

Vintage Karting Association

Board Meeting

July 12, 2009

Board members in attendance were

Carl Weakly

Carl Billington

Brian and Dottie Thomas

Bill McCornack

Dean Kassaros

Rules Committee Members in attendance were

Tom Thorin

Ernie Fisher

President Carl Weakly entered the meeting after pulling over as he and his family were on the road. They had been at Road America. Where Carl and his Daughter had ran, Carl said they both had some mechanical problems but were eventually able to find the problems and fix them.

Carl said at Road America he was able to have a real nice pit spot, He also said he had the VKA banner on the front of his RV. He said a lot of people came by and talked to him because he was vintage and they figured they could get advice on problems they were having with their modern equipment and parts too, cause I carry a lot of parts , I was kind of like the go to guy this weekend. But anyway it was a good weekend. I did hand out a lot of brochures and magazines a lot of guys say they were going to join.

Carl wants to say one thing about Road America last year we had a fatality, and again this year another fatality. This years fatality happened to a guy in a lay down Enduro . He managed to miss the hay bales on the left and the tires on the right and the gravel pit all together and go right thru the grass and hit the only concrete wall space it was about 40-50 feet wide where he hit, he had backed it in to it. Carl does not know the guys name yet, Carl said it happened in race one. And he was in race two. He said they knew the accident happened we had no idea what the accident was at the time just knew the red flag came out. Bad news for Road America two deaths in a row, that's not good at all.

Secretary Report

Brian and Dottie Thomas-Present

Carl asked if everyone had gotten the minutes from the last meeting. Carl asked if there were any changes or amendments, hearing none the minutes stand approved as read.

## Treasurers Report

Bob Lapke-absent but everyone was sent a copy, and it reads as follows;

### June 2009 VKA Treasurers Report

Opening balance as of 5/31/09	\$13422.78
Income:	
6/25/09 Bakersfield 50/50	200.00
Total Income	200.00
Expense:	
6/14/09 Website (June)	12.95
Total Expense	12.95
Balance as of 5/31/09	\$13609.83
Checking account balance	13609.83
Cash balance	0

Note: Balance reconciles with Bank of America statements thru 6/30/09.  
6/30/09 statement has not yet been received.

Respectfully submitted.  
Bob Lapke

Carl asked if everyone received a copy of the treasurer's report, asked if there were any changes, and in hearing none they stand approved as read.

## Membership

Brad Fultz is absent, So well pass on membership

Carl W. said he had talked to Brad, and he said we were getting some memberships in, so things are going along ok there.

## Magazine Editor

Jeff Troy is absent, Carl W. said he is behind, he is working on it. I have been feeding him some stuff to. Carl said Jeff was hoping to have a mag. out in a week or two. What Carl W. is hoping to do is to push him now and get some magazines issued back to back to get us caught up again, Carl said that's his thought on that, he said that's not good, but were working on it. Bill M. asked if we had only one issue so far, and he was told yes only one issue so far. Carl said he saw Jeff up at New Castle event , they had a

great time up there. It was a great event. They had about 85 entries everyone had a wonderful time it is a wonderful facility. I hope Jeff Brown does it again, he says he is not, I think he might change his mind. Carl B. interjected and said he thought he would. Carl W. said Jeff Brown should be complimented for doing a good job with it.

## Safety

Dean K. said each time he gets a little closer to printing his report, He hears of one more race where something happens, Now I have a new one to add if your steering column comes loose please stop the kart. Amazingly enough this happened to one of the winningest drivers out there in the history of the sport. Just a good fellow all around, but I guess he got so excited out there that when he was coming back, his steering column came loose, and he made an attempt to try to continue racing. Not a good idea. It was between that and watching another karter that I just added more to my report bottom line. Each time we have another race I add to it. Dean says he'll put it out there for the board members to see before it gets published. Dean says it should be out shortly. It reiterates on the VKA book and everything else he can dream up to go along with it. Dean also said he had some thoughts for the rules committee next time they come around, he said he and Ernie F. had been conversing back and forth.

Carl Billington wanted to back up for one minute about the New Castle event, He thinks the board should issue a letter to Jeff Brown saying what a good job he did on the race and all that. Carl W. said that would be great, and that he is already doing that. Carl W. said he is issuing a promoters kind of thing. It will be framed, It will be thanking them for putting on the event and so forth. Carl W. also said Deans got to get one yet to. Carl W. said he has already sent Jeff Brown a E-mail complimenting him on the behalf of the VKA. Carl B. says your way ahead of me.

