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Vintage Karting Association

Minutes



**Vintage Karting Association Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Dec. 13th 2009**

Board members in attendance were:

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

Absent were:
Jeff Troy

New board members present:
Jerry Van Deusen
Louie Figone



It was asked by the secretary's if there were any guests present or anyone else, and no reply was heard.

Carl W said it was the last meeting of the year and he wanted to take a couple of minutes and recap things.

Carl W said he thought we had a very good year.

Bill M is going to go over our attendance figures and will put a report together, he is always very good about statistics for us and I really appreciate that Bill M.

We have had our problems no doubt about that. We have had our difficulties no doubt about that. But I think we came thru them ok at this point in time. We will talk about further whatever difficulties we have.

We have had short Cummings, but I think we have made some progress in other areas to. I don't want to spend a whole lot of time on that. But I wanted to thank everybody on the board for everything they have done for Vintage Karting and for the VKA for sure. And I consider it a privilege to serve on the board and always did feel that way with anybody I have been with in any organization. But I appreciate all of you with your efforts that you have made over the year and what you have done. If we could applaud you we would, no need to do that over the phone here but you all can give yourselves a round of applause for a job well done. So with that lets go ahead and move on to the minutes, and the secretary's

report.

Carl W asked if everyone had received a copy of the minutes?

Yes was stated.

Jeff C asked Carl W which minutes?

Jeff said was it the Nov. min. Carl said yes the Nov. 8th minutes.

Jeff C. said those were already approved outside of the board meeting right. Carl said they were but I am going to go ahead and say it anyway just to make sure everyone had a copy.

Jeff C said they have been published on the website for several weeks.

Brian and Dottie were asked if they had anything else before Carl said something, Dottie said we will let you fly with it, Brian told Carl to go first. Carl W said what he wanted to announce to everybody on the Board is that Brian and Dottie are going to step down and they will not be our secretary's for the next year and not even be on the board, and it is due to health issues. They just want to take a breather and get themselves cured and back up to speed. And like I always say get a chance to get out on the track a little bit and have a good time. Carl asked if there was anything Brian and Dottie wanted to add. Carl W thanked them for their service for the year we really appreciate it. Carl said they would do one more set of minutes for us for the year. Brian spoke and said it was a honor and a privilege to serve on the board. We really enjoyed our time, learned a lot, you are all really nice people. Hope to see you all at the track , ones we can make.

Carl W said very good.

Louie Figone spoke up and said Mr. President, I just wanted to thank the Thomas's as a member, not as A board member because I have not been on the board as of yet.

And thank them for the time it takes to do that kind of stuff (Thank you very much).

Brian and Dottie thanked Louie, and he said you are welcome.

Carl W asked if they had anything else, they said they thought that was it. Carl W said they would move onto treasurer then.

The other issue we have is. I was asked to hold onto and not cash two checks and Bob believes Brad F has one more check that he wanted to hold onto.

And as a board we need to decide if we are going to return those checks or cash them for membership.

Carl W stated that he was going to discuss that under new business, but did not know why we could not discuss it now. Basically we have some checks from a few individuals that have been stirring things up a little bit for us. And we as a board have to decide what we want to do with the 2010 membership checks

I have always used the words inclusive not exclusive I used to have that as a banner for talking about how we put on events or how the events are structured. It kind of leads itself to the membership also.

We got a few names, I do not want to specify who the names are. But I would like to have a committee appointed to look at that under membership I think that would be appropriate. Does anyone have any objections to having that, and we can name a couple of people to membership committee, if that's ok with you Brad, Brad said sure. Carl W said he could see Dean K. on that and Dean said he is up for it . Dean also said he could see Jeff C on it also since he takes the brunt of the beating. Dean K wanted it put in the minutes.

That this issue is about the disrespect shown to Carl B. and the misrepresentation and the lies on the internet.

The condemnation ,,,, there are a couple of people out there that just out right lie.

That have been on the internet and different sites. Subversive people that really don't belong with us at all.

