

## **Vintage Karting Association**

Board Meeting

Sunday, March 8, 2009

Board Members in Attendance

Carl Weakley President

Carl Billington VP

Brian Thomas/Dottie Thomas Co-Secretaries

Bob Lapke Treasurer

Bill McCornack Executive Director

Brad Fultz Membership

Jeff Troy Newsletter Editor

Dean Kossaros Safety

Jeff Campbell Website

Jack Murray Certification

Al Klusman Archivist was absent

Guests in attendance were

Ernie Fischer

Mike Ray

Tom Thorin

it's 7:01 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Pres. Weakley asked for roll call

Opening Remarks by Pres. Carl Weakley

Carl Weakley stated that the last 30 days if not the last 60 days have been pretty incredible with everything that's going on in the world, it almost makes whatever VKA does inconsequential compared to everything else is going on.

Carl referred to it as a mild frenzy.

It seems like people are extremely concerned but yet they still seem relatively composed,, if you get down to basics sometimes there's a bit of an underlying frenzy with people I deal with anyway.

It kind of manifests itself with me where we have people are not laid off and they're doing fairly well in life yet they want their income tax refund just fast they can get it.  
As usual tax season is taken up 150% of my time.  
And with that will go ahead and get into the program I just want to let you know where my head is at these days.

#### Secretary Report

Carl then asked if everybody had gotten a copy of the secretary's minutes.  
He then asked if anybody had any comments or changes,  
Bob Lapke said that the minutes were correct but there should be a correction in the Treas. section showing the correct balance of 9285.90 instead of 9285.95. For January.  
Dottie said she would correct that and thanked Bob for bringing up.  
Carl asked her and the other changes or corrections,,, since there are none then the minutes stand approved as read.

Carl asked if there was anything else the secretary needed to report, Brian stated that he'd been talking with Jeff Campbell about the November minutes and that Dottie and he should have been done and out before next meeting.

#### Treasury Report

Bob Lapke stated that at the end of January we a balance \$9285.90  
For income we had a check for ambulance service for Adams event returned so that was money we didn't spend and that was \$1485.00  
We had several packages of membership checks one was \$520.00 one for \$330.00 another one for \$515.00 another one for \$360.00  
We had 10 event checks from Adams for a total of \$1074.00  
We sold five magazines with the shipping for a total of \$35.00  
Total income was \$4309.00

#### Expenses

Website \$12.95  
Postage \$48.52  
Total expense \$61.47

Balance as of February 28 2009  
\$13,533.43

Carl,, since there are no changes in the treasurer's report it stands approved as read .

#### Membership

Brad Fultz stated that we aren't membership number 348  
We currently have 161 paid members for 2009  
He just ordered 10 new membership cards and that they should be in with a couple of weeks and then he can get them sent out.  
Carl Weakley stated that we need to do another mailer concerning membership and that you would get together with Brad to take care of that.  
Jeff Troy stated that he could put some sort membership drive info in the magazine .

## Newsletter

Jeff Troy stated that he Carl had a discussion about the newsletter and we are pretty much okay with the direction it is taking.

Jeff plans a VKA news section in the newsletter will include obituaries, who is doing what, what kind of new things that are happening , a VKA calendar will also be in there.

There will be a Board of Directors mast, an editors section, a Presidents selection.

Jeff then went on to explain about the features articles.

We are going to do some event coverage, some member profiles, a section on classic rides,

Jeff said that he having trouble with advertisement and plans on making some phone calls.

He also said that he is having one of the art directors for one of his magazines take this project on so we should have really nice graphics.

## Safety-Dean Kossaras

Dean said The direction he is going in is he had a couple hundred flyers made up regarding the new neck braces that have come out, they will definitely save collar bones and spines. He wants them passed out at the events. He is trying to emulate some of the modern kart rules as far as passing goes. He will have more on this as he goes on. Ernie was asked by Dean to do safety for the west coast, Ernie's reply was I'll give it a shot.

## Website-Jeff Campbell

Jeff said the website is pretty good, got a lot of content sent in from Riverside Event this time around, I think we have more people lined up now attempting the on line up load facility. Have to wait 1-3 weeks for CD to mail with photos on them. Some photos went up on the website the same weekend as the event. Which I think was probably a first. Since then I have hundreds of photos, video stuff on U-tube up that week. All accessible from the home page right now I got a new video player imbedded there. You can see 5 videos from riverside. There are several people that put up their stuff there selves , I put some on U-tube, all playable from the player on the home page which is really nice. Then Mona S. sent out a nice long written piece that was detailed on all participants and there back ground, as well as who they were. Nice touch and good coverage. I got her piece posted right away to the website.

As far as the usage on the website goes, It keeps on growing. On the forum I've got 297 registered users now. Jeff figures this has grown by 20-30 people. Its growing quickly over the last few months.

Jeff talked briefly about hackers on the website and how sophisticated there getting, and what he is doing to make it safe.

