

Vintage Karting Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2008

Present

Board Members: Carl Weakley/Bob Lapke/Brad Fultz/Terry Ives/Carl Bilington/Bill McCornack
Absent: Mark Havery/Jeff Campbell
Guests: Tom Thorin

Call to Order

The regular, monthly, teleconference meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 pm PST by President, Carl Weakley, who acted as chairman and secretary of the meeting. Carl W welcomed all.

Secretary

Carl W asked if everyone had received the minutes of the prior meeting (which had been emailed to the board previously) and asked if there were any revisions/questions, and with no objection, the minutes were approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Lapke, Treasurer, reported that the month began with a balance of \$11,312.98. \$510.00 was received from the 50/50 raffle at Broadhead. Spending included two payments of \$11.95 for the internet, \$53.83 for membership cards and \$649.94 for newsletter production. At the end of the month the balance was \$11,095.31. Bob will email a copy of the treasurer's report to everyone. Carl W asked if there were any revisions/questions and with no objection, the treasurer's report was approved by the board.

Membership Report

Brad Fultz, Membership Director, reported that he would send the membership report to everyone after the meeting.

Newsletter

Mark Havery, Newsletter Editor, reported to Carl W before the meeting that all is well and could not attend the meeting due to work.

Safety

Terry Ives, Safety Director, reported that all is quiet.

Website

Carl W reported that everything is apparently okay.

Executive Director

Bill McCornack reported on Dousman. Hurricane Ike had made it to the Northern part of the US with widespread heavy rain. Carl W reported that he had received four inches of rain in the last 24 hours. Dousman compressed practice, three heat races, show

judging and trophy presentation into Friday. Heavy rain started at 7:00 pm after a day in the mid seventies, overcast and not windy. 21 entries were present with the low turnout blamed on the weather and the MI contingent saving their equipment for Quincy. Saturday's events were cancelled. Expected sound problems did not emerge with no sound decibel testing done, but no one was running open headers, either. Bill said that Dousman put on a great show with four ladies on computers and four corner workers.

Bill reported that he will send a list of recommended tires and a revised class structure to Terry review.

Bill advised that Gus Traeder will have a VKA 50/50 raffle at Quincy.

Bill expressed his concern about too many Midwest events for 2009. The West Coast will have four major events. Midwest has a possible nine events. Bill has arranged a Promoters' Roundtable at Quincy. Bill is analyzing vintage karters by state and strategizing how events fit this analysis.

Old Business

Carl W reported that he talked to Ron Kubel about having an event in Phoenix and Ron said it would be disastrous with his belief there are only about two vintage karters in the whole state of AZ. Terry advised that Ron would not want to promote an event and that he has feelers out for a Phoenix/Tucson event. Terry related a comment from Duffy Livingston that karting right now is like 1957/1958, ie, karting did well for 2-3 years then the excitement passed. Terry praised Tom Thorin on developing very flexible event guidelines for the VKA and can't get much better.

New Business

Carl W proposed new officers for the board:

1. Certification-Jack Murray-This would encompass judging, identification, registration and more.
2. Secretary-Dottie/Brian Thomas-Avid vintage karters.
3. Archivist-Al Klusman
4. Newsletter-Jeff Troy

Carl Billington, VP, said that certification would be a "can of worms". It would just be something to make equipment more valuable. Carl W said that this position would develop a lot of new thinking. For instance, maybe a better scoring system for judges at shows. Now, 1-3 persons take about a half-hour to judge a show and come up with winners. A better system would include a scoring process and feedback to the entries. Maybe, providing scores for individual entries, say, scoring 95 out of a possible 100 points. More specific judging capability would be developed. Carl B said that this only applies to folds who want the "nth" degree. Others just want to drive their karts. Terry said that this would not be mandatory, and that some people want it. Carl B said that this would just escalate prices for vintage equipment. Bill disagreed saying that it would not escalate prices on average equipment. Carl B feels that it will split vintage karters. Bill

was concerned that someone would use the certification program would be used to fool some with a given kart, ie, pull parts off of a given kart before selling. Carl B suggested that a kart be re-certified before selling. Terry viewed the program more like having a label on the floor plan identifying a kart. Carl W reminded all that this is a new direction and that the responsible officer would prepare a proposal and present it to the board for approval. Implementation would maybe be in stages.