As far as racing goes they won't run at East Lancing I promise you. Dean said to put that in the minutes.

Carl W. said so we got the membership committee who will review this, and that will be Brad, Dean, and Jeff. C does anyone else want to be on the committee as well? Carl said ok report back to us. Hopefully

Before the next meeting via E-Mail. Carl wants to keep it private as best we can. I am kind of on the boarder as far as singling out people and publicly addressing them I feel we need to avoid that if at all possible for the benefit of the Vintage Karting Association future. We need to look at this as a alternative to taking care of business so to speak. Carl asked if there was any other input on that subject ? Louie asked if these people asked for their checks back? Brad said no they did not. Carl B said they made a statement that they were tricked into joining. Jeff C also stated in the discussion that there was some membership checks that we collected in Sept, of 2009. And that people made comments about how they

were tricked into sending the money in, and that they knew that they had to join the VKA first to be considered. And since they were not appointed to a board position they are making statements that they were tricked into giving us money. Which is absurd, because of the amount of money we are talking about, why make a comment like that. I propose that we take the September 2009 checks and send them back to where they came from. So no one can make such a statement. Louie said nobody was tricked they knew the rules, Jeff said we know that. I do not think we should be put in a position where anyone can make such a statement and have anyone believe it.

Just send those checks back, its just money well spent.

Bob L said just for the record the two I am holding right now are dated September 24th and September 1st. Brad stated he had one more that came in a couple weeks ago. Brad said that we will discuss this on the committee, and we will get it done quickly and make our decision within a week or so. Jeff C said he thought the committee could address the 2010 membership checks but outside of that, take those ones from September 2009 for the 2009 membership and send those back. You don't necessarily take their membership away it would be kind of pointless because it is going to expire at the end of this month anyway just send them their money back. Louie suggested why don't you just send them a letter or an e-mail, and just tell them if your unhappy and don't want to be a member we will be happy to refund them. Lay it in their court. Discussion went on. Carl W, said let me draft something that comes from the board, all we are talking about is two checks received in late September that have not been deposited yet is that right? Yes. Carl then asked Bob is there anything else?
No.

Carl W then said we will go onto membership.

Membership: Brad Fultz

Brad stated that we were at number 375. We have 70 members that's including associate members that have been paid up for 2010 and they come from all over mostly California. Bill M said he just sent his dues in, due to the post cards that Carl W sent out. Brad said that's all he's got till Carl W reminded him about the membership cards. Brad stated that he had talked with Carl W and Jeff C about membership cards. He stated that he basically got ripped off this time by the people that make the cards out in California. They were happy to take the money out of my credit card account to pay for them but I have never seen them yet. It was \$30.00 no big deal but I haven't seen them. I pretty much gave up

on them and thought well the best way to do this I think is I can make them here I have already made some I sent a email to Jeff and Carl and a couple other people and gave them a rough draft of what I have put together. Pretty much everybody said ok it looks good to me. It's a very cheap, convenient way of doing it. And I think they look fine, as far as durability there a piece of paper. (stock card paper). Dean K said just so everybody understands and we put it in the minutes, A lot of the promoters now are giving the VKA members a discount over the regular fee. We are going to do the same thing at East Lansing and I know some of the others are following suit. VKA members will probably get approximately \$10.00 off on their entry fee. It makes it a plus to join the VKA. Brad said that was a good point and that maybe we ought to advertise that on our website. Dean said Bill M had a handle on that he has tried to nail everybody down on that including the promoters. Bill M said yes, I am working on that now , just trying to get that list together to mail out all the information for the year .

. Brad said that was all he had with the membership. He asked if all were in agreement with that.

Louie asked Brad who the company is in California that was making the cards and where were they located. Louie said if they were close to him he would stop by and see them. Brad said they were 5 miles away from Tom Thorins house, Louie said their down south then, and that he couldn't do that.

