



Vintage Karting Association Inc.

Board meeting

November 8, 2009

Roll call was taken by the secretaries

Members in attendance were

Carl Weakley
Carl Billington
Brian and Dottie Thomas
Bob Lapke
Bill McCornack
Brad Fultz
Jeff Troy
Dean Kossaras
Jeff Campbell
Jack Murray

Guest in attendance was

Jerry Van Deusen Jr.

Opening Remarks-Carl L Weakley

Thanks for attending the board meeting tonight. I changed our telephone no/access code deliberately to give the board members freedom to speak about the numerous applicants that we have.

But first, I would like to comment about the politics occurring with the VKA in recent weeks. My principal comment is "I detest politics". Those of you who know me well, know that I got out of the Fortune 500 world, in part, due to politics.

It is one thing to participate in an organization, constructively contribute ideas and offer time to work on ideas or events. It is quite another thing to personally attack individuals, create negative innuendo, spin facts negatively, distribute petitions and, generally, coach from the sidelines.

Unfortunately, it is human nature by some to do this negative thinking, and I have seen it in plenty of organizations, both at work and with other non-profit organizations. The successful organizations rise above this negativity and move on to better things.

The VKA has experienced problems in 2009...it has not been perfect. But, we have been working on our problems one by one trying to shore them up.

I have said before that the racing world is a small part of the sports world. Karting is an even smaller slice with vintage karting barely crumbs on the table of the sports world. The last VKA magazine that I mailed went to about 200 members. I sent about 160 postcards to elapsed members not paying 2009 dues. I believe that Brad Fultz has told me that we are at member no 370 or so. I still believe that there is no reason why we cannot be 3,000 members...soon. But, it isn't going to happen if the vintage karting community does not come together stop the politics and move forward.

Again, I detest politics and, as one person, have refused to participate.

Secretaries Report-Brian and Dottie Thomas

Brian told Carl W he had sent the minutes out, Carl W asked if anyone had any comments or changes to the minutes? Hearing none . They stand approved as read.

Treasurer - Bob Lapke

Opening balance as of 9/30/09	\$14243.14
Income:	
10/09	0.00
Total Income	<u>0.00</u>
Expense:	
10/10/09 Membership cards	52.65
10/11/09 Website (October)	12.95
10/15/09 Membership cards	28.75
10/19/09 Magazine (News letter)	685.39
Total Expense	<u>779.74</u>
Balance as of 10/31/09	\$13454.40
Checking account balance	13454.40
Cash balance	0

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

10/31/09 statement has not yet been received.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lapke

Carl W asked if there were any changes or comments regarding the treasurers report? Hearing none they stand approved as read.

Membership - Brad Fultz

Brad stated as of now we are at number 373, out of that 232 are paid members in 2009. He shows 141 that did not pay in 2009. Brad also wanted to talk about the purchase of a card machine. He said he had sent a quote out to Carl W.

Carl stated that the machine was an employee identification card system which comes with a Polaroid style camera. Carl said we would not be using the photography section of it. It is strictly a printing machine if you would. Discussion went on with Carl W saying that basically Brad wants to get it in house

and start doing that in house. Carl W said he was thinking in the \$2000.00 range for the machine. Carl W said he did not have the numbers in front of him either. More discussion went on for quite awhile. Brad said lets not make a decision tonight, lets all think about it. Brian said lets make the decision next meeting on it. At least put that on the table, we've talked about this at least 3 times this year. We need to decide one way or the other. Carl W said lets table it. Carl wants to work a little more on it. Carl said he and Brad should work up a cost justification of getting that done. Carl W said he knows Brad has worked up some numbers. Jeff Troy stated that it was hard to make a decision about whether to buy a new machine, unless we know what the cards traditionally cost us each year. Then we would know if it was sensible or way out of line. Bob L spoke and said he had the cost from October to October for card expenditure and it was \$404.00. Jeff Troy said, ok if its 400.00-500.00 dollars in theory, would be paid for in 5 years and if we get a nicer product out it, I see a value in that, but that is one opinion. At least now everybody has something to think about till the next meeting. Carl W said ok. Carl W asked Brad if he had anything eles, Brad said no that's all I got. Carl W said Jeff your up next.

