



Vintage Karting Association Inc.

**Board Of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2009**

Meeting was called to order

Roll call was taken

Board members in attendance were:

Carl Weakley

Carl Billington-came in late

Brian and Dottie Thomas

Bob Lapke

Bill McCornack

Brad Fultz

Dean Kassaros

Jack Murray

Guests in attendance were

Terry Ives

Carl Bucannon

Jerry Van Deusen

Vince Hughes

Tom Thorin

Carl Weakley thanked everyone for attending this evening, He stated he did not have any opening remarks. Except to say it seems like its only been a couple of weeks since our last meeting. Then he realized it had only been a couple of weeks since our last meeting. He said that he appreciated us giving him a break last month, that he had a pretty busy schedule, And it worked out best for him to have the meeting delayed. He said he really appreciated it. Carl W then said lets go to the secretaries, He said the secretaries have provided the minutes for the month of August and September, is there any changes to the minutes? Carl W said he had a change to the September minutes, stating that he had disbanded the Rules Committee. Carl also asked everyone if they agreed with that, many board members agreed with that. Carl W, and Dottie are to talk after the meeting and make appropriate changes to the September meeting. Carl W asked if there were any other changes, hearing no changes the minutes stand approved

and can be posted to the internet. Carl asked if there was anything else from the secretaries table. Brian stated not at this point in time. Carl W said he guessed we could go ahead and go over the applications received and you've sent that out via email to all the members of the board. The dead line was September 30th. Carl W said what he thought would be appropriate would be to post it to the internet, Just a simple listing of names and they will be voted on at the November meeting. And I think that's all we need to talk about at this point in time. Carl W asked if anyone had anything to add to that. Carl Billington asked if there were any board members that did not re-up. Carl W said yes, we have Al Klusman for sure dropped off. Carl stated again that we would just issue a list of the names of the applicants no details behind them and I will get together with Brian and Dottie and we will refine that list and then post that on the internet. Brian and Dottie stated they appreciated that and thanked Carl Weakley. Tom Thorin spoke up and asked if the existing board had put their applications in yet. Carl W said yes, they were accepted at the last meeting. Tom again asked if all the existing board had put in their applications formally. Carl W again said yes they put in their applications. Carl Billington also said yes to Tom question. Carl asked if there was anything else from the secretaries table. Brian stated, no. Carl said very good, onto Treasurer.

Treasurer-Bob Lapke

September 2009 VKA Treasurer's Report

Opening balance as of 8/31/09	\$13817.09
Income:	
9/9/09 Brodhead 50/50	340.00
9/9/09 3 Membership checks	90.00
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Total Income	430.00
Expense:	
9/9/09 Website (September)	12.95
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Total Expense	12.95
BALANCE as of 9/30/09	\$14234.14
Checking account balance	14234.14
Cash balance	0

Note: Balance reconciles with Bank of America statements thru 9/30/09.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lapke

Carl W stated that he would be spending some money next week, that he got the magazine out finally on Thursday and so he will be turning in his expenses to get them out the door, postage, printing and envelopes to Bob. Carl W said he did not have the numbers handy that he had them at the office. Carl W said the magazine did issue on Thursday, and got them in the mail. Carl asked Bob if he had anything to add to the treasurer's report. Bob said he did sign off on the corrections of August said he just typed some dates. Carl W said he knows Brian and Dottie incorporated the changes into the revision of the minutes. Carl W said that's noted. Any other questions on the treasurers report. Hearing no changes or comments, the treasurers report will stand approved as read. Carl W went on to membership.