Brad said it's a place called All ID. Brad said he has called and emailed them. And is done with these people. Louie said he thought if they were close to him he would stop by and see them. Brad said he appreciated that. Carl W asked if he could insert a little bit about membership promotion in here.

I think I had sent a email to everybody about what I would like to do for all 2010 members, give them a promotional tee shirt and the idea is if they wear the tee shirt to events it promotes the Vintage Karting Association. This particular shirt would only be available to members. If you sign up for 2010 you get a tee shirt. Carl asked if everyone remembered getting that email. Yes. Carl W said what he did was he went to two different promotional tee shirt operations here in Edwardsville area. He got two different prices. He is looking at a 4-color on the front, a 1-color on the back, and the front would have some action shots with the VKA logo. And the back would in black the Top Ten Reasons we go vintage karting. Hopefully to promote to people that are not vintage karters and don't realize how fun and easy it is. And then on the shoulders in 1-color would be the VKA logo as well. The cost of that between two different manufactures or screen printers was \$6.50-\$10.50 and these are preliminary numbers. That would include the art work for 200 copy's of the tee shirt. With that I would like to purpose we move

forward on that and get the tee shirts going. The mailing cost would be approx. \$1.00 to mail to people as they sign up. I could take a supply out to Riverside with me, to hand out to people that sign up. And promote the aspect of it at Riverside. But I would like the approval to move forward on the tee shirts. Carl W asked for discussion on that. Discussion was held with many questions and answers. Carl said we were looking at about \$1500.00 for 200 shirts. Jeff C said he thought it was a good idea, and a good promotion, as well as a incentive to join. Louie asked if we needed a motion and Carl W said yes we need a motion to spend \$1500.00 here? Bill M made the first motion, Jeff C second it. Carl asked for any further discussion. Carl W then asked for a roll call vote to be done by Dottie. Roll call vote was unanimous . Carl W stated that he would keep us posted by email as he moves forward on this.

Second issue on membership promotion, it kind of comes under we have banners , we don't have any extra banners I carry a banner to every race I know Bill has a banner, I know some of the track promoters have banners. The one thing that we came up with an ideal last year I will say it is a Tom Thorin idea is to get a VKA flag. To fly on the flag poles at the tracks. Does anyone have a opinion on that one way or the other. Carl W said he got a cost quote on it. And said he needed to look it up on his computer. But in the mean time does anyone have a opinion on doing flags at the track to run up the flag pole. Discussion was held, Bill said the only thing we could say on that is that it is up to the track promoter to decide to do such a thing, and of course I would push it. And it is certainly up to them I guess cause their kind of in charge of their own event you know how that goes. Bob said we would need as many flags as we have banners today. Because we were tight on numbers for banners we were shipping those around. Bill said he thinks it would be good because all the people at the event feel that we're much more solid because they see it in the flag, you see it in the banner, you see it in the discounts in the membership at most tracks. We are going to become a house hold name to join and be a part of it, might be a good thing. Carl W wanted to talk real briefly about a friend out here that just took it upon himself to produce a cap with a VKA logo and also golf shirts. We have not sold many, but it's something that were really happy he has done for us, and he is going to donate all the proceeds to the VKA. Bill M said since we have some down time waiting for Carl W , Bill asked did everybody get a copy of Kart News. Quentin H. (sp) had two articles on Faye and Duffy , it was amazing , those two articles I read. Bill was asked what mag, Bill said National Kart News the November 2009 issue. Bill said he just got it like two days ago. It's got a big

spread in there on Duff and Faye. Someone said they got it and it was a nice article he did.