Carl W asked the board for approval to ask them to join the board. There being no further discussion and without objection, the board unanimously approved. Carl W said that all would be a good addition to the board and fulfill a need. Terry asked that the potential new board members be invited to the next meeting.

Carl B asked where the potential new board members were from. Respectively, they are from CA, MN, MO and PA.

Carl W then asked the board to discuss a dues increase. Terry asked about the cost of the newsletter. Carl W replied and Bob confirmed that the budget was about \$6,000. Terry asked if the newsletter would be monthly or bi-monthly next year. Carl W replied that this is up to the newsletter editor. The cost of the newsletter varies based upon frequency and number of pages. Using a bi-monthly format in 2008 was Mark's plan to allow for a bigger magazine and to accommodate the work schedule of the newsletter editor. Terry feels that the newsletter has been lost in favor of informative articles in a magazine format. Bill reported that members miss the monthly format. Carl B's opinion is that the bank balance has always gone up...leave the dues as is unless costs have gone up. Terry asked what the projected expenses are. Carl B said they should be the same. Bill said that with inflation, dues have effectively gone down. Carl B felt that with dues going up membership will drop. Bill says that is not it...members just forget to pay. Carl B wanted reasons why to be a member. Carl W said that liability insurance will be an issue for 2009 and that \$5/member is the expected cost. Carl W reminded that we are non-profit and are not looking for profits. The budget is about \$10,000, and we have a year of cash in reserve. Bob and Carl W will work up a budget. Bill reminded all that we have to notify the membership soon about any dues increase. Carl W will get a budget together to explain the dues increase. Bill felt that the membership will not protest a \$5.00 increase in dues, ie, it is a very small percentage of everyone's racing budget. Terry said that the magazine and liability coverage is worth the cost of membership. Carl B renewed his desire to have consistent event management. Terry suggested that the \$5.00 dues increase should happen if nothing else. Carl W indicated that a budget will be presented with the \$5.00 dues increase included next month and the board will vote on approving the budget and a dues increase.

Carl W then asked to have standing sub-committees as follows:

1. Budget-Bob and Carl
2. Rules/Safety-Terry and Bill
3. Certification-Jack and Charlie Groetke

The committees would report at the next meeting even if the report was that they were just getting started.

Carl W then moved on to marketing:

1. Kart Expo-Bill will get the Midwestern tracks to pay for at least half of the cost. Carl B said that we have to have a presence there. Bill said that it really only benefits directly the Midwestern tracks, but getting great international manufacturer exposure. A discussion ensued on various proponents, ie, Curt Palluzi, John Copeland and Quentin Haines.
2. National Kart News-Advertising is being pursued by Carl W.
3. WKA Kartfest-Carl W will contact Ed Sagajian on him helping us.
4. WKA/IKF Tech Manuals-Carl W has already committed to a business card ad. Terry is working on the IKF ad info.
5. Major Events' Booth-Carl W plans to be at the New Castle Tag Endurance event the end of September. A discussion ensued on karts being disinvited to events because they outperform the main show.
6. T-shirts and caps-Brad said that Ernie Fisher called him asking for hats. Brad contacted our patch manufacturer who is putting together a quote. Carl W said that he would contact Vince Hughes and get info on our prior t-shirt printer.

Carl W then posed the question as to whether VKA should buy and sell hats and t-shirts or whether we should license someone, even a board member, to handle and give the VKA a royalty. Terry said that he is all for licensing and to send it out for bids. Carl B said to be careful and get a good product not a cheap Chinese product. Carl W indicated that he would move in the licensing direction.

Carl B reported that he approached a 1.2 mile European style sprint track in Eastern Massachusetts for a vintage event and was told that they have a noise problem and declined. Terry said that the problem with vintage engines is that they have fins that vibrate. The new water-cooled engines are quieter. He recalled that in 1962-1963 open headers were required to have six whole caps.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be the second Sunday of the next month, 10/12/08, at the usual time, 5:00 PST.

The meeting was closed at 7:57.

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