Membership- Brad Fultz

Brad said not much change at all, couple of new members this month from the Midwest, Nothing else to speak of from there, its pretty much the same. Carl W said very good. Carl W wanted Brad to comment briefly on how the card system works for us right now. Brad said the card system is not working very well getting a hold of these people out in California is getting tougher and tougher all the time. He sends them emails typically to put in an order for cards. It looks like the prices went up and their not timely at all in getting the cards to me. We have had some complaints from some new members about not getting their card and their packet. And that's been our main hold up is this company. Carl Billington asked Brad if there was any reason why we could not get that machine that makes the cards. Brad said last year we talked about that and we put it on the table, never went further than that. Brad thinks it would make things a lot easier to have it here and make them. I can get a quote on that again if you would like to take a look at it. Carl W asked what the ball park quote was last time we looked at it. Brad thought it was around \$1200.00 . Carl W said he had a problem with that. He said that's a lot of money for that. Carl B said they did a cost analysis on it and it said it would pay its self back quite easily. It was asked how much does it cost per card. Brad said he did not know and would have to look at it. Carl B stated that when this subject came up before, it was going to pay for its self in about 2-3 years which is not bad. From then on it is gold. Carl Billington does not see any reason why we just don't go ahead and get the thing. Carl W said he would like to look into locally getting it punched out instead of getting it punched out in Calif. With the people holding our stock of cards. Part of the purchase cost is we got to buy out the supply of cards. Is that right, or do we own our supply of cards. Brad said yes we own our supply of cards. Carl B asked Brad if he would get him the info on the machine so he could call himself, and see if he could get a good price on it. Brad said sure. Carl W said that would be great. Carl W asked Brad what are membership numbers up to now, Brad said 368. Jack Murray had a question for Brad, he said he made an inquiry into whether a membership application had been found for a guy named Micheal Everin in Rhode Island. Jack said the guy had sent it in by postal money order about 3-months ago. Brad said he would look in to it and get back to Jack via by email, Jack stated that he has talked with the guy about every other day. Bob L spoke up and said he was just going back thru his deposit slips and he does not see his name there. Bob said he does not think it came thru him he had already went back to March. It was said to ask the guy for a copy of the postal receipt. Carl W said Brad your on top of it, and Brad said yes. Carl W asked if there was anything else, Brad said no that's all I got. Alright very good. Carl W said lets go on to Jack next.

Certification-Jack Murray

Jack said nothing yet, nothing to offer. Still working on putting all the information together. Carl W said alright very good. Carl asked Jack if he thought that would be out by the end of the year? Jack said that would be nice, he also stated that he did not know how soon we could implement it. Jack said lets shoot for the end of the year. Carl W then asked Dean if he would do safety.

Safety-Dean Kassaros

Most of you have a copy of my draft on safety items that I was going to send to the promoters for the race. If I don't get anything more back from you guys and with what I am picking up from the internet, I am probably going to print those and have them ready for the promoters for next season, which would be a full set of guidelines. The only thing that I have not come up with Bill and I maybe need to get together with that is we do not have uniform scoring for the people that do racing we need to come up with that as well. We need to come up with something standard to give to everybody. Carl B had a question for Dean, He said he received the draft and wanted to know if there was anything on a designated technical inspection area with the process of tagging the machines that are coming into the track with a sticker. Dean said he has extra notes in there about the inspection but to dictate how they do it that might be pushing the envelope with the promoters. Carl B. said he thought it was absolutely necessary, The discussion went on. Carl B. said we just need to make sure they have stickers. Dean said he would get Jeff C, Bill M. and all the race promoters on a conference call, and see if we can come up with a uniform