News letter Editor - Jeff Troy

Jeff said Carl and I had a conversation and figured out that we are going to do a double issue for the closing issue for the year. And I would like to apologize to the board for the way this thing has been run all year but I have just been crazy and it has been pretty difficult for me to keep up with it and I don't really have a whole lot to say other than I wish it could have been better, but it was not. Carl W said alright, anybody eles got anything eles? Jeff do you have anything more? No not much unless anybody has any comments for the news letter . What would make the thing better or if they like it like it is, and the direction it is going. Bill M spoke and asked if they still wanted a quick little article run down of the events of the past year like the numbers and stuff like that. Do you still want that Bill asked?

Jeff said he would love to have that. Especially with the large issue coming up. Bill said ok. Carl W said lets move onto Jeff C then.

Website - Jeff Campbell

Jeff said the website was going fine no major issues for the past month. He said there was a steady stream of new people registering in the forum, he said we are still getting a ton of spammers trying to get in, Jeff said he put up a new video on the home page of some of the on track action at Quincy. So that's on there along with the original one. Kinda like a play list format. That will show up on the home page now. Bill M said he did look at a lot of those video's put up there really amazing I think the guy that gets the top award for the most awesome turn one at Quincy would be Bob L swinging that twin pipe kart around. Bill said it was very awesome. Bob L said he has not seen it yet. Carl W said he was glad to hear that things were relatively smooth, and asked if anybody else had any comments on the website? Jeff was told he was doing a great job, Brian thanked Jeff for putting Dottie's Fox kart video on there that made her awfully happy. Jeff said that it was a really nice looking kart. Carl W said lets slide Jack M in here.

Certification - Jack Murray

Jack said he did not have to much to say, he said he was still compiling information. He said quite frankly like Jeff Troy I have been real busy and it does not seem like I am getting much done. I am still working on all of it though. Carl W said ok, very good. Carl asked Dean or Bill which one of you want to go first? Dean said he would go first.

Safety - Dean Kassaros

Dean said this is for Bill M we are going to adjust the East Lancing Date for Thursday, Friday, Saturday. That is 12, 13, and 14th. So people could have Sunday to travel home. If it rains the track owners told me I could use Sunday as a race day if I need to. Dean said Jeff C could change it on the website. Dean said maybe we have the opportunity to turn this into a pretty nice event.

Basically as far as safety goes I am going to have my final document out to Bill and we are going to incorporate the document into the track promoters/owners package for review. As far as the safety issues go, just about everybody I know on the board has a copy of it and we have added a few more things to it. And they need to do their job handing it to the promoters. Bill will include that in the package that will be going out at the beginning of the year.

Executive Director-Bill McCornack

Bill wanted to talk about the King kart that Gary is donating to the VKA to raffle off to generate money for the VKA. I sent him the engine that Terry Ives and I collaborated on and Jim Donavon's clutch was shipped out for it . I also shipped a box muffler so Gary is presently building the kart . I told him as soon as he gets it all built he should do a photo op and get it to Carl or somebody. Then we can get it either in the letter or on the website .

Bill wanted to know how much the raffle tickets would be? Carl W said they would be \$5.00 and you could buy as many as you want. Carl W said he is printing 500 to start, he should have those printed before the end of the month. There was discussion about how to get them to people. Carl said when we go to events we will take the tickets and make sure they are at an event. Carl said we are going to numerically account for them and make sure everything balances out of course. Bill suggested maybe along with the events, maybe two of us on the board could be contacted directly and they send their check or money order to us then we send them a ticket.

Carl W figured they would have a hot laps come out on that. Bill said what he wanted is a photo of the finished kart showing the muffler, the motor, the clutch, the complete package. Carl W said they would use it, when they get it.