Carl W found the quote and proceeded to tell everyone on the board about it. 6-flags 2 X3 at \$32.00 a flag. Carl said that's right at \$200.00 to get 6-flags produced at \$32.00 a flag. Discussion went on, with Carl saying they have taken a look at our logo and they say they can do it. It would just be our logo on a white back ground two sided. And they call it a digital print . Carl said why don't I asked for a motion on this one to, To get this done before the end of the year. More discussion went on about size of flag, Some board members will call around to tracks for info on size of flags flown and get back to Carl W with that info before next board meeting via email. Carl W stated that he would like to move on it fairly quickly and have something out by Riverside. If we can do that. Advertizing in general, Carl W has some ideas and will come back to the board with them at the next meeting for a vote. He encourages everyone to think in terms of advertizing or promotion, and see what we can do with it, that we are not doing right now. Carl told Brad he was sorry he extended his membership section, and asked Brad if he had anything else. Carl said if no one has any objections we will roll over to news letter.

News Letter: Jeff Troy

Jeff is absent, Carl W spoke in his behalf. Carl said he had spoke to Jeff T earlier today, and had been talking to him on and off. I've got a issue almost ready to go out, he going to take a look at it.

Carl W said it was his effort, He put together a magazine. Carl said forgive him for doing that.

Jeff .T is working on what they call the Christmas Issue. And I know Christmas is like two weeks away, but he is planning on having something together and Carl is writing one quick article for him on that also. Hopefully we will have something to get out the door. Carl thinks what we would be able to do is, we got two issue's out, we will get one more issue out that I have put my banner on.

And then the Christmas issue out which plans to be a double issue. Dean wanted to interject and he got to thinking about it, I was trying to find articles for safety like fire in the pits and stuff. Well Louie wrote a tremendous article sometime ago. And we should not be adverse to reprinting the technical safety stuff because new members have never seen it before. And I think that every so often we should interject something from the past and put a reprint in there because the new people have never seen it. And it was particular good all the stuff that Louie had written on fire safety. Just so the membership

understands that we are not just doing filler, but doing some repeats for folks that have never seen the stuff before. Carl W said that was absolutely right on. Carl asked Louie if he remembered what year that was done. Louie said it was addressing alcohol fires and believes it was back in 2006. Dean also said he would like to see repeat son how to build McCulloch and West Bend engines. The old timers may say well why are you doing a repeat, you have to remember we have new people coming into the membership. There should be a section dedicated to repeat articles. Jeff C also said one alternative to that is to take the archive of articles, the safety ones and scan those and publish those on the website. That would make that information available to new members. Carl said maybe the archivist could help you out on that, we will see what we can do. Jeff said ok. Carl said he wants the best magazine we can put out. Carl said we need to find some people to help us out. With tech articles, Kart chassis, and things like that. That would be great. Louie said on the magazine issue that he had talked to Dean awhile ago and that he was going to get some info from the guys that are doing the IKF Magazine. And he did get some stuff back and it is a little pricey. Carl asked him to go over it now. Louie said he had a quote and it would be 5 ½ X 8 ½ trimmed 16 pages saddle staple, digital full color printing on 80 l/b gross textured enamel (sp) quantity 200-300 issues I told him that's about what we would be putting out. \$875.00 per issue, that's the production fee. Then the printing for 200 would be \$450.00 per issue. That gets it up there at \$1200-1300 per issue. How much for shipping was asked, shipping was he wanted a \$180.00 it did not matter if it was for 200-or-300 issues. Plus the postage at .61 cents per for first class mail. Carl said let me tell you Louie what we did this Year. The art work was done out in Fort Wayne, Indiana. And Jeff Troy that's his job he puts together professional magazines and I know we have had some problems this year, but what they would do is transfer the artwork to a printer here in Edwardsville for me, it's a chain here called Minute Man Press and if I remember correctly the magazine production itself ran about \$500.00 Carl and his wife put the labels on the envelopes and stuffed them their selves. And are postage ran just under a \$1.00 per envelope. Talk went on with Carl saying that Jeff Troy provides all the design for free. Talk ensued Carl said if we are going to get the job done and that's what we want to do. It may take doing something like that as appose to depending on volunteer work to get the product out the door. It was asked how many are we going to do here? Carl said 6. The second issue on that is to try to do that 6 new letters. Which are one page tri-fold letters stapled and mailed out the door. So you would have 6-magazines,

and 6-black and white newsletters, Carl said there was a request for newsletters to. Dean said he was doing the math in his head, but he did not know how we could afford it with the amount of membership we have. Discussion went on for quite awhile. There was concern that all money would be spent on the magazine and leave nothing for some other promotional activities, which we really need to do.