method to do it. Dottie spoke up and said that would be good. Then Carl B said if you include me I can help. Bill M said again what we have to do at the event is somebody has to be part of the track staff that's at the entrance to the track to start up, and put your kart on the track that's the point of checking right there, that has to be it. Carl B said absolutely that's part of the process. Bill M said that's it right there. Carl W said that just about every event he went to there was a safety tech and a sticker put on the kart. Carl W said they checked it at the line before you could even go out there. Terry Ives spoke and asked the question if anybody had a problem at the track with safety? Carl W said like having things break, Terry said no, things like wheels flying off or something that's pretty obvious that should have been teched. Bill M commented on that one. He said what come to mind was that dual rear guy at new castle that had cotter pins in his steering wheel instead of set screws or bolts. The discussion went on, with Carl B just wanting a process in place that works and makes certain that they were all checked. Carl W asked Tom Thorin to speak. Tom Thorin said he was just boiling in his seat with this ISO stuff. Tom asked Carl B are you trying to indicate that the VKA is ISO certified, Carl B said he was using that as a example you know that you know the guidelines specify technical inspection you know how its supposed to be done, don't give me a hard time. Tom says he knows and he is going to give everyone a hard time with this next sentence. Carl B asked how hard is it to make everybody go thru one area and be teched. Carl W asked if we had that in the rules? Tom asked what in the rules, Carl W said the central section that he is referring to. Tom said not a specific central no. I think we are very much in compliance. Carl B said in compliance yes, but in the event of a negligent law suit maybe not. Tom said you want to go into this ISO stuff right now. You know your talking to a former RAB certified lead officer that's me yours truly that's one of the hats I've worn in the past. Now you know why I am boiling in my chair. Because if your going to do that this hole VKA organization is just going to go flying up into the sky because we are not complying with what are guidelines are. And that's one of the reasons why a whole bunch of us are pretty well upset. Tom said don't bring up the compliance to the guidelines until you actually change them to what your really doing. Dean K wanted to interject I have attended most of the races, Tom said there is a problem with the word races. Dean said well whatever you want to call it demonstrations or races, the only major incident we had was with Jim Walters if he had stopped his kart we would not of had a issue. When the steering colum came loose, he made a attempt , this is a 7th time national champion who's got more hours than most of us on a kart should have had enough sense to stop the kart. That's the only reason he had a accident. And that's always been a weakness in the Chaperelle karts is the steering column , You know we are recommending people put bolts thru them so they cant move. Dean also mentioned a brake line coming off in Quincy. Bill M spoke up and said it has happened a couple more times with the brake lines. Tom T said those things you couldn't visually check to see if they would come off. Dean said the safety guidelines that were written by Tom Thorin don't explicitly call for it. But were gonna dive more into it so it don't leave us open. Carl W stated we all want to do better on the safety issue. I think that is our intent all along. I think Tom Thorin's check list is wonderful I know we used it up at Quincy year before last if I remember correctly. Carl W said they have a guy there that all he does is goes and makes sure there's the safety sticker and he performs the safety check himself. He also wonders around the pits and makes sure they all have it. And then the flagmen watches for that little sticker. Dean agreed. Carl asked Dean if there was anything eles. Dean said he knows the hot topic to address, so he will be working on it. Carl said good.

Magazine Editor-Jeff Troy

Carl W went onto talk briefly about the magazine, He said Jeff Troy and he got the magazine out Thursday . We are working on the next issue right now I am trying to work with him to get information to him, been sending information to him all along but we just try to make sure we got the magazine lay out done. And were moving onto the next issue. Carl W said that's about all he has on the magazine right now. Carl W asked for questions, Bill M asked Carl W if they needed anymore articles for future issues. Carl said they had quite a bit of information, but he would love to have another technical article from him and Terry Ives as they know what their doing. Bill said he had no tech articles right now but could do a article on all the 2009 events just summarize them all. Carl W said he issued a tentative 2010schedule , He said he is starting to call it the 2010 VKA Tour as a identification for our schedule this year, Jeff C has it on the internet already. I sent out some flyers for Barnsville and I put something real basic together for Riverside although they don't have a flyer yet. He sent this out with the magazine this issue. Carl W said

that's all he has on the magazine at the moment. Onto website.

Website-Jeff Campbell

Carl and Dean spoke in Jeff's behalf regarding the website, Carl said Jeff has been dealing with some website issues day by day. Some good, some bad. He redesigned it a little bit to be a little more user friendly I think it looks good. He has had some issues with a couple of individuals but I am not going to go into details. Dean said there is no reason to bring up bad blood, it is the same ones he has always had difficulty with. Dean said he has done such a great job, The safety section he has put on the site, has been getting real nice feedback . Nothing more I can say but that he has done a terrific job the videos are on there and up to date. Dean said he was sorry that Jeff was not on because he had a lot of great marketing stuff he wanted to talk about tonight. Carl W wanted to make a statement that the minutes are on there for the last couple of years. So if anyone wants to read the minutes their there, which includes financial reports. Anything more on the website. Carl W said lets move onto Bill.

Executive Director-Bill McCornack

Bill said he had previously mentioned that the Delmar Iowa Event had gotten rained out, we practiced a little bit. Just a friendly thing we went out to dinner and visited. Very little practice so very little happened at that event. Bill said that was a shame because it's a great track and it could not be used do to the weather. I was in touch with Dewey Bagley this week about Medford Oregon, He had 32 entries It was in the 80's and clear. He had a great event weather wise. Entry amount is about normal, they ran good no accidents no problems at all. They all had a good time I guess.

