

Vintage Karting Association

Board Meeting September 27th, 2009

Roll call was taken by secretaries at 7:03 P.M.

Members in attendance were

Carl Weakley
Carl Billington
Brian and Dottie Thomas
Bob Lapke
Bill McCornack
Dean Kassaros
Jeff Campbell
Jack Murray

Rules Committee

Tom Thorin
Ernie Fisher

Guests in Attendance were

Joel Wey
Faye Pierson
Louie Figone
Terry Ives
Burt Powers
Mike Ray
Mona Sturgeon

17 Total people were at the meeting

President Carl Weakley opening statement

I want to say that I am proud of the Board.

I have seen the Board grow in professionalism and energy in the performance of its duties. The promotion, financial strength and viability of the VKA within the racing community has grown due to the all-volunteer effort of the Board, the promoters and the membership in general.

Does the VKA have problems to work on?.. sure. Does the VKA have discontent with some members?..sure. The world is not perfect and life is nothing more than dealing with problems day-by-day and one at a time.

The key thing to remember is that we all love karting, and the purpose of VKA is to promote the history of karting. Automotive sports is only a portion of the world of sports. Karting is a much smaller portion of that and vintage karting is even smaller. The vintage karting community has to work together, support each other and minimize the discontent for the good of all.

At the beginning of 2009, our country was in bad shape economically. Vintage karting is a fun, relatively safe and inexpensive alternative to modern karting and other forms of automotive sports. I am very pleased with our VKA events and our growth in membership considering our country's unemployment rate and financial condition. I said at the beginning of the year that vintage karting is well positioned to do well in a rough economy...and we have done well. **We have a bright future if we stick together.**

Secretaries Report- Brian and Dottie Thomas

First we would like to apologize for not getting last months meeting minutes done on time, Both Brian and Dottie said there was no one excuse, and that the board would receive a copy of the minutes in a couple of days.

Carl Weakley, asked the secretaries to name all people who have submitted applications to the secretaries, including the current board members names and applications.

The names went as follows

Bert Powers

Louie Figone

Dan Rogers

Tom Thorin

Mike Hartman

Ernie Fisher-Pulled his application

Terry Ives

Dean Seavers

Dan Flanders

Bill Pryor

Jerry Van Deusen

Mike Ray

Richard Kennedy

Vince Hues

Everyone who is on the board as of right now, have put in applications to retain position on the board for next year.

Carl Weakley

Carl Billington

Brian and Dottie Thomas

Bob Lapke

Bill McCornack

Jeff Troy

Dean Kassaros

Jeff Campbell

Jack Murray

Brad Fultz

Al Klusman

Rules Committee

Tom Thorin

Ernie Fisher

Carl Weakley asked if they had anymore to add, They said no.

Carl W. then went onto Bill M. as he requested to go first so he could get back to working on a motor, he was trying to get ready for Delmar IA. Event.

Executive Director- Bill McCornack

Bill spoke about the Quincy Event, Bill said there were 74 entries this year, and that's down from last years 87 entries. Bill M. contributed this to the economy and the end of the season. Bill also reported that a kart was going to be given away at the Quincy Event in the year 2010 by raffle ticket, at \$5.00 per ticket. Winners need not be present to win. Tom Thorin asked if this would also be offered via the VKA website, Carl W. responded and said yes, They would be numbered ect. So that they could be kept track of.

The kart to be raffled off goes as follows,
Gary from Doemelt Precision Machine to donate a King kart, He now is in process of making reproductions of the King kart.

Bill McCornack and Terry Ives will be donating a motor. (McCornack, Ives Motor.)

100% of the proceeds from the raffle of the King Kart and motor will go to the VKA.

Treasurer's report- Bob Lapke

August 2009 VKA Treasurer's Report

Opening balance as of 7/31/09	\$13830.04	
Income:		
8/09		0.00
	Total income	0.00
Expense:		
8/9/09 Website (August)	12.95	
	Total expense	12.95
Balance as of 8/31/09	\$13817.09	
	Checking account balance	13817.09
	Cash balance	0

Note: Balance reconciles with Bank of America statements thru 8/31/09.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lapke

Website-Jeff Campbell

Jeff has made changes to the website to make it more user friendly.

