

Vintage Karting Association

Board of Directors meeting

August 2009

Board members in attendance were

Carl Weakly

Carl Billington

Brian and Dottie Thomas

Bill McCornack

Brad Fultz

Dean Kassaros

Jeff Campbell

Bob Lapke-came in late

Rules Committee

Tom Thorin

Ernie Fisher

After roll call was taken Carl W. let Jeff Campbell go first and then we will drop back into the usual order.

Website: Jeff Campbell

Jeff wanted to start with the regional web pages, and how to move forward with that idea. Mike was going to do the west coast regional pages, but now mike has other commitments and is not going to be able to fulfill that role, So we are looking for somebody else to serve that role. Along with that we need to take on the task to define the content that would be on those regional pages. Along with direction to what people should be putting together and publishing on those pages. We want to give more regional oriented content to be put on the website especially for the west coast.

We need somebody to do the writing and provide the content. And we need to define the guidelines for what that content should be. Bill M. jumped in and volunteered his services for the Midwest sector. Jeff C. said ok. Bill M. said to Jeff C. that he thought Terry Ives had given him a name for someone on the west

Coast. But before Jeff C. could answer his cell phone went dead.

Carl W. said I think we lost him. We will put off of website here and let Jeff pick that up later on.

Brian Thomas interjected and asked if there were any guests for the meeting. We heard no reply. There for no guests were present.

Secretary's Report: Brian and Dottie Thomas

Carl W. went on to the secretary's report, Carl W said Brian and Dottie I know you got the minutes out.

Carl W. complimented Brian and Dottie on them. Carl W. asked the secretary's if they had anything they wanted to report or comment on. Brian said none from us. Carl W. said ok. Very good . Carl W. asked if anyone had any changes to the minutes. Hearing none the minutes stand approved . Carl W. then thanked Brian and Dottie.

Treasurers Report: Bob Lapke

Carl W. said he knows Bob will tune in late if at all. Carl talked to him earlier today and I've got a Treasurers report in hand. And I know all of you received one via an e-mail. Bob survived Africa he said it was very peaceful over there, and he said he had something else he had to do today, said he would tune into the meeting late if he can. He thought the meeting was next weekend. Then realized it was not.

Carl W. then went onto read the treasurer's report in Bobs place.

July 2009 VKA Treasurer's Report

Opening balance as of 6/30/09 \$13609.83

Income:

7/27/09 9 Membership checks 350.00

 Total income 350.00

Expense:

7/27/09 Membership cards 41.84

7/27/09 Website (July) 12.95

7/27/09 Postage 50.00

7/28/09 C. William Grant IV memorial donation 25.00

 Total expense 129.79

Balance as of 5/31/09 \$13830.04

 Checking account balance 13830.04

 Cash balance 0

Note: Balance reconciles with Bank of America statements thru 6/30/09.
7/31/09 statement has not yet been received.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lapke

Carl W. asked if there were any changes or questions, hearing none they are approved as read.

Membership: Brad Fultz

Brad said ok, we'll start off with members paid for 2009. We are at 232. We are at number 364, we got 57 associates members, and 307 full time members. Previous and past. I just put in an order for more membership cards. They should be arriving soon, so we can get caught up with new members. Brad said that was all he had right now. Then a question was asked of him, , Brad was asked how much have we grown in the past year? In this past year, That's something that I keep forgetting to do, and I apologize for that. It is just a simple calculation I could probably do if I was sitting in front of my computer. I can't answer that but I at this second. But I could do a calculation and send it out if you would like to everyone. Brad said he could go back to 2005 and figure out a %. Brad said just off the top of his head this year has been a really big year in membership. Biggest he has ever seen. He just knows that. A lot of people from the south, a lot from the west coast. Brad said he would do up a spread sheet and sent it out to everybody so we can all see what's going on.

Carl W. asked Brad if there was anything else, Brad said , no.

Magazine Editor: Jeff Troy

Carl W. said he spoke to Jeff Troy this week we obviously don't have the next issue of the magazine out. Carl W. said he had a little more info on Jeff Troy he has had some personal issues to deal with. Carl said he has sent Jeff some more stuff over last few weeks and he is working on it with his editor that does a lot of the real work. We're hoping to have something out very shortly. I know I've said that a lot lately over the last few months, but I really believe were going to get it done. I've talked to Jeff T. and were going to do a back to back issue. Dean K. brought up to have Jeff C. put it out on the website about the magazine so people would understand the technical difficulty were having regarding the magazine. And that Jeff Troy has more time to work on it now. It was asked of Carl W. if we paid Jeff Troy anything for doing the magazine? Carl W said no. Carl said he brought that subject up with him a couple of weeks

ago. I said Jeff I know this is your business, do you want to discuss a payment for producing it, He said absolutely not I do this for my own enjoyment, I don't want a penny from you guys. So there it is. Dean again suggested that Jeff C. get it on the web as to suppress any negative commentary out there. The board chimed in and said that was a good idea. Bill M said Jeff T. needs to know how very important it is to get these issues out real quick. It is very embarrassing as a board member when I have to see people at the track, and I get asked where's the news letter. And I don't have all the facts to answer. Its real tuff, he needs to really get going on that letter. The board agreed with Bill M. Brad F. then spoke up and said that he has met Jeff Troy he's a hell of a nice guy. I'am sure a lot of you have met him and he does a good job with it. But I just want to point out that he did take on that position with the VKA and it's a responsibility and yes we don't get paid any money, I don't get paid for doing any of the memberships. But if I only did the membership when I wanted to it would not get done. And I think that everyone who has a position on the board were all doing our jobs and doing them well and up to date everything except for that. Brad says that he is with Bill M on that and that he is also approached regarding the magazine. Carl W. said Jeff has expressed embarrassment to a certain degree also in that regard. Now that still does not get a magazine out the door. I understand.