## Website

Jeff Campbell is absent, Carl W. said he had not heard anything bad about the website recently. Everything seems to be going along fairly well from everything that he can gather himself. It was brought up that the West Coast was interested in their own web page. There was also a spirited discussion on concerns by members, and their ability to receive information concerning VKA matters. It was brought up that perhaps a news letter would be a solution to this matter. Ernie F. said communication is key. It was said to hire someone to do a news letter to inform members. This would come out of the money in the treasury. Nothing was decided at this meeting. It was said that Dan Rogers voiced his questions and concerns to some board members, with Jeff C. trying to answer him in a kind and respectful manner. Carl W. interjected and said that he has had the opportunity to e-mail Dan R. and they've e-mailed back and forth. Carl W. said Dan R. got a little excited on the front end, but believes he is alright now. And Carl W. said Dan R. Is wanting to help us now, Carl W. said they've been e-mailing trying to get him involved in something. Not sure what it is going to be just yet.

Another spirited discussion came about, There is concern about racing and just play days. There was no resolution to this discussion at this time. There are karters out there that want both or one or the other. Carl Billington said there is a place for everybody. Carl W. interjected, stating that out at Bakersfield for instance. We had a couple of very nice practice days and on the third day there was practice in the morning and in the afternoon there was racing. And somebody can get in a three day event , get in 2 ½ days a practice and if they choose not to race it is no big deal. I saw guys leave. And they did not participate in the racing.

Then the discussion went on to discuss enforcing what tires are correct (vintage). Tom Thorin spoke up and said, "Are they not suppose to be 1975 and earlier per the VKA?"

The discussion went on when Carl W. said at this point and time let us put it in the safety report and put in the rules committee report then will let the board take a look at it. ( see what they've come up with). Tom Thorin again spoke up and said we need to enforce the VKA Guidelines and everyone needs to read

them. Tom T. was looking on his computer and read guidelines for period correct tires. Kart equipment section 5H Period correct hard tire or modern equivalent size only; No sticky tires on early karts. Sidewinders can use original equipment style tires or modern tires of similar size and hardness. Period correct or modern equivalent tires only; with a durometer of 60 or harder for both rear engine and sidewinder karts. (No Sticky Tires).... Carl Billington said we need to clarify and enforce the VKA Guidelines. Carl W. said perhaps we need someone to enforce the rules. Dottie Thomas interjected and spoke up about what she remembered reading just on the Quincy event. It says Please no sticky tires. Now I think that people at the gate should be checking these people when they come in or the safety team at these events. Carl W. said there is a safety person that goes around to every pit. Carl B. spoke up and said a way to enforce a lot of this stuff would be to have a tech spot, where everyone would have to go to, to be checked. And they get something to indicate that the kart is been tech. Then can be seen by the people at the gate before they get on the track. It was then said it's a man power issue. If they don't have the man power to do that then they shouldn't be putting the event on.

#### Executive Director

Bill McCornack Just a recap on the Hurst/Air heart brakes I had trouble on that duel rear that bug sprint that I raced at New Castle. By the way I was running tubes with vintage speed tires. And I had the Air Heart Brake, And I was having a lot of problem stopping in the turns. I remember going to the MCP Brake for safety reasons, I think that should be a done spec or tech thing. I think we should let the guys go to modern brakes for safety and also the price is like half.

I've been watching the entries at these events this year, At East Lansing did not get many rear engines, At new castle there was a real absence of rear engines. However at Springfield there is a real attention to rear engines and every year at Brodhead we get a bunch of rear engines. So it seems to be territorial. Quincy gets a lot of rear engines. It was said that there is such a gap on the rear engines. Rob Voska can get a 100 of them show up for his Rear Event. Bill M. asked how many rear engine karts showed up at the new castle event, He said he looked under the 6/1 rear class I saw like 7 people . Ernie said the New Castle event was not promoted as a rear it was promoted as the ultimate show with the C-opens. That's what everybody thought it was and then they had the trial class the sidewinder opens or what ever they were. So a lot of the rear guys figured that. That show was centered for that type of thing. So they did not think that was including them. So a lot of them did not go. Bill M. said Jeff Brown reached out to those closely to that club, and said a bunch was coming but I only seen about 5 guys that came there. Now I don't think they were unhappy with it. Carl W. said Rob Voska was there, driving his kart. Jeff put it out that rear rules apply to one class. ( they had to have the hard tires).

