

Vintage Karting Association Inc.
Board of directors meeting
February 9, 2009

In Attendance

Board Members

Carl Weakley

Carl Billington

Brian and Dottie Thomas

Bob Lapke

Bill McCornack

Jeff Campbell

Absent Were

Brad Fultz

Jeff Troy

Jack Murray

Al Klusman

Guests

Dean Kossaras

Ernie Fisher

Jeff Brown

Tom Thorin

Mike Ray

Meeting Called To Order

Opening Remarks by Pres.

The Time is 7:03 PM, welcome everybody,
I am working off the December 2005 newsletter at the time Vince Hughes was president he had one full page of the newsletter where he talked about past members and membership dues.
And how this board got a late start and they talked about getting a newsletter out on a regular basis,

getting a website up and just waiting for your (member) input and pictures. Revised guidelines which are always in progress he would like to publicly thank the 2005 board members for their work this year. The events that we ran this year went relatively smoothly, magazine coverage of vintage events has been great and people like IKF know we're out there and are not just karts hanging on a wall somewhere. And it's generally just talking about the same things were dealing with today.

Carl asked if everyone received the minutes from the previous board meeting and if there were any changes that needed to be made to the minutes and if not then the meeting minutes stand approved.

Treas. report

Opening balance as December 31, 2008

\$9904.85

Income of

\$1615 in three batches all for membership checks

Expenses

Postage and envelopes in a total of

\$50.09

Newsletter mailing

\$252.04

Membership card and postage bill for

\$55.70

Website

\$12.95

Postage for membership mailing

\$236.00

We had other postage for

\$52.17

We gave a postage advance of \$100 to Brad Fultz

then we had a check \$1475 to cover Adams ambulance that shows in January that check was actually returned and avoided but it's going to show up as an expense in January. It will show as income in February so that is a wash

Total expenses were

\$2233.95

Current balance as of the end of January shows in our checking account

\$9285.90

Pres. Carl Weakley asked if there are any questions or comments on the treasurer's report if not then the treasurer's report stand approved as read.

Membership report

Brad is sick

Membership count is at 342 on the cards

at this point there's 136 paid memberships for this year at this point in time

Carl Weakley asked if there are any questions or comments on the membership report if not then the membership report stand approved as read.

Newsletter

Jeff is not in attendance of the board meeting at the time of role call

He latter phoned in .

Carl Weakley states that the newsletter is designed basically and it will not be out by the end of February should be out of March

It was stated that the new newsletter would be of similar format as the previous one with a cardboard hardcover similar to the previous newsletter

Bill McCornack asked if there were going to be any technical articles and stated that he would be happy to help out on that.

Carl Weakley stated that he sent e-mails out to people asking them to submit tech articles

Carl stated that he had a reply from Jay Mendoza(SP) saying that he would send a couple of tech articles

Carl also stated that he had Quinton Haynes(sp) write a story for Riverside he hasn't seen it yet.

If there are no questions or comment than newsletter section of the meeting stands approved

Safety

Pres. Weakley stated that he thought that Dean Kossaras agreed to be the safety director and Carl thinks that we need a West Coast representative also.

At this point in time he has nobody from the West Coast has agreed to do this. Carl asked if anyone had any questions or comments on this

Carl then asked for the appointment of Dean to be safety director, he asked if there any questions or comments on this. As there is no questions or comments on this Carl then asked for roll call vote to appoint Dean as safety director.

Dottie Thomas then did a roll call vote

Dean was unanimously elected as safety director.

Carl Weakley then asked Dean if he had any comments

Dean stated that he would like to re-emphasize basic safety rules and that he would like to find West Coast representative.

Website

Jeff Campbell stated that he got pictures and video from Riverside he has some of them posted already and has more to put up.

Jeff also stated that website traffic for January has been the most ever.

Mike Ray asked why there was no link to the Australian website on the VKA website, he said that he spoke to the guys from Australia at the Riverside meet and they spoke about the REAR site having a link to the Australian website.

Jeff Campbell stated that he didn't think that we have a links page on the VKA site yet and he would look into it.

Jeff stated that the forum has been very active and calm talking about things that should be discussed on open form.

Carl asked if there were any other questions or comments on the website, since there are none we will move on.

Certification/archivist

Carl W. stated that he hoped that Jack would be able to attend the meeting but since he is absent he asked Tom if he had any comments on what he and Jack were working on.

Tom said that was up to Jack.

Carl stated what we will get Jack to meeting next time and discuss judging further.

Executive Director

Bill say there's a lot of real topics to discuss and that is the kart Expo that is coming up in about two weeks There will be multiple people working the booth including Bill McCornack, Bob Lapke, Jack Murray and Jesse James.

There will be a couple of karts on display including a 1963 Rupp grand prix and a Bug Sprint.

Bill stated that on Friday there would be marketing meetings with a lot of distributors.

Bob Lapke and Jack Murray are going to attend that so the vintage karting guys should be well represented.

We are looking to represent ourselves and make it big splash hopefully.

Saturday we will be working the booth, so far we only have three Midwest events represented that would be Quincy, Brodhead and Dousman they are being represented with flyers.

Bill stated that he had nothing in print about the VKA.

Carl stated that he was sending Bill some VKA postcards and a poster sized picture of Dewies kart and that he would like the VKA banner displayed and there should be some calendar event flyers given away and a sign-up sheet should be put out for more information and we can use a sign-up sheet to give away the poster. And that should cover our bases very well from a marketing point of view.

Carl stated that he is trying to put together a fun day at St. Louis and this would be a class included in a modern event.