Safety: Dean Kassaros

Dean said he is working on the last part of his resume on fire safety and I'am just waiting for Ernie to get back to me on the proper fire extinguishers. Dean said practically everything we have for fire extinguishers is wrong there not correct for alcohol. Dean said alcohol not mixed can be put out with water.

If it caught on fire. Basically I am just working on the last of the safety rules. Which I will have published prior to Quincy and in everybody's hand. I would like some commentary back on them. Hopefully we will have a meeting at Quincy, is that scheduled? Carl W. said he was planning on it, But nothing was Scheduled yet. Carl W said he and Bill M will work on that. Carl thought having it around the promoters meeting. Bill M said we will try to get as many of us together and find out what best time that is. Usually it is right after the kart show. On Friday evening. It was left with Carl W saying I'll give it some thought. Carl W. said what else Dean, Dean said that's about it. Dean asked out to Ernie Fisher if he had anymore catastrophes for me to write about then the ones I already have. Ernie said he had no catastrophes all

positive stuff Dean. Ernie said he agreed with the fire extinguishers thing totality, and I think drip pans got to be a big thing to. We have had so many of the west coast tracks repaved completely. And boy they are death on you even pitting on their new asphalt. Bottom line we need to have drip pans under them when we fire them, and dispose of it properly. Most of the people Ernie sees at the track police their own area, and do a good job of it. Ernie says were very lax in fire extinguishers and drip pans. Bill M asked about cigarette smoking in the pits? Dean says he has that on the list, I don't know how we would police it Dean said. Bill M says just mention it in the RULES. Brian T. spoke up on those drip pans a lot of these tracks since they run 4 cycle they change oil every heat they've gotta have a oil barrel there that they dump their old oil in. I work in a automotive shop and we can put gasoline in that used oil and they have no issue taking it. So I don't know why they couldn't take the remnants off a drip pan and put in there oil barrel. Ernie said if they got one. Ernie said he has been to a lot of tracks and has not seen one. It was said that Brodhead had one. Carl W. asked Dean if that was all on safety. He said he was done.

Certification: Jack Murray

Carl W. said he had talked to Jack M. and wanted to inform the board that he and Ed S. went up to Road America and had a very nice display. Carl W. said he had not seen a picture of it yet. It was Brodhead weekend. I talked to Ed S. also and he was very pleased with the way it turned out. And the number of people that were there. According to Jack M. Ed S. said \$6000.00 to go up to Road America and have a booth up there. He rented a ¼ of a tent which the rent alone according to Ed was \$2200.00 just for that. So what I am saying is that Ed is really going a step beyond here to promote Vintage Karting. Carl W said it was great what he was doing. Carl W. said he put together a promoter's package and sent it with Mark Dalia. So they had Applications to hand out, karting magazines and things like that. Carl W. told Ed to give him more time to give him a proper package to take up there. He said he would. Carl W. said just so you know what Road America is, it was a core vintage nationals. A ton of vintage cars up there. Evidently they have the go ahead to be on the track next year. So we shall see.

Archivist: Al Klusman (Skip)

Executive Director: Bill McCornack

Quick report on Brodhead, There is a event write up on the website, my wife and I just got that on there with Jeff C. about 3 days ago. We had 52 entries that were on the track in the demonstration events/ racers. 40 of those karts went to the show. My guess is some additional karts weren't running on the track were part of that 40 also. Quite a good show.. Some one had wine and beer tasting tent set up. That was fabulous; people were just blown away by that I know I was. I

Bill M said they were down about 8 entries. It was a perfect event all the way around. I think the economy and having to many Midwest events and a ruff track contributed to the low entries. So that's the Brodhead event.

Dean pointed out that it was too close to other events. It was discussed about trying to spread dates out a little bit. Bill M said he wanted to discuss this with the Midwest promoters.