The next thing is the Kart Expo in February, got some great news the guy that was at Quincy, those of you that were there, saw this huge display with the turn tables, mannequins, lights, the chaparral, and enuro. His name is Matt Devlin from Kansas City, apparently he is excited about coming to the kart expo in St. Charles in February and he is going to pay his own way and have the booth right next to us. Bill M said that was exciting. A double hit for us. He is going to do that I got a deal worked out with him and Darrel where he will pay a half price nonprofit for his section of it. Of course we are paying for our own 10 X 20 like we always do. So that is a bit of good news a lot bigger display. Carl Billington said, Terrific. Bill said he was thanking him for allowing him to come. Thanks should go the other way.

Bill wanted it known so that the rumors would stop, Nothing has been changed in the VKA rules/guidelines. Bill said that was about it.

Bill told Carl W that he would be contacting all the event promoters regarding the schedule he sends out every year which the VKA will be part of. He will be contacting the west coast , Georgia and all the places in the mid west getting all their information for that publication . Carl W said very good.

Carl W said I think we talked about the cost of the publication being assumed by the VKA. Bill said yes, it was said at the last meeting that the production cost and the mailing cost will be covered by the VKA . I brought that up because I was getting a lot of flack from the promoters, “what does the VKA do for us”. Well now we are doing something. Carl W said very good anybody have anything eles in that regard?

Carl said that takes care of all our directors reports.

Carl asked if there was any old business that we want to go over at this point in time? Brian Thomas said that he and Dottie did send flowers out to the family of Rob Jones that passed away. Brian said actually we sent a plant out. Brian stated that he had emailed Carl what the plant looked like. He got delivery confirmation on Friday. Brian said I don't know if we can hold true on that \$25.00 in the future. I don't know if anyone else has gone online to try buy any plants/flowers. But \$25.00 does not even get you in the door. Carl W said well done. Bob Lapke asked Brian to send him a email requesting reimbursement if that was out of your pocket. Brian said no problem, that he and Dottie covered anything over the \$25.00 and that was fine. We will only ask for the \$25.00. Bob said just send it to me for the record so I can pay you. Just send me a email, and I will put that in the file. And I will send you a check. Brian said no problem we will take care of that this week, when we get feeling better.

Carl Billington stated that he set up the possibility of putting on a event at the New Jersey motor sports park which is a new facility out here in the east coast. But I cant and wont do it by myself he stated that he needed some help and support on the thing or eles it cant happen. Discussion went on, Dean spoke up and asked Carl B if he knew who Will Farmer is? Carl B said it rings a bell. Dean said Will Farmer started out to be pretty aggressive in vintage karting . He kind of got soured on the sport because of the clutch rules. It might be a good opportunity to get him back , he has the ability to help you. Dean says he is gung ho on the sport, it might be worth a phone call to Will. Carl B said alright I will do that. Thank You.

Bill M said what he could also do is that from the massive nation wide mailing list that he does, he could mail him a listing of all the names and addresses of all the people that would probably patronize the event. Those same people maybe even help you set it up and run it. Carl B said good idea. Carl asked him to do that please. Bill said he would. Carl Billington said thank you. Carl also thanked Bill for keeping him informed and he really appreciated it. Carl W said very good.

Carl W said we are ready to go on to new business if nobody has anything else. Carl said new business for him is the appointment of new board members. And let me read this to you. This is being incorporated into the minutes also.

VKA
Appointment of new board members
11/08/09

Before we move to appointing the 2010 VKA board members let me comment that it has been tradition to retain board members who wish to serve another year. It is a privilege for all of us to serve the VKA. By attrition, the board will change. We have always wanted the board members to be from the entire country and not just a region. This is still everyone's philosophy on the board. Carl then read the board election procedures from the VKA Operations Manual
http://vintagepowersport.com/vka/documents/4_Organization_and_Operation.pdf.

