

Vintage Karting Association Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday-July 20, 2008

In Attendance

Board Members: Carl Weakley/Carl Billington/Brad Fultz/Terry Ives/Mark Havery

Absent: Bob Lapke/Jeff Campbell

Guests: None

Call To Order

The postponed, regular, monthly, teleconference meeting of the board of directors for July, 2008 was called to order on the 3rd (postponed from the 2nd) Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm PST by Carl Weakley, President, who acted as chairman and secretary of the meeting. Board members were present as per above.

General Discussion

Terry Ives, Safety Director, advised that Bakersfield CA is set for a second event 10/25-26/08 replacing Las Vegas.

Carl W thanked the board for their patience in allowing him to postpone the meeting from the 2nd to 3rd Sunday this month due to his racing at Road America the prior weekend.

Newsletter

As Mark Havery, Newsletter Editor, had to report for work shortly, he made his report first.

The next issue of the newsletter will have more sidewinders, a Bug will be the centerfold and articles on pressure testing and rebuilding an Airheart brake.

Printing cost is going up and the year-end extravaganza is coming. The last issue cost \$894.49 for 260 copies. Excess copies are being sent to new members.

The extravaganza issue will have an article on the Australian event. Duffy Livingstone and Faye Pierson will be in attendance. Also, this issue will have an article on a very nice custom-built kart.

Terry reported that Faye is getting better and will have the neck brace off at the end of the month.

Treasurer

Bob Lapke, Treasurer, is out of country on a charitable trip to Africa. Carl W reported that \$12,388.93 was the beginning balance. \$150.00 in membership fees and \$5 for a patch sale was received. Spending included \$31.49 for membership cards, \$11.95 for the

website, \$894.49 for the newsletter and \$6.52 for shipping leaving a balance of \$11,599.73.

Carl W noted that the last minutes were emailed the day after the last meeting. With no objection, the Secretary and Treasurer's reports were accepted as emailed.

Membership

Brad Fultz, Membership Director, reported that we are at #306 and will email a report to the board.

Carl W said that he and Brad will get together soon to pursue non-renewals.

Carl W reported that he handed out two membership applications at Road America the previous weekend. Shirley Howard at Badger Kart Club was heavily promoting their upcoming race at Dousman.

Brad reported that the new patches are in, and Carl W reported that the four banners were produced and in Vince Hughes' possession. Carl W will have Vince Hughes send one banner to Mike Hartman for Bakersfield, one banner to Terry Ives for Medford leaving two banners in reserve. Terry suggested that the Treasurer keep an inventory of the banners and their location.

Carl W will develop a cost to re-supply the T-shirts for promotional and sales purposes and present for board approval.

Safety Director

Terry reported the legal assignment from Tom Medley to the VKA of the logo is complete and should be in the mail to Carl W. Tom's only request was to have one free membership per year and assure that Tom's name is on the logo.

Terry reported two karting deaths, ie, one in the Northwest and one at a sprint track. Carl B asked about airbag jackets that motorcyclists use. Terry felt that they were inapplicable to karting and commented that common sense goes a long way. We all need to say something if we see safety problems and not be silent.

Carl W reported two separate accidents at the previous weekend Road America event with serious head injuries. A 250 cc kart barrel-rolled in the Turn One gravel pit while a 125cc kart was bump drafted in the final turn into a concrete barrier. The 125cc driver was very experienced with the best of equipment and leading his race. Both had their helmets strapped on during the accident, ie, the helmets did not come off.

Carl W reported that a new track record was set at Road America by Phoenix based Alan Rudolph with a 2:14 on the 4.5 mi track. This is faster than the Indy/SCCA Cars.

Website

Carl W reported for Jeff Campbell, IT Director. Per Jeff's email he updated the "join" page, added new graphics, posted 600 Circleville photos and added a new video page.

Carl W reported that a west coast member had been a problem on the website reportedly berating other website viewers. The problem was solved by a couple of other members talking personally to the problem-maker and shutting him down.

Carl W indicated that Savannah, New Castle and Bakersfield needed to be added to the website schedule. He was sure that Dousman, Medford and the postponed Quincy date were already on the website schedule. Carl W asked if there were any other dates to post.

President's Comments

Carl W reported that Mike Hartman advised that he recorded a profit for his event and is using the profit for seed money for the next event.

Circleville had 65 karts and wants an event next year. Carl W questioned whether there are too many events and should we limit events. Carl W feels that the number of events held should not be limited and get as many as we can. Terry advised that there are too many events on the West Coast and is going to four events. Other events are simply support events. Bill McCornack has been very involved and has indicated that Broadhead and Dousman may alternate years.

Carl W indicated that the karters he is talking to is attending events early in the year but not events later in the year simply because the money is running out. Terry has been seeing karters double/triple-up in larger trailers to cut costs.

Carl W reported that a Midwestern Promoters' Roundtable is being held at Brodhead courtesy of Bill McCornack. Terry was concerned that Iowa was cancelled and suggested that maybe Quincy should have cancelled rather than postponed.

Carl W indicated that Bill McCornack is doing a great job. His class structure should be closely reviewed by the board for possible adoption/revision by the VKA. Terry agreed.

Carl W indicated that he would like to see the 2009 schedule set by mid-August. Terry would like to see an event in Phoenix, and Carl W suggested using Alan Rudolph at Firebird. Carl W would like to see the Mississippi event, an Indiana event and maybe Carl B could get an event in the Northeast. The point is that the schedule has to make sense considering holidays, weather and the relativity to the other tracks' events.

Carl W wants to go to the Chicago KMG Kart Expo, the Hickory WKA Kartfest and have an advertisement in the WKA Tech Manual. Terry suggested that the three kart magazines are NKN, WKA and IKF with NKN being his preference. Carl B will try to get a full page of advertisement in the WKA Tech Manual. Carl W to have numbers at the next meeting. Terry says that we need to be done by 11/01/08.

Carl W reported that he is swamped and has done nothing on being a RPM member or getting insurance quotes. He hopes to get it done soon.

Carl W reported that he and Brad had went to a Route 66 Festival in June simply pulling their trailers to Carl W's office, a prominent corner in downtown Edwardsville IL, to show their karts. The objective was not membership but to locate old karts which was successful. Brad subsequently purchased a pristine Margay New Breed.

Carl W had hoped to talk to a member at Quincy then Circleville about being Archivist. Carl W hopes to see him at Brodhead.

Closing Remarks

The next teleconference meeting will be Sunday, 09/14/08 at 5:00 pm PST.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the business meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 pm PST.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Weakley, President and Acting Secretary.