

Vintage Karting Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2008

Present

Board Members: Carl Weakley/Bob Lapke/Brad Fultz/Terry Ives/Mark Havery
Absent: Carl Billington/Jeff Campbell/Tom Thorin
Guests: None

Call to Order

The regular, monthly, teleconference meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05 pm by President, Carl Weakley, who acted as chairman and secretary of the meeting.

Carl W welcomed all and apologized that he had not done very much over the last three weeks due to other commitments. No agenda was issued in favor of reviewing a stack of emails in front of him and simply going down the list.

Carl W reported being at the Springfield IL event. A written report will be issued separately. To summarize, it rained on Fri but clear on Sat. Bob Lapke, Treasurer, and Brad Fultz, Membership Director, were in attendance. Carl W was in attendance on Sat and took inventory of 43 karts including 4 juniors. Carl W missed Fri night judging. The mix was different than Lansing. Rear and sidewinders were about equal, strong pre-76, mostly singles and MC dominated. Many were from out-of-state. The track used a local off-duty EMT citing that having an ambulance present was useless as they would not transport, any serious injury would be deferred to the EMT's called and it was expensive. Terry Ives, Safety Director, advised that this is exactly how Bakersfield was handled.

Secretary

Carl W asked that the minutes of the prior meeting (which had been emailed to the board previously) be approved unless someone objected. Hearing no objection the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Carl W asked that the minutes of the Treasurer's report for the prior month (which had been emailed to the board previously) be approved unless someone objected. Hearing no objection the minutes were approved.

Membership Report

Brad indicated that the membership report had been emailed previously, and the VKA member no 300 has now been achieved. Brad and Carl W will devise a new postcard seeking renewals again but will be more definitive. New patches will be delivered soon.

Newsletter

Mark Havery, Newsletter Editor, reports that the next issues goes to the printer on Thurs. It will be about the same size as the last issue. Mark discussed future issue features. Carl W reported that the one recurring comment at the events is how much everyone loves the

magazine and that Mark is doing a great job. Mark indicated that in a future there will be an article on mini-bikes including a four engined mini-bike that holds the Bonneville Salt Flat world speed record. The mini-bike did 128 mph at a local drag strip.

Everyone was reminded that Mark cannot serve next year and a replacement is needed.

Safety

Terry reported on Bakersfield. There was good weather and open practice on Fri/Sat. The track had been closed for thirty years and the owners invested heavily to make it a nice facility. There were no incidents until Sun when Louie Figone flipped, but he was uninjured. A EMT transport was at the track in five minutes. A Dec 6-7 event may occur. Terry indicated the event will grow with its central CA location. It was the first event for Mike Hartman. Drifter karts are coming...Terry is building one.

Website

Carl W reported that Jeff agreed with his recent Hot Laps comments on navigating the website and agreed that he will fix some bad links. Bob indicated that it was fixed.

Archivist

Note was made of Tom Thorin's resignation. Carl W suggested Al Klusman as a replacement and will ask him. He has written technical articles for REAR and has expressed an interest. Bob noted that the position is undefined and the new archivist can make whatever he wants of the position. Carl W reported that Tom has info on CD.

Old Business-Liability/Insurance/Sanctioning

Terry noted that Al Menley, the manufacturer of Mayko Pipes, is available to help if asked. Carl W noted that Bill Prior wants to help, too. Terry questions why isn't the VKA site comparable to the REAR site.

Carl W reviewed the open items on the minutes from the last meeting:

1. Terry advises that Vince Hughes is working to get the four banners.
2. Terry advises that Dave Cortier, a lawyer, is getting a loga agreement good for 99 years together and will send it to Carl W. Tom Medley only ask to have one free membership per year to be given away at his discretion.
3. Tom emailed a proposed change to the organization creating two new positions: Executive Director of Events and President Emeritus. Bob read all of the proposed officers' titles as per the email. Carl W indicated that Carl B is VP, the position would be eliminated and Carl B would be the President Emeritus, a ceremonial title and non-voting. Carl W indicated that this would be quite an honor for Carl B who is also an honorary life member and founding incorporator. Carl W is to talk to Carl B as he is absent from this meeting, report back to the board at the next meeting. The topic is tabled.
4. Carl W is trying to stay up with talking to the promoters and will concentrate on talking to Gus Traeder this coming week, make application to the insurance companies and become a member of Racing Promotion Monthly (RPM).

5. Tom wanted to discuss advertising revenue at this meeting. Carl W noted that the VKA has not charged for revenue noting that it was Carl W's understanding that the advertisements in the newsletter was a public service to the membership. Carl W has advised Mark that this should be his direction in composing the newsletter. WKA has two companies, ie, one for profit (advertising) and the other non-profit. The IRS wants to tax advertising revenue but not donations. Carl W asked that Mark to require that advertisers be VKA members. Carl W complimented Mark on the quality of the advertisements. Mark indicated that not only are they a service to the membership, but they are also decoration for the newsletter. Carl W also brought up the subject of sponsoring events. All agreed to keep advertising free through the end of the year and revisit the subject then.
6. Mark suggested (for the subject of membership drive) offering a "members only" manufactured part to sell to the membership, ie, a Greg Giovina tank. It would be nothing that would compete with anyone but something that would be in demand. Perhaps it would be CNC machined and simple. Terry suggested setting up a subcommittee to make recommendations to the board.
7. Terry tried to get a CA group to go to Quincy this year, but next year for sure, a group will come probably to Chicago and try to make 3-4 of the Midwest events.
8. The Dousman weekend is the same weekend as the Indy Moto GP. The VKA's Henry Duga set the Dousman event date but is an engineer attending the Indy event. He did not know there would be a conflict and is disappointed.

New Business

No new business came before the board.

The meeting was closed at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Weakley, President and Secretary Pro-Tem.