. as the VKA Board considers how to address some recently voiced member concerns the website can immediately offer full or partial solutions for most of these voiced concerns. Since member frustration can result in negative assumptions, I have taken immediate action to improve VKA-to-member communication by making the following website improvements:

- Ø implemented a "My VKA" logo, to make the pre-existing members area of the website more visible and accessible by multiple links
- Ø initiated a "Join the VKA" campaign, which includes statements of why to join the VKA and the tangible benefits it provides.
- Ø implemented "The Vintage Karting Forum" logo, to make the Forum more visible and accessible by multiple links
- Ø added text to the members area page and reorganized the pre-existing content in a more logical way, so members can see the multiple easy ways already provided for members to contact the VKA Board, and so members know the meeting minutes contain info on what is recently going on with their club (including financial statements).
 - o VKA Board contact info
 - o Added text explaining why no VKA guideline & operation, and racing rule discussion is allowed on the Forum, and informed them of the pre-existing private alternative member-member and member-VKA communication tools that the VKA has provided on the website (forum email & private messaging)
 - Provided a more visible link to the VKA Meeting Minutes, and a text explanation noting that what is going on at the VKA is in the minutes, including financial reporting
 - Then on the forum he included a safety section

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Magazine Editor-Jeff Troy

Carl Weakley spoke in Jeff Troy's behalf. Carl W. said Jeff finally got the last issue out, and I understand we are way behind. What I am trying to do is work with Jeff to get it shored up. We are going to issue 4 issues in the next 4 months. I know it is going to be a lot of work, but we are going to get it done, and we are going to get caught back up to the half dozen we planned at the beginning of the year. That's what is going on with that. I am trying to shore him up. His roles in his personal life are kind of over with a little bit now, I would like to think he will be more productive now. That's kind of where the magazine is at right now. Hopefully you will see it in your mail this week.

Dean K. said he would like to go on record, That if he as much as hiccups that we find a private company in fact I spoke with Louie Figone and he has a possibility that we immediately replace him. Carl W. said he does not have a problem with that necessarily, again I am doing my thing , I am kind of doing the Tom Thorin thing, as far as doing double duty in that regard. And that is what I am going to do the rest of the year. But going into next year we will have to look and see what we will want to do for next year. Carl W. asked if there were anymore comments on this. Terry Ives spoke up and said why don't you just make one quality Christmas issue. Carl W. said he thinks that would be good. That's what I would like to have at the end. Terry said there is no reason to play catch up here. I think you do yourself a favor and the VKA a favor If you just make one quality magazine with all the listed events for next year stuff like that in there. Hi its Mona I agree with you hole heartedly . We know what it takes to put one on these together and it takes more than a couple of weeks to through a issue together believe me. Carl W. said he knew that. Mona said, but we would still want to get it out like in November, If it going to have our information in it on our event in Riverside Terry. Carl W. said like the first of December issue. Or the Christmas issue per say. Mona said ok. Carl W. said very good. Carl asked if there was anything eles on the magazine. No one replied, So Carl W. went onto Jack Murray.

Certification-Jack Murray

Jack said he did not have much to offer yet, Still working on collecting data for the program. Carl W. said ok. Carl W. went onto safety.

Safety-Dean Kassaros

Dean said he emailed most of the board before he went to Quincy with his first draft of all his accumulation of safety rules. If anybody has anything they want to send back on it, please do. Jeff Campbell mentioned that basically the bulk of that really needs to be addressed to the promoters. And I've got to versions I am working on. A set of stuff and advise to the member and then the direction to the promoters on what they need to do to ensure safety. But the guys that have it, if you have any feedback please give it to me. And now of course with the internet hopefully some people will give me some extra feedback there to. And then we can publish it, mail it out to the members and then the promoters will also have a copy. Carl W. said he liked that little, I guess what I am perceiving Jeff Campbell is that it is going to be kind of a here my stories and I can think of the one problem that we had at Quincy where the guy went off the track he lost his brakes. The plastic line just popped out of the caliper. Carl W. said it is just a matter of tightening the thing up a little tighter. And then Dean and I talked about having a back up tether cable which I was hit on last week in Savanna. The folks down in Savanna are recommending, not requiring. They are recommending that everybody have a tether cable on their brake system. Before they go out on the track. We have it all on the big sidewinders, we have already got it there. Jeff C. said he has already seen some ideas mentioned on there. That would be good for a lot of people. Instead of using these clevis pins with the cotter pin on the brake linkage. Using something like bolt or a shoulder bolt with a castle nut and a cotter pin. Much more positive and difficult to fall out. Jeff said that's just one idea to come out of there. Carl W. said good, and excellent. Carl W asked Dean what eles. Dean said that is it.

Carl said very good.

Rules committee

" Carl W asked Bill M if the Rules Subcommittee had any report or otherwise to contribute. Bill M said that the Rules Subcommittee consisting of Dean K, Tom T and Ernie F had no rule revisions ready. Having no rule changes, Carl W noted that the rules have not been revised since Tom T originally wrote them in 2006, he suggested that there be no rule changes in 2009 and that the Rules Subcommittee be therefore disbanded. There being no objection, Carl W disbanded the Rules Subcommittee for 2009 and thanked the Rules Subcommittee members for their service."

