

Vintage Karting Association Inc.
Board of directors meeting
Sunday, January 11, 2009

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Pres. Carl Weakley.

Roll call was taken.

In attendance were.

Carl Weakley

Carl Billington

Bill McCornack

Brian and Dottie Thomas

Bob Lapke

Brad Fultz

Jack Murray

Guests were

Tom Thorin

Dean Kossaras (sp)

Charles Groeteke(sp)

Discussion about e-mail sent about invitations to meetings,

Carl W. stated that he still has a policy of not publicly posting meetings, but he is all for public meetings. He just wants to be able to try to get through meetings in an hour's time.

Any board members could invite anyone they wanted.

Just forward the dial up instructions to them and me Carl Weakley.

Dial up instructions have not changed since 2006 when Carl came on the board.

Secretary

Carl Weakley stated that he sent the previous meeting minutes out, he asked if there were any changes.

Carl Weakley then asked if the meeting minutes as sent by e-mail stand approved?

Carl Weakley then stated that he likes to use negative assurance that way he doesn't have to go through a voice vote.

Carl then asked if there were any changes and if there are none then the minutes stand approved as sent by e-mail.

Treasury report

Opening balance as of November 30, 2008 was

\$10,748.62

There was no income for December.

Expenses were

\$53.89 for membership card

\$12.95 for website

\$776.93 for magazine

Total expenditure

\$843.77

Balance as December 31, 2008 was

\$9904.85

Carl Weakley stated that the balance was up about \$2700 more than last year.

Carl then asked if there any corrections or comments on the treasurer's report,

if there are none Carl considered treasures report approved as read.

Membership report

Brad stated that we are on membership number 337

Paid membership for 2009 stands at 55 members and the six lifetime members.

Brad said that we should advertise more on the website to remind people to pay their 2009 dues.

Carl Weakley stated that he needed to get on the website and post something about it and he was also going to mention it in hot laps.

Bill McCornack stated that he sent out applications with the event schedules.

Brad then asked if anybody had any questions for him.

Carl Weakley then said let's discuss the card making machine under budget.

Newsletter report

Carl Weakley stated that he would be talking to Jeff Troy next week.

That the newsletter should be out in February.

Safety report

Carl Weakley stated that he is going to delay talking about the position until new business.

Carl didn't think that Terry had anything new to report on safety.

Website report

Jeff isn't attending the phone conference.

Carl Weakley stated that Dean would be talking about the website presentation, but we'll discuss that under old business.

Certification report

Jack stated that he still working on the foundation for the certification report.

Jack also said that he spent a couple of hours speaking to John Copeland at Daytona.

Jack also has spent time speaking to multiple people about a database for how karts came out of the factory.

Jack also said that we need to put some type of judging manual out, it would be available for all members.

Jack stated this is going to take a lot more work than what most people think.

Bill Mccornack asked if there was some type of point score that could be used this year at the track.

Jack stated he would like to try to have something in place for 2009.

Carl Weakley stated it (judging manual) would be a nice product when it was done, it will be something everyone wants and will have an impact on things.

Bill Mccornack said that if Jack needed any old magazines or articles for reference material to let the board know and we would put the word out.

Dean asked if there were something we could do in the meantime like the Corvette club, Bloomington Gold.?

Jack said those awards are based on 40 years of compiled judge judging.

Terry Ives asked if we could just run a program like we did last year ?

Jack said that would be good, that will give him time to work on the judging.

Jack said they might be able to have a rough draft of what would disqualify a kart from consideration to put in the next magazine.

Archivist report

Carl.W said,

We need to get Al on the phone, basically there is nothing to report. Tom has done a lot of scanning for This .

Executive Director

Bill stated that he sent out national event schedules, he figures most people have gotten them by now. The VKA applications also went out with the schedules. That mailer went out to 400 people. Also there is the kart marketing show in February that the VKA has a booth at. There will be back charge for the seven Midwest events, charged proportionately. The three main events being Quincy, Brodhead and Newcastle will be charged a little bit more. The other four events being Springfield, East Lansing, Dousman and Delmar. We should get half the fee back for that. There was a discussion of what karts could be displayed at the marketing show. It was also mentioned that there will be a roundtable discussion on marketing with the modern industry. Covering where the industry will be going in the future. There will be three VKA members attending the meeting.

The topic of single day VKA memberships was brought up for VKA events

Also mentioned was having a VKA representative at each event to work closely with the track promoter. We also need to get names and addresses of all participants of the events to help build a master list.

We also need more black flagging, if there's anything questionable we need to come down hard on the guy.

We don't need anybody getting hurt.

Also brought up was a complaint/suggestion form that could be sent out to all promoters, that way the board gets to hear about it first hand .

Bill got a phone call from a track promoter in California Mike Hartman, he wants some help from VKA in the way of a couple people to help with T-shirt sales, raffle and the 50-50 raffle.

He also asked for a check for \$150 to help with the purchase of door prizes.

