I believe the concern was regarding the DART events).

**Arthur:**

LO206 should have their own practice session.

**Member:**

An event I went to last year had all practice group participants line up in the pit lane according to speed. then they were all released at the same time. This produced fewer red flags.

**Bill:**

We will be reinstating the penalty box. If you're causing a problem in practice, your kart will be parked until practice is over.

Brandon Taylor will be our race director for this coming season.

**Member:**

Would the club be willing to do a Money race for the LO206 class?

This led to some open discussion. This gist of which was - this was well received, and would fit the schedule best at the July event at Shenandoah. Although nothing was written in stone yet.

**Another member:**

Voiced a concern about ending up with too many karts in the race. Other thoughts were to have either a rolling start, or qualifying (perhaps starting in waves like the bikes do).

**Member:**

How about a 2hour endurance race for the LO206 class. This could include pit stops and driver changes. (July would be a better fit).

**Member:**

What are we doing to promote ourselves? We could do a pod-cast the day of the events. What are our social media outlets?

**Another member:**

Have we ever approached a corporation to sponsor an event?

Will the two vacant spots on the board be filled.

**Bill:**

The BOD has the power to assign members to open positions, there are some people interested and they will be contacted shortly. Or we also have the option to just leave them empty for now.

**Member:**

Can we bring back the 4-race discount?

**Bill:**

Yes that is in the works and will take effect this season.

With no further business at hand the meeting came to a close.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Simon Whitnell**

WKC Board of Directors