Carl asked if anybody else had any other comments. Bill questioned how many slots on the board are we needing to fill. Carl W said at this point in time Al Klusman that is not coming back for sure. That leaves us with 10 slots and I would like to have us with a even dozen this year. And that's where we're at. Now the next board meeting we will pass around the duty's , but I would like to see us do a even dozen tonight that is where my head is at. Bill said so we are adding two board members tonight? Carl W said that is right one is dropping off and two are coming in. Carl W said he had sent around applicant summary for everyone on the internet today and with that I am going to read down the list of candidates in no particular order. The ones given to me by the Thomas's. and we have.

Bert Powers
Louie Figone
Dan Rogers
Tom Thorin
Mike Hartman
Terry Ives
Dean Seavers
Bill Pryor
Jerry Van Deusen Jr.

A couple of these folks just recently paid in their dues and that being Bert Powers, and Dean Seavers, and Bill Pryor was a recent one that just paid in recently. We want people that are going to be attending events for sure, and if I can be bold enough to say I think we need to be looking at Louie Figone and Jerry Van Deusen the short cut of it. Carl W asked if anybody had any comments about any of those applicants.

Carl B had a question.

Are we looking at retaining the board we have and adding these two?

Carl W said that is correct.

Brian stated that Dean Seavers sent us a email saying he was backing out. He and Ernie Fisher. Had both pulled their apps.

Carl W said ok.

Jeff C stated after I saw the list, I realized a great majority of them were from California.

You cant necessarily unbalance the board, it is nice to find more people from California interested.

I think bringing Louie and Jerry on will give California a solid representation on the board. I think more than that on the board would probably be too many. So it is probably just the right balance and it's another reason not to select too many people from that group. Bill M said he thinks it is important these applicants are serious . For us to consider them they needed to be members from the start of the year showing their good faith and also they need to show up at a lot of the events at least in their local area, I think that is an important criteria too. Dean said well if that was the case only one would even come close to qualifying and that would be Tom Thorin. He was the only one who actually became a member early in the year the rest just trickled in. Bill said ok. Bill said it should be one of the criteria, not

the criteria. Jerry Van Dusen Jr. spoke up and said that he had been a member for 2-3 years now. Carl W. said good. Jeff C stated that being a continuous member year after year is a important factor in my opinion. We have people that dropped away and now they want to come back and change everything. It is hard to take them seriously.

Carl Billington asked what do we need a motion?

Carl W said let me read off the list hear the twelve.

Carl Weakley
Carl Billington
Brian and Dottie Thomas
Bob Lapke
Brad Fultz
Jeff Campbell
Jeff Troy
Dean Kossaras
Jack Murray
Bill McCornack
Louie Figone
Jerry Van Deusen Jr.

Carl W said that is the twelve, so let us call for a vote on it, is there a need to break it down and vote on them individually? Does anybody have a desire to do that? No one spoke so Carl W called for a roll call vote then. Carl W asked Dottie do a role call vote and we will just say I, if you are in favor of those twelve and no if you are not in favor of those twelve.

Jeff Troy asked Carl W to repeat the twelve names again. So Carl W again repeated the names as follows,

Carl Weakley, Carl Billington, Brian and Dottie Thomas, Bob Lapke, Brad Fultz, Jeff Campbell, Jeff Troy, Dean K Kossaras, Jack Murray, Bill McCornack, Louie Figone, and Jerry Van Deusen Jr.

Jeff T said thank you. Carl W asked Dottie to do the roll call vote.

It was voted unanimous

. Carl W said thank you and that he appreciated everyone agreeing to serve another year.

Carl W then asked if anyone else had any new business? Hearing nothing. Carl W asked if anyone had anything else they wanted to comment on?

Bill M welcomed Jerry to the board along with others.

Jerry was asked if he would be at Riverside . Jerry said he would be at Riverside and Bakersfield

for sure. Bob said we will be looking forward to meeting Jerry out at Riverside. There is a whole bunch of us mid westerners that are taking the truck out. Hope to see ya. Carl B asked if there was anyone going to Barnesville in March ? Dean said he was going he said he goes every year.