Moving into the schedule my wife and I put together every year and mail out. Dewey expressed how he is discontent in paying for any of that. I know I have had a little bit of difficulty in collecting money for my cost to mail it out so I guess I will have to bring that up to the new board. Could the VKA cover the cost of that cause I know some of the promoters feel that, what is the VKA doing for them so I guess I would ask the new board can we pay for that expense? Its not very costly what I do I have that list of 437 names I have acquired. That's over about twice what the VKA membership is. But I feel it is good to notify everybody possible in any Vintage about these events so they get attended. So that's my reason for mailing out to those 437 people. Bill said he guessed he would deal with the new board, if the VKA could pay for that or not. Bill said that's about it for his report. Bill was asked what it cost, Bill said he guessed it would be in the \$300-400.00 dollar range with the printing, postage. Maybe its less than that I would have to run the numbers. Bill was asked if anyone eles had complained about it. Bill said about 1/3 would rather not be paying for that. Bill said he thinks the promoters feel that the VKA should be helping them for that. Especially the ones that are pushing money back in the way of a raffle. Bill said the other 2/3 pay it just for that kind of coverage. Bob Lapke spoke up and said his feelings on the mailing stuff as long as its not just dedicated to one track and all that. We ought to be doing that, that is a service I think a central service that the VKA could certainly provide. I think with the booth like at kart expo or if we have a equivalent one on the west coast that orders a significant expense we would be incurring that seems worth asking something of the tracks involvement or were there handing out stuff on the spot. There is a little difference but including someone in a mailing that seems just fine. Well Bob this is Bill M again and that's another issue I had I know I got charged for the Midwest events for the ones that sent ahead brochures in 2008, and they paid. Then in 2009 we had that event in St. Charles for that kart marketing show. I heard people purposely from the local Midwest tracks not send a brochure so they would not be charged. So they really don't want to be paying for that. (Call and ask Bill M about this section) Bill said it is a real problem. Dean asked for a motion to be brought to the table. Carl W stated the motion be that we all back Bill M in preparing a brochure that would cover all vintage karting events in the nation and that the Vintage Karting Association would under right the cost of that and the distribution is that pretty much the motion we are looking at. Dean said that would be good and I will second. Carl said Dean you will be the first and now we need a second. Bob Lapke seconded it. Carl W then asked Brian and Dottie to do a roll call vote on it.

Dottie then performed a roll call vote

Carl Weakley-Yes

Carl Billington-Yes

Brian and Dottie-Yes

Bob Lapke-Yes

Bill McCornack-Yes

Brad Fultz-Yes

Dean Kassaros-Yes

Jack Murray-Yes

That's it Dottie said, Carl W then said it sounded unanimous to him. Carl thanked everyone for there vote. Carl asked Bill if that helped him, Bill said yes, and that he would go ahead pursue that. I was going to go ahead anyway and deal with the financials later. But now I know where they stand, so thank you very much. Carl W stated the second issue tied to this he wanted to do on the website and in the magazine is have a section for the 2010 VKA Tour, but then we will have a second section for the local events, this will be like fun days, normal weekly programs like if you want to take your kart up to Springfield II. You got a place to race on Saturday night if you want to that kind of a thing. And kind of lay out the rules and contact thing for that also. So people can do something other than just the 2010 VKA Tour events. Carl told Bill that this would go on the website and we will try to put it in the magazine. Carl told Bill that he figured he had enough information. Carl said to Bill last year you had at least a four page brochure, Bill said yes. Carl said it was very well done. Bill said let me say something my wife Mary Jo has a lot to do with that brochure everyone should know that. Carl asked Bill if there was anything eles on his table, Bill said no he was done.