It was decided that if we sent \$150 check out to one promoter, it would set a precedent for all the other events.

Tom Thorin, Terry Ives and Jack Murray offered to help Mike Hartman out with tech inspection, raffles and such.

New business/safety

Carl Weakley said, that he would like to see somebody from the West Coast and somebody from the Midwest fill the safety position that way we would have both areas covered.

Dean Kossaras was asked if he would be interested in the Midwest position.

It was decided to table discussion until February meeting.

Member input

Carl W. received correspondence from Bill Pryor, but said we will discuss that later in the meeting under the website presentation.

Jeff Brown

He has issued the flyer for the Newcastle event.

He has two promoter optional classes.

One being 100 cc 1977 through 1984 chassis and motor combination with an SL4 or harder tire and the other being one for karts using www.Rear Engine American Racers.com guidelines.

Carl ran into two guys at the Springfield swap meet and one of them was interested in building a reproduction King kart.

He wants to build 50 karts with 820 motors complete ready to go. Just add fuel and run.

He wants the VKA to commit to a spec class.

It was explained that in order to do a spec class we would have to have some type of post-tech, we don't do that.

It was explained to him that we don't actually do competition but these are all demonstration races.

Carl said he would continue to talk to the guy and he just wanted to put it out there for everyone to think about.

Carl W. got an e-mail from Faye Pearson, she and Duffy went down to Australia to the kart races .

They had a good trip and a great time.

Faye is looking forward to getting on a kart at Riverside.

It's 811 already and Carl W. would like to skip to the website presentation.

Website presentation

Jeff, Carl and Dean distributed a copy of the document to all the board members.

Dean said that the image that we put out for public to see on the forum is a positive one not one of discord and argument.

Research was done and the term forum troll was found. IBM had developed this theory 15 years ago.

People getting on forums and taking out frustrations is nothing new, we don't want to prohibit people from being on the forum. At the same time appropriate conduct must be maintained as to not drive other people off.

A couple of years ago our website wasn't very good and Jeff came along and invested his time and money and turned it into a first-class site with continual improvement.

He did provide a lot of statistics of who did what and how, they pretty much speak for themselves.

It's from those stats that we have developed these proposed rules.

The whole idea is to make sure that we don't have derogatory discussions.

The WKA and IKF don't have forums on their websites and I'm sure that it's for the reasons that we are dealing with now.

The idea of a VKA forum is for the exchange of karting ideas, i.e. what kind of color should I use, where can I get a set of rings made, the location of parts and the like.

We structured the rules to kind of limit it to that and hopefully we have been able to accomplish that goal.

Carl W. called for a vote to approve or disapprove the recommendations.

A roll call vote was taken.

I to approve and implement or nay to not approve.

It was approved unanimously.

Carl W. stated that it is now 8:20 PM

He has four things left on his list, one is the budget, the budget takes a whole lot more time than 10 minutes.

He has come up with a budget that is rather aggressive as far as spending is concerned , he would like everyone to look at the budget that he has come up with.

It's kind of based on last year's numbers, Carl's position is that vintage karting is ideally positioned for a down economy.

Carl W. wants to put off the budget discussion until next month's meeting.

Marketing can be put off until another day.

Insurance

Carl W. sent out an e-mail about insurance to all board members.

He sent out three quotes.

He got quotes back for what is called directors and officers liability and entity liability insurance.

As he understands, it is a \$1 million policy maximum per year with \$1000 retention/deductible.
The policy is for multiplied damages not just actual damages if there's punitive damages it's covered also.
The IKF source came back with a price of \$650 a year.
The WKA source came back with \$800 a year.
A third source didn't come back with a quote in that regards, they are more interested in selling off track insurance.
Both quotes are with Chubb insurance, they are the carrier.
It would cover all officers, directors and any named official of the VKA.

Michael Davis a WKA guy also offered a \$1 million general liability policy .
He/Carl W. thinks what that means is it's a \$1 million policy that covers any participants of the event.
That premium is \$2400 a year.
It was brought up that we need a more detailed explanation of what that policy does cover as it might be money well spent if it does cover everybody.
Carl W. said he would get back to us on that subject.

Carl W. asked if there were any questions or comments on any of the subjects we covered so far.

Tom asked if Brad sent out the membership guides and applications. Brad had already left the meeting so Carl W. responded.
The applications were sent out with Bills mailing, we did not send out the member guides with mailings, they are going to out with the renewal stickers.

Carl W. asked if there were any more questions or comments.

Charlie Groeteke wanted to thank everybody for volunteering their efforts to help run this organization and make it what it is.

He also wanted to make it known that on a sad note a former karter and manufacturer of axle clutches and instruments for karting had passed away.
Roy Bystrom of Chicago Illinois passed away this winter.

Adjournment

Carl W. brought the meeting to a close at 8:28 PM Central standard Time

Respectfully submitted by acting cosecretaries Brian and Dottie Thomas

