

Maple Rapids Grass Kickers Minutes of Meeting – November 8, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm

Tamie Parks moved supported by Kris Coffin to accept September 13, 2009 minutes as written – Motion Carried

Old Business --

Motor Cross Boots – Was brought up and would like to discuss further this winter

Nerf Bars – were also discussed to protect legs and feet

** Both of these are currently optional discussion is should these be made mandatory

** There would be some expense to the Motor Cross Boots & possibly if we made it mandatory we would lose some racers

** Discussion was to leave as optional for now

New Business

Election of 2010 Officers

Tamie Parks moved supported by Dennis to leave officers the same of 2009 – Motion Carried

President – Marlene Stewart

Vice President – Kris Coffin

Secretary / Treasurer – Mindy Thomas

Jesse Coffin as offered to be our 2010 Tech Inspector

Mentioned that you can't tech your own machine – it can be done by any other racer or official

One tech board is buried would like to not have to bury the 2nd one if not needed (buried for the modified's mainly)

Financially – 2010 Lease is paid – All donations are out (still have to get gift cards & get to Toys for Tots) – holding \$ for 2010 Insurance & 3 years permits & owe Steve Fisher for Signs -- we currently have \$3900

Shed for the Track – we can go 8x12 (currently have about 7x12)

Current Donations –

** Floor Joist (Mark & Marlene)

** Trusses (Cowan)

** Shingles (Mark & Marlene / Cowan)

** Vinyl Siding (Mike Johnson)

** 4x4 window (Bob)

Will need –

** Sheeting

** Flooring

** Roll up Door – One Door enough?

** Treated 6x6's

Where do we want it – Leave where it is or should we move it somewhere else

** Decided it should stay where it is

Must be a temporary building – sit on blocks or be moveable

Load of Gravel on the approach on & off the track (Keep down the dust)

George Russell – plans to add a concession building with power (& we can most likely use the power for our announcer too)

** Do we want to keep having our hot dog vendor there (it was sold to a new owner part way thru the year)

** Get a hold of George & make sure that he is willing to commit to be there for every race or have someone there every race – Mindy will check with George & find out before the next meeting

All vendors will now have to be parked on the fence row from now on

Rules changes for 2010

** Kart tires for our top 2 divisions – it was voted on last year that Division 1 couldn't do kart tires due to the expense of it and would be harder on some drivers (Front tires \$15 each & Back tires more)

** How about waiting until 1st race & only division 1 drivers making the decision & vote on the situation

** Can't really hold it open until the first race we need to get the decision made so tractors can be ready to race

** Feel it would help everyone performance & the show

** Kart Tires don't last as long so will have to buy multiple sets for the entire race season

** Kart Tires will put more rubber on the track & when the track is watered it will be slick & slippery – need water to cut down the dust

**** Kris Coffin moved supported by Jeremy Bird that we allow Division 1 to run Go Kart Tires – Motion declined**

** Heat Races – make them worth something – points or starting position in feature

**** Bob Johnson moved supported by Jeremy Bird that the heat race winners will get 5 additional points for a heat win – Motion Carried**

** Jump Boxes on the track – we had set a long time ago set that we didn't want jump boxes on used on the track – Jump boxes & not make a battery mandatory – Dennis Mills will donate a jump box that can be put in the middle of the track – others also offered to have them there in the center (infield on each end) – make sure your tractor can easily be jumped also

**** Dennis Mills moved supported by Mark Boman to allow jump boxes to be out on the track to be used (would be wise to make your tractor easily accessible to be jumped) – Motion carried**

** Need to in force rules some more – If you leave the track, you can only re-enter when it's under caution (Can't re-enter the track under green)

** 2 laps to restart tractor & get back going

** need to go over & remind every driver about some rules

Rules Rewording

** #14 – Flywheel rewording – Cut flywheels are not allowed at all. If any tractor is caught running a cut flywheel it will be banned from racing with our group.

** #3 – Full faced DOT approved helmet will face shield, goggles or safety glasses (must show Z87 to be OSHA approved) and gloves are required.

When Mindy mails out post cards for the January & February meetings I will be asking for email addresses from everyone to try to cut down on postage cost – I would like to start emailing notices & information to as many individuals as possible.

Modifieds lay a good track for rest of the tractors – the modifieds shouldn't have to run on the worst track all day long – how about keeping our spectators there for the show – Modifieds are kind of our grand finale – how about mixing it up & alternating each race

Need to add rule – Leader in Pole Position can waive off the start of the race for the track being to slick / wet.

How about tractor/driver etiquette being added not actually a rule but another section? – will print off the USLMRA rules for that portion so can be looked at for the next race

Road Course – would there be more involvement if they eased up that right hand turn – most likely – any objections to making the changes – NO

Next Meeting is January 10, 2010

Darrell Thomas moved supported by Kris Coffin to Adjourn – Motion Carried

Adjourned at 9:10 pm