

Vintage Karting Association Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday-January 13, 2008

In Attendance

Board Members: Carl Weakley//Carl Billington/Bob Lapke/Brad Fultz/Mark Havery/Tom Thorin
Absent: Vince Hughes
Guests: Louie Figone/Terry Ives

Call To Order

The first, regular, monthly teleconference meeting of the board of directors for 2008 was called to order at approximately 5:00 pm PST by President, Carl Weakley, who acted as chairman and secretary of the meeting. Carl W called roll, and board members were present as per above. Carl W advised that a copy of the minutes of the regular, monthly, teleconference meeting for December 9, 2007 had been emailed to all board members. As the minutes were mailed late, Carl W will ask for amendments and approval at the next meeting.

Opening Remarks by President

Carl W apologized for his recent bad health and advised that things are looking up for him. Carl W wishes good health to all, commented that the Board is a nice group and thanked all for calling in.

Carl W advised that an agenda had been sent to the board and includes what he would like to be accomplished within each board member's area of responsibility.

To start the year off, Carl W read the VKA's mission/vision statements as specified on our website to establish to remind all of our stated mission/vision. Carl W said that the VKA is just scratching the surface. In his racing career, Carl W switched from sprint to enduro kart racing many years ago, in part, to do a more relaxing form of racing. He was very pleased with his first visit to vintage kart racing finding it even more relaxing than enduro racing. He indicated that vintage karting is just an extension of the sport. He would like to see more local racing. WKA has a vintage racing class at enduro events but has not defined vintage karts, and Carl W has not seen any at a WKA event. Terry Ives says that IKF is talking about having vintage karts as a class but only on a demonstration basis.

Carl W sees a lot of growth for VKA, but VKA is promotional. Carl W does not see the VKA officiating (no manpower) and nor offering insurance (insufficient quantity). Terry estimates that we are ¼ % of the market. Carl B/Terry estimated that there are 20 vintage events with an average 50 entries (or 1,000). Carl B feels very strongly that the VKA should offer insurance. If not, the VKA will continue to be just promotional and get weaker. Carl B created the VKA to take charge. Carl B asked if we had talked to Dave Larson and Terry/Carl W said they had with Larson's response is that he doesn't want to talk about it. Carl B feels that we should bypass Larson and go directly to K & K insurance. Terry says that he could do it but questions if Nevada is going to let us be for

profit. Carl W says yes and that a non-profit can pay taxes on its for-profit endeavors. Further, no member is supposed to gain any benefit. For instance, income taxes on insurance/advertising profit must be paid. Carl B said that if we don't do anything, nothing gets done. We are just as liable if the VKA is involved, and we need to keep it safe. If we have a serious accident, the organization will be gone.

Carl W suggested forming an insurance committee. Carl B made a motion to examine the subject more carefully, and the motion was seconded by Tom Thorin. Carl B volunteered to head the committee but had no volunteers for the committee. Carl W suggested non-board members be asked to join the committee and investigate becoming a sanctioning body. A discussion ensued including Terry that it was a good idea. Carl B suggested it be explored more fully, look to the future and see if we can do a better job. Carl W had been told by advisors that it is more trouble than it is worth. Carl W to email Dave Larson's phone number to Carl B. Tom confirmed that we are just talking about the subject at the moment and will volunteer for the committee in a month or two. Terry also will advise Carl B. Carl W said he would help Carl B too.

Carl W then discussed the concept of membership recognition...a certificate, patch or button in recognition of members attending many of the events. Carl B would like to see a patch or dash plaque specific to an event. Carl W will pull something together for the next meeting.

Terry advised that dash plaques will be given to all participants at Adams.

Vice President

Carl B, VP, reported that he has not talked to anyone regarding Adams. Terry gave a report. The track will be open for practice on Thur, Fri and Sat am, 01/31/08-02/02/08. Sat pm will be the race/event. Adams will have a nice dinner Sat evening for all participants. A security guard will be at the track Thur and Fri nights. Lights will be available on Fri and Sat nights courtesy of Bill Freeman, Bud Bennett and some others. There are 65 entries...25 more than last year. Looks like it will be a big event. Nice awards and trophies will be given away. Clip on badges will be given to all participants with special ones for board members and officials.

Tom suggests that all event coordinators be required to attend board meetings.

Carl B asked when a board meeting will be held at Adams since all board members will be there. It was decided that 5:00 pm at the track on Friday would work. Carl W to notify members. Adams will provide a BBQ at the track on both Fri/Sat nights.