Jeff said we need to work out the budget, before we can spend that kind of money just on the magazine. Dean said we have more important things to do as far as the VKA's job is to promote vintage karting number one.

We need some advertizing media out there to bring more members in, and to tell people how to get involved in vintage karting.

Even if it meant cutting some of the magazines down in order to get the money for promotion .

Your absolutely right we need to budget this. Jeff C said we had a buffer in the account, but it would dwindle down going forward. Jeff C says he sees spending no more than half of collected dues money on the magazine. And a good portion of what is left over on promotional and advertizing to grow vintage karting. Jeff said that was what he was thinking, but to talk about spending 90% or more of the membership dues on the magazine does not really like Dean says does not leave us anything to work with in terms of making a effort to grow the sport, thru advertizing and promotion. Carl B asked Carl W if he had spoken to that publisher of the WKA magazine, Carl W said he had not. Carl B said it might not hurt. Dean said we need to focus if we are going to spend money we need to focus on bringing people in and promoting the sport. I think we get articles in the National Kart News it would be really great to do a whole article on "How to get into vintage karting," Who to call, where you can buy your karts and parts. It would be great to see a full spread on that.

There are people that go to the track and want to know how can I get involved in this. Believe it or not their are people that do not know that.

Carl B said and how to seek one out in your own neighborhood. We have not ever done that before.

Today we need to concentrate on how to make the VKA better, How to invite people in, and how to show people how to become part of the VKA karting world.

That's what we need to concentrate on.

Carl W said it sounded good to him. Well said was also mentioned. Bill M mentioned that he sees our magazine and I think people really enjoy it and they do wait for it. What I have noticed is the

people that run full page adds on the inside and the backside, I think that's free right? Carl said yes. Bill said in his opinion that that kind of exposure. I think we should sell those areas personally. And that would help offset some of publication costs. This is a bad time to be asking for that now, we need to have a better track record on delivery of the magazine before we get to aggressive ..

Bill said that was true. But that's something to work on first and get it out on time and then they will believe in it, Bill said yeah your right. Jeff C said it was a good point. Carl W said good discussion. Bob L said he had one more thing if he could break in, Carl said sure. Bob said he came across this while looking for cost of publication of the magazine cost. Bob said the total price for the mag, was \$685.00 that included everything. Bob said he came across a filled out form for the kart expo booth that I have been holding at your request until the board talked about it. We probably need to talk about approving that, so we can send that in. Carl W said we had been going for the past few years to kart expo in Chicago and Bill M has been point on this. Bob L and Jack M are usually there to.

It is a great show for promoting the VKA. It is a modern karting show but we get our booth set up and it is in Feb. Bill said it is the end of February, and of course we get the non-profit rate which is half the booth price and this year I was telling everybody, I believe I said it last meeting there is a guy from Kansas his name is Matt Devlin he is the same guy that had a display at Quincy with the lights and turn tables. He has already sent his check in, and he is going to have his booth the same size as ours right next to us. So it will be a huge impact coming down the aisle this year. Carl said which will be wonderful for the show. Carl said if he remembers correctly the cost is about \$650.00. Discussion ensued, with the outcome being . Bob L saying he had the hand written note he had received . Carl W said, Bill M will advise you on the amount of check ,all subject to board approval. Carl said we need to approve it then. So lets go ahead it does not hurt to go ahead and vote on it again. We are looking for a motion to approve going to the kart expo operation the end of February and Bill M will be the point on it. The cost will be between \$600-650.00 . So we need a motion to go to the show. Carl B moved it, and Brian T seconded it. Dottie was asked to do a roll call vote on this, the outcome was unanimous. Carl said very good. Thank you for that vote. Carl told Bob to go ahead and get that done, and that he would try to make it up there this year. Carl W said one more item of discussion, sorry to run this under this heading. I should probably run this under new business. When the Reno IKF Grand