Jeff stated he is continually monitoring the board/forum personally to make sure all is running well. And to keep hackers from entering. Jeff wants a controlled environment to use the forum. As far as the website visitors we have increased, Just to give you some numbers last Dec. we had 2583 unique visitors and that grew by 12% in Jan. number was 2899 and in Feb. 3100 first time ever over 3000.. I review every registration/application, And it has to be approved by me personally. I'am the final barrier they have to get by, no ones been able to sneak one by me yet. Bottom line a lot of safeguards are in place.

Safety on the forum/website is Jeff 's top priority .

Very Good Carl W. said, Onto Certification with Jack Murray.

## Certification-Jack Murray

I don't have a lot to offer yet, I spent time with Dave Burrals who came up with a certification idea for Bloomington Gold which is a successful certification, probably one of the best in the world. Jack said he was hoping to meet up with Bob L. at the kart expo in Chicago. But he had to bail out because of weather, and he said I guess Bob L. left early. Jack wants to incorporate some of the ideas from Bloomington Gold into ours. Mona S. has expressed serious interest in the certification, And that's probably where will start first, at her event. That's about it, The goal is to shoot for a 100 points, every item would be judged. It was brought up that we need a detailed guideline on how to restore a kart, so when a person is restoring there kart they know what you are looking for.

A very spirited discussion was held concerning certification and it is still open for further discussion.

VKA – is to preserve the history of karting, was said.

Carl W. Interjected lets let Jack do his work, lets take a look at it and see what we come up with. If you guys want to talk off line that's fine.

Carl W. said thank you very much to Jack, and lets move on.

Carl W. said it was 7:59

Archivist-AI Klusman

Carl W. said we are skipping over the Archivist.

## Executive Director- Bill McCornack

I was at the Chicago National Kart Show, We had a vintage booth, and we were the talk of the show. I'am very proud we had a VKA banner, The karts I told you about at the last meeting. We had a 63 Dart Kart, and a 68 Bug Sprint, Went very well. Handed out event brochures for 4 of the 7 Midwest events. Which will be contributing money towards the booth cost. Bob L. will be getting some checks as soon as they come in. On the issue of event coordinator for the west coast Ernie Fisher was asked, But he said he had to much on his plate right now. Tom Thorins name was then brought up, But he is to busy as well. So the word is going out, that we need a west coast coordinator, and to contact Bill McCornack . Bill then said he is all thru.

Carl W. said we are skipping over member input. He said he has gotten several emails regarding different things and is trying to respond to them one by one. If Carl W. feels the whole board needs to see them, he sends them around to everyone. Carl W. said in the interest of time were onto old business.

Carl W. said in regards to memoriam were going to get something done, as well s participants awards. Carl W. said that he would like the awards to be centered around races attended in a year, And giving them something back for it. Carl W. said that he would create a budget for it.

## Annual Budget

Just wanted to publicly thank Faye/Mona for putting on a great event and creating some money for the treasurer. Bill McCornack is doing the same type of thing. Every event we develop some money for the cause.

I want to put a add in the NKN-because they've given us some good vintage karting articles, and I think that it would be a good idea to put a bi-monthly business card in the back of the NKA mag.

Bill McCornack said that he met with the NKN news staff at the kart show and they took one of the national schedules that his wife and himself had printed up. And said they wanted to print it all.

Carl W. said that he thought that the bi-monthly add would be under \$500.00 .

Carl W. then asked if there was any discussion on this. And if there was not, that we needed to move

forward on this. Carl W. then said he had 5 posters of Dewies kart made up to give away at the races this summer.

Rules Committee- Bill McCornack, Ernie Fisher, Tom Thorin, Dean Kossaras

3 of the 4 committee members spoke and decided to shelf it till later on in the year.

The only concern as of right now is the junior class where an 8 year old could show up and run against a 16 year old. And also there is no chest protection in the rules. It was decided that the rules committee has to unanimously agree on any rule change- and then it has to be brought up to the board and adopted before anything goes into effect.

It was decided as of right now no rule changes.

It was brought up there is one point we should discuss. The age for the junior sportsman class and chest protector rule. It has been brought up previously at a board meeting, And agreed upon that we were going to with 12-16 years. w/chest protectors for that class. It had already been agreed upon and should have been written into the guidelines already someone said.

Carl W. said this is the type of stuff that the rules committee needs to work on. Tom Thorin knows how to get them into the rules. We need safety for the children was said. We just need to get it into the rules and get it codified.

We need to get it done before Barnsville, and get the word out. Further discussion will be taken care of via a conference call.

Well guys its 8:14 P.M. Carl W. said,

Ernie, had one last thing to say. He said he did the IKF booth at the grand nationals last year. And we were given a really nice write up in the karter news last year. Almost full page about the VKA booth. And this year we were invited to the sprint grand nationals at Reno. And this year they want us to run competition along with the regular program. Ernie was hoping to get 8 or 10 karts with rear duals to run. You can contact him at [kingfish1003@yahoo.com](mailto:kingfish1003@yahoo.com), so if your interested, it is in June. Ernie said this is a coriographed demonstration.

Carl W. ended with his twin 1974 concepts are almost ready to go. So I will have a true vintage kart to run.

Carl W. closed the meeting at 8:19 P.M.