Carl W indicated a discussion of an event contract and targeting events will be held at a subsequent meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Lapke, Treasurer, emailed the Treasurer's report to all board members previously, and the report was accepted. \$7,373.15 was the beginning balance to which \$1,535.00 in membership dues was added. Expenses totaled \$610.00 for the Kart Expo and \$979.50

for membership cards leaving a balance of \$7,318.65. Tom asked about Kart Expo donations, and Carl W responded that he had not called promoters but will. Carl W is preparing a treasurer's report summary. Carl W wants to discuss at the next meeting getting money out of each event as the board has previously discussed in the form of per capita participation fees and/or 50/50 drawings. Bob obtained new checks and reported that he had a hard time getting his Peoria address on the account with us being a Nevada corporation.

Newsletter

Mark, Newsletter Editor, said that he has the next two days off and will try to find an alternative printer for a lower price. The newsletter will be bi-monthly. He then asked about paid ads. All are free now. Terry said it doesn't have to necessarily be that way. Tom said that companies would pay advertising, but they are on the rail. Carl B said the companies could pay an annual fee. Mark says that if we are charging, we need very good copy. Procedure is to just submit advertising to the newsletter, and its done. Tom suggested \$100/year for a half page ad. Mark said it might work while Terry said maybe not. Carl B suggested business card size for \$50/year then bigger would cost more. No formal decision was made. Tabled for further discussion.

Tom suggested that the VKA advertise in National Karter News (NKN). All agreed.

Terry advised that Road and Track, Peterson Publishing and Mike Hartman will be covering the Adams event. For the newsletter, Mark has Mona and Louie enlisted. Carl B emphasized that photos submitted to the newsletter be captioned by the photographer.

Membership

Brad Fultz, Membership Director, reported that our membership is at #277. 118 members have renewed, 234 full memberships and 43 associate memberships. He is sending new membership cards out. Carl W indicated that Tom/Brad closely coordinated. Brad indicated that he needs to coordinate closer with Mark and had sent a membership list to Mark. Tom reported that he was able to personally negotiate and get a much better price for the membership cards.

Terry asked if we sell membership lists and all agreed to a no answer. Then he asked about selling advertising and was told to use normal channels. Carl B said no charge.

Safety

Carl W informed the board that Vince Hughes had decided not to be on the board. Terry Ives will stay on the board as Safety Director. Terry stated that the treatment of junior participants are real important if not critical. He suggests that juniors be limited to 100 cc and a 5/8" venturi/carburetor. He isn't worried about seasoned drivers but rather the inexperienced drivers. A small carb will keep top end speed down. Carl B also suggested a 10 tooth sprocket or a restrictor plate. Terry highly recommends at Adams but it is too late to require. Brad asked if there is any concern for the manifold. Terry

said no problem and implement, say, after Quincy. Carl W asked if a letter to promoters was in order and Terry responded to just use the newsletter to communicate it. Mark Havery, Newsletter Editor, will write an article on the subject and fit it into the newsletter. Terry says there should not be an implementation date, just indicate that we have a problem, it is being researched, ask people to experiment with solutions, make suggestions to the board and that it is highly recommended...emphasizing highly recommended. A junior is defined as a driver under 16 years of age. Mark is to draft the article, and Terry will review it.

Archivist

Tom Thorin, Archivist, is taking over the function to get it done. He has heard that some people say that the board is just sitting around and having a good old time.

Website

Jeff Campbell, Website Designer, being absent, there was no report. Tom talked about the website flowchart that he sent out last year. He wants the website to have members only stuff like minutes. Carl W asked about an email from Jeff to Tom last year that had instructions on passwords to post to the website. Carl W perceives Jeff as being too busy and has a local website developer to help out for free. Jeff has done a good job. Carl W to talk to Jeff and discuss going a different direction. Tom is concerned that he does not attend board meetings, and you can't talk to him. Board agrees to replace Jeff, gently.

Tom asked about vintage karting.com. Brad said he was on the site, and it is stagnant. Carl B talked to the owner of the site who wants \$10,000 for it. Carl B to talk with the owner again and report on his findings.

Closing Remarks

Carl W noted that it was 8:00 pm, and we had used the full hour. He thought that we had done really good, really good things are to come and looking forward to working with all.

The next meeting will be in person and is Friday, 02/01/08, 5:00 pm PST at Adams and, of course, will not be a teleconference. The next teleconference meeting will be Sunday, 03/09/08 at 5:00 pm PST.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the business meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm PST.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Weakley, President and Acting Secretary.