Bill M. noticed that Riverside was down, Bakersfield was down from last year, I don't know if it's the economy or what. However Dean your event was up from last year, and so was Springfield. Bill M. said that the new castle event was 90 instead of 85 that's what Jeff reported to him. It was said that if they would have had the rear participation it would have been over the top. Bill M. said that when he received a report on the New Castle event that he saw they did not have a practice only. I did not know he was doing that, I do not think that's a good idea. He needs to offer a practice only. They had to enter a whole event, He did not just offer a discount for practice only. So I think he should offer that, and he should think about that I will talk to him about that.

I had a long talk with Terry Ives and he cornered Jeff Campbell and they ironed out a lot of stuff. What was discussed is a news letter to be put out between magazine issues. it could just be a one or two page news letter covering current events on the West coast and the Midwest. A representative for the West coast, and for the Midwest. We probably have the money for the postage. Carl B. said race reports would be nice to read about, and what happened at the events. Bill M. said it should be in there, that's what Terry and Jeff talked about to. Bill M said he would help with the goings on in the Midwest. Ernie F said he would talk to Terry Ives and see who he had in mind for the West coast.

Bill M said he will have to probably deal with all the promoters here that put on the event here. With letting us the board members or the people with the rules actually go out and police the situation. And I have

had grief with that in the past. They have said Bill we want everybody that comes to run. Well pretty soon you have to draw the line in the sand. And that's what Tom T. and Ernie F are saying to. Bill M. says he's all for that. Tom Thorin spoke up at made a suggestion, I think most everyone has a copy of the VKA guidelines, and your talking about a simple newsletter to printed and sent out. If someone with some of these subjects your talking about this evening make just a simple page with some of the highlights maybe of this conversation along with the guidelines. And send it to every single member. They will not be blind -sided then they won't be caught off guard then . Anyone who shows up at a event should of gotten a copy of the newsletter and the guidelines and should of read them. Bill M. said that's true for the members but we got people that are still not members. Brian Thomas suggested putting it on the website to. Bill M said we have to give a reasonable amount of time. Bill M. said that's all he has.

Certification

Jack Murray-absent

Archivist

Al Klusman-absent

Carl W. said he has 8:05 p.m. Does not want to hold anyone up to much longer but he had sent around something to you regarding a kart expo in South point Las Vegas unfortunately its going to be at the same time Riverside is going to be conducted. They wanted us to come out and do a demo event. I told them I do not know how we could get someone to come over and staff it and come over there with Riverside the same weekend, I have not flagged down the cost of what this thing is at all. They wanted to give us top billing in the brochure which they did the last draft that I saw. Which is fine, they were hopping that we would do a demo and we would attend the thing. I started out very strong of course it would be nice to have a west coast kart expo to go to. Carl W. said he had about a weeks notice on the thing. Ernie F. said maybe next year. Give us enough warning wear we can make our dates. Carl W. said he thinks its good, its just a bad weekend. I do not think we can staff it, I do not mind spending the money to go do it, as long as its close to what we are doing with kart expo in Chicago. Let me work on it some more, and I will keep you informed.

Carl W. then asked Ernie to go over the Grand Nationals, I posted it on the website about the grand nationals, and the VKA is sponsoring Junior class, that is the VKA Duffy. And I've got 12 guys with their rear engine duals will be performing a six lap like heat race as a demo. We are going to choreograph this thing. Keep everyone in a group no balls to the walls kind of thing. It will be guys going at speed, and making it look good for the modern karters to see. Then Richard is going to do the this side up thing. I've been working with Bill Hildger (sp) IKF president, and Brian Rivera Northern Nevada Kart Club president, and the head cheese at the event and they are really excited to have us there. They are giving us a really nice area in the sponsor area to put our karts out there for everyone to look at, there also giving us 35 min. on Saturday and 35 min. on Thursday in between their heat races. Were going to have a pretty nice VKA area and a table with all the stuff you sent me Carl. We also had posters made up saying the VKA visits the IKF Sprint Grand Nationals that were going to have on the table for people to pick up. I'll have a report for you after the event. I expect it to go over pretty big.

Carl W. says he believes it will go over fine it did last year. I'am real happy your doing it for us I think it is great. Ernie said he was also real happy the VKA stood up and sponsored a Duffy that's a big thing it should be in all the magazines. The VKA banner will be up on the victory podium and the VKA and the magazines I think we should get a lot of exposure.

Carl Weakly said if he cuts off here it is because his cell phone went dead.

Carl Billington ended up closing the meeting. He said good job to everyone.