Carl Weakley asked if we had any old business to discuss. Is there anybody got anything on the table that they want to talk about. Mona replied, that she wanted to make sure that Riverside gets mentioned in time. Carl asked what about Riverside, and Mona said she wanted to make sure her flyers get out on Riverside on time this year. Carl said ok. Carl said be sure and send me a supply of info to be stirred into the magazine when we mail it out in November, or December. Mona said they would do that. And thank you very much we appreciate that. Carl said your very, very welcome. Carl asked again any old business. Any new business we want to discuss. Jack Murray spoke, He said Gary asked him to bring this up at the meeting. His question was why can't we have some kind of points plaque or trophy for somebody that participates at all the events. Kind of like a high point participation award. Jack said he and Carl had discussed it briefly. Carl W. said we talked a little bit about this on the board to. We just really need to appoint somebody to really decide or make a subjection on what we want to do. Its went everywhere from me issuing a certificate to having a plaque trophy issued for people. Jack and I kind of talked about having a three star, five star kind of a thing, And depending on how many events you went to during the year, you could get a star plaque for attending multiple events. Carl W. said he thought that would be nice. And it would be issued by the VKA. As apposed to a particular track promoter. I would want to see what the budget would be for that, see what it would cost to produce something like that. But we really need to have a chairman to actually do it right. And get it done. Carl said he agreed, It is something that I wanted to have done going into the end of the year. But we have not gotten it pulled together as to who is going to do it for us. Jack said that Gary thought having something like that, might bring participation up at the events.

Carl asked if anyone wanted to volunteer for that, to try to put together a plaque or some sort of award even for 2009 is where my mind is at. We do not have good records right now as to who went to all the events. I wish we had better records we could probably gather up some records, not sure. What I can see happening is just doing something on a voluntary basis. Ok what events did you go to this year. Two or more, we want to award something to you for going to two or more. Or whatever you think would be appropriate for what kind of response we have had and the cost related to it. Anybody want to pick up the rains that one. Jack said how about going back to Gary and see if he would be interested in doing the administration on getting the data for that. Carl W said that sounded good. Jack told Carl he would talk to Gary. Carl said he and Jack would work on that, and see what they can get out of it. Any other new business.

Carl W. wanted to talk briefly about a substantially number of emails he received this month. Some were short and brief, normally I like to bring up one two or three of the emails. Which is normally what I get in a month. Carl said some people bring up things that they would like to see done. Carl said his cup over flowed this month. Hopefully I will have something together next month, and we can talk about that from the last two months. Anybody eles have anything eles. Faye spoke up and said they were looking for a really good turnout at Riverside, all indications from Mona and I's visit to Quincy so. We will try to prop up the treasury a little bit. Faye said she is looking forward to it. Carl said he is looking forward to it to. Carl said he got a email that the Australians are coming he said he sent it over to Faye and Mona that 5 or 6 people are coming so I don't know what that will be or how it will work out and what their going to do exactly. Faye says one of them already has a kart bought its here at our factory. Faye said she could offer up one. If anybody has any spare these guys are good drivers if the ones that are coming are the ones that I am familiar with from our visit over there, It would be kind of nice to see them all here, we could

even put them in there own little class and let them go out and show us there thing. Faye said that was it. Mona spoke up to say we will do something with that, she said they were going to add one more award at Riverside because the Aussies are taken all the long distance award. There is a whole lot of people here that can. So we want to make it domestic or united states long distance award added. Carl W said that would be great. Carl said he was happy that the folks from Michigan was bringing a semi again. It makes it so convenient for us Midwesterners to come out then. Mona said it was wonderful, better announce that at the drivers meeting at Quincy that anyone interested its \$300.00 dollars. Carl said very good we will put something into the magazine on that. We might put a flyer out to. It was asked if that could go into the issue going out now. Carl W said no, but we will work on it and see if we can get it changed. Mona asked if Jeff C was still there and if we can get it on the website with some information pretty quick. Jeff said we could get it on if you can get him the information. It was said to call them directly and get the information directly from the folks at Michigan. Jeff said he would. Carl W stated that he had spoken to Bud about it and thanked him, but he also agrees on calling him directly and getting the info needed to be put out on the website. Carl asked if there was anything eles and that he had a time of 7:43 p.m. so we are doing good on time if anyone eles has anything to say. No one did so meeting was called, Carl thanked everyone for signing on, and thanked all the guests that he really appreciated it. Mona thanked everyone for all there involvement your all good people. Carl said thank you, thank you very much we appreciate it. Have a good evening, and have a good week coming up. The goodbyes were said and everyone hung up.