Bill asked Jack Murray what kind of attendance he gets?

Jack said 35-40 karts ,it should be a pretty good event.

Dean said he had something he wanted to say.

I would like to Congratulate Jerry Van Duesen and Louie Fagoni for being willing to participate and become directors in our Organization. They have been members and actively participate in the sport and possess the leadership qualities necessary. I would also like to point out that we had several other applicants that were not appointed. Over the past two months a group of individuals have been making allegations that the existing board was not doing anything and needed to be replaced. They made false accusations about the board as a whole and openly discredited its officers.

I want to remind all the members of the VKA the amount of hard work and time that some of our directors have donated to the Vintage Kart Association. Carl Weakely has participated on the board for 4 years and 2 them as our president. He has traveled all over the country at his own expense to be at the races. Brad Fultz has been on the board for at least 5 years that I know of and participates at many events around the country. Bob Lapke, I believe has also participated for the past 5 years and participates all over the country at events. Carl Billington, our founder has been involved for the past 13 years. In 2006 Jeff Campbell came aboard and constructed the finest site for Vintage Karting. At this time the VKA Website has now surpassed REAR on activity. The content and Videos are superb. These men have participated and donated their time and money when no one else wanted to do the job.

After reviewing the qualifications of those applicants that were trying to discredit and replace our existing board members, 6 of the 10 were not VKA members prior to September of 2009. Three of the ten applicants were not members at all. Those whom were members rarely attended any races or ever communicated anything to the board. We heard complaints that members on the West coast were not informed about the actions of the VKA. In order to make sure that our West Coast members were represented, we asked Ernie Fisher and Tom Thorin to participate on the rules committee and sit in on the VKA monthly board meetings. (The board meetings are also posted on the VKA website for member review.) The only time I recall any protest came from Tom Thorin is when he stated that VKA was not following its Guidelines. The guidelines are basically as Mr. Thorin wrote them and have not changed. It is the Race Promoters' option to deviate from the basic guidelines. If it means letting in a 1978 kart, they will do so in order to accommodate the cost and increase participation. We have no mechanism for enforcement. If anything, we need to catch up with the race promoters. I wish to remind everyone according to the Guidelines , I quote this from the VKA Guidelines: "The VKA assumes no responsibility for the enforcement or compliance of these guidelines. It is the responsibility of the track owner , event organizer and event director to determine what guidelines are acceptable for the individual event."

The VKA's primary function is to promote Vintage Karting. The original intent of Carl Billington its founder was to promote racing. The organization has progressed by embracing everyone, from the purist to the die hard racer. Your board members are progressive and have every intent of increasing our numbers and being inclusive. The group that Mr. Fisher submitted to us did not have the intent of being inclusive and wanted to do away with the racing. We could not with conscience allow such a travesty. Many of us look forward to the events at Quincy, New Castle, Riverside and Barnesville. Without these races we would not have the opportunity to race or to display our show Karts. I doubt anyone wants to travel 600 miles to practice, we can do that at home.

To the platform of candidates submitted under Mr. Fishers name, please if you want to be part of us, pay the dues and support all areas of Vintage Karting. Otherwise, I would recommend that you start your own club and take the discord and contradiction that you have expressed with you.

Dean said he wanted to cheer you guys that have done this before in five years, and Carl especially I don't know how you have put up with it for all these years and I think that we are going to see the VKA grow more and I hope these people go away. Carl W said very good. Anybody else have anything? Carl said he had 7:50 on his clock right now. And if there is no objection we will close the meeting. Carl Weakley said it is adjourned . Thanks again, Congrats to everybody else, and he will get it out on hot laps tomorrow to announce the composition of the board, and again the December board meeting we will decide who takes what position and we will go from there. Carl W thanked everybody again for their service and time.

Goodnights were said and everyone signed off.