Carl also stated that there were guys in Mississippi that were interested in having an event and there were guys in Ohio that were also interested.

Is been mentioned that we are putting on too many events, Carl's thoughts on this are that we should do more fun days, where it would not be a full-blown vintage event and it could be included with the modern event.

It has also been mentioned that the Midwest is oversaturated on vintage events and that the East Coast has none and that is a resource that should be tapped.

Ernie Fisher stated that he would like to see all the events posted at an earlier date. Ernie was concerned that the Midwest is getting preferential summer dates and the West Coast getting what's left over. Bill McCornack stated that the Midwest does have a limited window weather wise to run their events.

Carl Weakley stated that if Bill needed help setting up next year's schedule he would be happy to help out.

New business

Carl W. stated that he would like to have an in memoriam section included in the newsletter and in karting magazine.

The three names that have been brought up are Roy Bystrom , Dexter Bennett and Jerry Ericsson (SP)

We do need to check those names to make sure they are correct for inserting them in a magazine or newsletter.

It was also asked if it would be appropriate to send flowers from the VKA.

Pres. Weakley stated that another thing he would like to discuss on new business, which actually was brought up before , so it might be considered old business is participate awards.

It was mentioned that it could be a participant driven deal , something like members that attended three events or more year to be recognized.

Bill McCornack stated that medallion might be nice for an award.

This would be a membership of style award, something special if you attended three or more VKA events or did something outstanding,, receiving award above what you could get at each individual event.

This would help to promote attending multiple VKA events.

Member input

Carl Weakley stated that there seem to be a little bit of concern shown at the Riverside event about the local/promoter option that had been discussed in the past.

Carl asked around to see if every promoter wanted to do that, and that did not seem to be the case.

It was also mentioned that the CalVint group might want to have their own set of rules.

That could be some kind of local option rule on the West Coast.

Carl would like to see us all run under the same rules at some point.

Ernie Fisher stated that one of his main concerns was communication between the board and the members since the website has been modified to not allow that type of comment on a public form.

Bill McCornack asked Ernie what he thought about a West Coast coordinator.. That would be a position similar to what he/Bill is doing in the Midwest to kind of represent the West coast. It would be someone that people can call , write, e-mail, contact, to discuss West Coast event issues with.

Ernie stated that he thought that would be a good idea. Ernie also stated that he didn't know if he wanted to do it, but he could do it and that he wanted to discuss it with the members on the West Coast, and he would check into it , and he would get back to us.

It was also stated that there should be no discontent between the West Coast guys and the rest of the guys.

What we want a happy organization.

The VKA mission which is a two part statement, one covering the showing and restoration of karts and the other covering a demonstration running of karts. We have two worlds under one roof, and there is no reason to change that.

The guys are showing karts let's enforce the rules to the letter. The guys that are demonstrating karts don't seem to care as much about authenticity. What we want to show is that there is room for everyone. Carl Weakley stated they just sent out another addition of VKA hot laps and down in the third paragraph he mentioned that there was no rule changes made.

Maybe you should send out another hot laps covering the fact that there has been no rule changes made.

Carl Weakley suggested this

Timeline January we put together a rules committee, in April we have rules committee come back with a summation, we put out to the membership in the May for comment, we vote on it in June, we issue it in September, for implementation as of January 1.

Carl said he's going to one other member input, whether it be good or bad he is just going to run through the list.

We had a guy by the name of Gus Pendejo that put a post on the website that had a Nazi symbol in it and Jeff pulled the post from the website. This is a moderated website and these type of things are not allowed.

J. Mendoza sent in 2 tech articles, Carl Weakley sent out requests for multiple tech articles to be sent in.

Carl Billington sent an e-mail concerning certification **versus** verification.

Carl asked Carl was okay with him we would not discuss that at this time we do so in the future.

Matt Devlin sent in photos of his vintage karts at his kart shop.

Michael Davis had an open discussion at kart fest that Carl believes was at North Carolina the discussion became very heated and it revolved around minors any insurance coverage for them.

It was brought up again the issue of the Junior class starting at 12 years old and going 16 years old and a 16-year-old be an option year. And this should be something that the board should bring up and vote on and make it amendment to the rules.

Carl Weakley said that we should research it and bring it up next meeting to see about voting on.

It was also stated that there might be a problem when anyone younger than 12 out on track under any type of demonstration style conditions and under no way should they be allowed to do so. But might be allowed to go out on a slow kart by themselves or during slow type kart practice runs.

It was also stated that we need to have some type of document control listed.

Old business

November meeting

it was suggested that the November minutes be sanitized. And take any personal references out of the

minutes.

Carl did a very detailed description of the November meeting to be accurate as possible.
Jeff Campbell suggested that we clean them up a little bit for public consumption.

It was asked what should be taken out.

The reply was proper nouns. Things that should make it a little less personal.

Rules committee

Carl Weakley stated that he would like to see Bill McCornack and Dean on the committee this year and asked if there was anyone else would be interested in being on the rules committee .

Jeff Campbell indicated he would be interested.

Tom Thorin and Ernie Fisher indicated that they would also be interested in being on the rules committee.

Pres. Weakley then asked if there was anything else which you try to cover this meeting.

Dean mentioned that we should discuss insurance again.

Carl Weakley stated that he was on top of the situation and wanted to discuss it individually with each board member.

He also mentioned the policies he was checking into war for \$1 million in coverage.

Meeting close

Carl stated that it was 8:16 PM and you closed meeting.

You want to thank everyone for phoning in and it was a good meeting.