Ernie and Tom I know we talked about the rear karts having the original Air heart Hurst brakes. I floated that idea around the track. Also floated the idea about tubes in the rear engine karts. And the consensus of probably 10 different parties I spoke to ,,3 didn't care what we do, the other 7 are really against enforcing tubes on rear engine karts. And some of them are running tubes, there not looking for that rule I guess and one of them is Terry Ives he thinks that's a can of worms we don't want to go to. And also the brakes there all for having open brakes for the same reason I brought up at the last meeting was cost and the new brakes actually work better so that's kind of what I am finding out talking to people Ernie and Tom,, regarding what you guys brought up at the meeting the last time. Bill M asked Ernie and Tom if they had any comment on that. Dean spoke up to say that he was kind of pushing to see the rear engine karts the traditional karts have the traditional parts. (I.E.) tubes . But the more I thought about it, I mentioned something in the safety rules about it, but at the same time I got guys now starting to run Enduro karts and which leaves me to believe what I get on the old style tires, would I put them on an Enduro, answer is no. Ernie knows what I' am talking about. These karts the tires are half way coming off the rim at 80 or 90 miles an hour. I kind of backed up and backed away from it. The brakes you couldn't put air heart brakes on a kart for me. I know how bad they are. But the tires I am going to back off on just for that reason. We have the potential for Enduro karts out there now. There is just no way we would be able to enforce that. Bill M said ok. Any comments on that , or I'll go on to the next thing. No one had anymore to say. Bill M said he is chairman of the rules committee which consists of Jeff Campbell, Dean

Kassaros, Ernie Fisher, and Tom Thorin. My concern is that were not going to come to much of an agreement. I don't think we should change anything, I think Ernie and Tom were kind of miles apart on we do in the Midwest,, not that were changing anything, just how I kind of word things and stuff. I am kind of backing off really trying to get something going , maybe just leave the rules the way they are. With the exception of sports and historic class, and a lot of us in the Midwest and I know some west coast people like the way I kind of specified the sports and historic. Now I can get copies to everybody about that. It has specifications listed.

Bill M asked if there were any questions on that.

Dean K. spoke up and discussion ensued between a few people regarding motors, dry clutches, open stacks, box style mufflers, years of karts, noise issues at the tracks.

Bill wants to work on this with the rules committee to clarify for the event promoters.

Bill M. said he has about covered it. Bill ended with saying he will get copies out to the rules committee, and then they will talk.

Sounded good to all concerned.

Carl W. said he did not have anyone else on the list, He then asked if Ernie or Tom had anything they wanted to add. Tom had nothing. And Ernie expressed that he would like to see a newsletter.

Carl W said they are trying to get it done. Hopefully in a week or two.

Bill M brought up what a nice job Ernie did in the nationals in Nevada. Really a great thing you did, thank you.

Brian and Carl also chimed in to thank Ernie.

Ernie said thanks guys.

Carl W. commented on the video, about the passing and how clean it was.

And that it was a demonstration not a race. It looked really good on the video.

Ernie said he picked the drivers, had meetings with the drivers, told them what he expected. And told them what they had to do.

He also told them the was a reason he had picked them.

Cause I knew they would all work together.

They all did a phenomenal job.

Richard Kennedy did a wonderful job introducing us. It all went well.

Their real excited about this,

Ernie said they want us to do two of them next year. He said he would try to coordinate this next year, but expressed that it would be doubtful that he could do both. Everybody there was treated like kings. Everybody did this on their own nickel. Which I was very proud of and why I only made it a one day event. And the people that were there early could do two days. Hot laps and Duals on Thursday, Saturday was the main show. We were provided with complimentary passes, gave us the best pit spot in the whole area. We had our own private gate onto the grid. Lots of traffic thru the area. We had many things to hand out, including some posters Richard Kenedy, Jerry, and Myself had made up. Ernie said we should see a lot of new interest from the west coast with Brad. At least were hoping so.

Carl W. said on that note, he has had a couple of conversations with the WKA, They want to meet with me. They want to put something together on a national basis also to get us involved. They already do the Enduro stuff. He's talking about the sprint stuff, I just don't know how it can work out. Where his angle is to somehow get to have an event with them. So the cost can be shared some way or another. I am sure what he is thinking of is just increased pit passes and race entries. But that's where his head is at. Maybe it would be good to get to a manufacturers cup race and have a demonstration, something like Ernie has done. Right now I am just trying to get thru the season, and get a magazine out. That's where my head is at. Bill M. said ya, maybe just a single demonstration like Ernie did would be the best thing. One group maybe.

Carl W. agreed.

Carl W. asked Bill if that was it, I think it's a good idea if we all get together at the track promoters meeting,, We need to have talks about those things.

Carl W. wanted to bring up one more subject,, we need to start thinking about board members for next year and everyone that wants to stay on the board must express an interest in that direction.

I've got some people I am talking to, to recruit for next year. But as last year I want to increase the west coast participation in that regard. I am not saying to do anything tonight but lets all start thinking about it and lets get real on the subject by the next meeting or a little before. We need to get that

all put together.

Carl W said he would send out a E-mail to all of us regarding that and the procedures and by laws from the operating manual and what they called call for. So everyone can be thinking about that.

Carl W. said its coming up on 7:50 P.M. anyone have anything eles?

Brian Thomas brought up a memoriam of flowers to be given for fallen karters. It was then talked about and decided to put a cap of \$25.00 per on it, but we need to be judeishises (sp) about who it goes to , we can't be affording to do it every week.

Bob Lapke chimed in and said he signed on late Carl W. said that he read the treasurers report. Bob then gave a short report on his trip to Africa. To help render medical assistance.

Carl W. said its 7:54 P.M. and wanted to thank everyone for their input.