Carl W said let me just go to my e-file pack hear of my emails that came in. I need to clean it up a little bit. What Carl wants to do is to try and get something out to all the board members as far as a summation of what I got. Carl said things have slowed down for him in the last two weeks. Carl said he got a request from a fellow by the name of Greg Richardson and he wants a ambassador kit, and I have got 2-3 going out. And just to make sure everyone knows what a ambassadors kit is. It is a package that has extra copies of magazines, applications, post cards that Carl does, It also has some larger pictures of the post cards that they can tape on the wall if there like at a car show or something like that. It is just ment to be something to promote the club, and all the ambassadors get. Carl also gives a little one page two color print out that says they were an ambassador and that they chose to represent the us. They can put this on the wall or whatever they want to do with it.

The Barnsville event was set for march 25th thru the 27th. The Riverside event was set for January 28th thru the 30th..

Well that weekend is the same weekend that the PRI deal in Las Vegas is going on, I'll call it that, its not called that but it is a performance racing kinda of a thing that they want us to be at. We have pretty well discussed this 3-4 months ago that it would be a real problem getting from Riverside to over there to participating in that program at all. Does anyone have any more information on that from the west coast, about that program at Las Vegas. Does anyone know about the program in Las Vegas? Ok no feedback Carl spoke to the guy and he would love to have us there. I just don't know how we are going to do it, and have Riverside at the same time. Just cant be done. Don't know anybody that's not going to go to Riverside that would go over there to that program it would just be hard to get done. No more on that I will try to get something eles out in that regard. Carl had a couple more things he had a call in from somebody wanting to know if we were a 501p3 actually we are a 501c4. That's just accountant stuff. Carl

asked if anyone had anymore old business. Anyone have anything for new business. Carl said we are going to be selecting the board, so that will be the November issue of this meeting. We will be talking then. Carl said he had 7:47 P.M. which is good for me, I like getting done a little before the hour is due. Anybody else have anything to say. Vince Hughes spoke up when do you discuss the applicants? Vince said that is why he is here to night because he gets all his facts off the street talk. He wants to know what's really going on. Carl W told him it was next month that we do it. Vince proceeded to ask about the process do you discuss each individual? Carl said not necessarily we got a number of candidates obviously your one of them. Vince said no he is not. But I am interested in it I got a major investment in the club. Vince said what he is hearing is that everyone that has put their name hat is just going to be summarily sent away. Carl said that is not the case in this point in time we have received all the applications and next month we select from that group who we want to have in there. Vince brought up the sentence from the guidelines that the board shall have new persons in leadership each year if possible. Vince said which means you got them. Carl W said so noted. There are people Vince just to let you know we have people from the west coast that have also that weren't on Ernie's grocery list by the way just to let you know. Vince said applicants, (yes applicants who have been members and didn't just sign up to become a board member that have been supporting the club all along. I just wanted to bring that up to you, Dean said.) I am looking very strongly to see some of those people appointed to the board, if that makes you feel any better. Tom Thorin spoke up and asked what their names were. Dean said I think Louie Figone is a pretty strong one. Tom said we know Louie, who else? Tom asked if there was anyone in addition to Louie, we have others to. Tom kept asking who else. Carl W interjected and said they would be posted on the website. Tom wanted to know why we couldn't name their names at this point. Carl said we could. Tom said he also had a list of the applicants to. Carl then asked Dottie if she had it, her reply was I am sorry I am trying to write stuff down and follow what your saying, with the questions of Vince and Tom. Carl W then said he could read it off the email I had sent him. Dottie said that would be fine. Carl's just going to go down the list.

We have

Bert Powers, Louie Figone, Dan Rogers, Tom Thorin, Mike Hartman, Ernie Fisher is out, Terry Ives, Dean Seavers, Bill Pryor, and that's the people that we actually received applications for. But what I am going to be doing is auditing the list and go back against my email and audit the list and see if there something we missed out on here. Carl asked if there was any questions? It was silent for awhile. So Carl said ok, then someone jumped in and said you discuss the applicants next month meeting or do you just some how come up with names ahead of time for the nominees or the inductees or whatever you want to call them. Carl said they would discuss them at the next meeting and make a decision on who to have. The board was thanked and Carl asked if there was anymore questions or comments? Ok Carl said I have 7:52 and it is my policy to try to have this meeting done with in a hour sometimes we do it sometimes we don't. Carl called the meeting at 7:52 P.M. Thanked everyone for attending.