National's event went off last year, I was talking to Ernie Fisher at the time and asked if there was anyway we could help. Ernie said he was going to do some posters to promote it. So I said why do you not send us the invoice and we will see what we can do on that, well they sent the invoice on that. What they sent was a lot of money on the thing. They sent \$275.00 for posters for that event. And the question is whether we want to go back and help them out some way or not? Carl said they sent him 3-posters and the three I've got are like hard posters on cardboard I was just going to give away at events. It has a picture of the guy who does the go kart on its side. (Richard Kennedy) And then there is a picture of a fellow with a nice looking single engine blue kart, and then some old old pictures. It is a relatively big one a 1 ½' X 2' and then there are some others that are 9" X 1' , So Carl has 3-lg and 3-sm. ones here. He wants to hand out as door prizes at events next Year. So the question is they had a printing bill of \$275.00 . Discussion ensued with Louie saying that it was Jerry M in the blue kart, and that was Ernie Fisher in the other old kart . That's off the cover of Karter News in 1967, he won the California state championship that year with that kart. And Jerry M bought the kart after Ernie restored it. That's Ernie's old kart there. Carl W said he would go back and find the invoice and redistribute it. Then we can take a look at it. Carl said let's call off the newsletter and go to the website.

Website: Jeff Campbell

Jeff said there are a number of things, one being our main address is solved. Which is going to give us cost savings. You know we have been incurring that monthly fee from Yahoo every month for quite awhile and that was really just to be able to use the vintage karting.com domain name and get it directed to the website, I have had it set up for quite awhile now. We finally got control of that address.

I was able to reregister it so we don't have to pay the fee to Yahoo anymore. At the same time I also registered a simpler address name so that if you don't have space to print the old one on whatever document you have you can also use the website address vkakarting.com which is very much like some of the other organizations use like IKF karting it's a lot simpler name. So you can use either one of those names now. Jeff said he was covering all the cost of this now, so at this point there is absolutely no cost at all for the website coming out of membership dues, going

forward. We're home free there. Jeff said that is a good savings. Scott Kneisel sent in a great article on how to rebuild and restore a MC 8 engine from beginning/ scratch including boring the cylinder and honing it, all the machine shop work. Where to get the seals, differences between the lag bolts, what the torque specs are. Probably one of the most thorough complete articles covering one of these rebuilds I have seen yet, even the painting portion and how to get a good quality show paint finish on a motor and all that. Jeff stated that he had it on the home page right now. Jeff said that was a real nice piece. Jeff said he added a note there to it, asking if other people were interested in writing articles, to contact me. Jeff said he would like to draw on some of the membership. Jeff said he was sure a lot of people out there that would be interested in doing that, that might have a vested interest maybe in a promotional way. Rebuilding motors, building karts. Should be able to draw on a lot of people to write a lot of articles for the magazine. And that's a good way to promote the sport. We can even move some of those articles to the outside magazines I know we got contacted by the one website, what was it Carl W. Carl said it was EKMI, yeah you know something to feed those guys, something to feed International Karting News an article like Dean was talking about, how to get started maybe from one persons perspective a story of how I bought a kart what it was like to go to the track for the first time. Jeff said that some articles like that will do a lot to promote the sport, and create some interest. Jeff said traffic has been good on the website, still showing some good strong interest. I spent some time this weekend working on some ideas to lock all these spammers from trying to register on the website. Jeff said he is adding some more questions to the registration process and see how that works out. Dean had a quick question as to where to find the race results? Jeff said they were on the event page. Dean said he wanted to make sure everyone knew we do racing at the VKA.

Jeff said he also put on the forum this weekend a pictorial from Bennett RM motor sports Friday evening gathering.

Jeff Brown did a lot of leg work making sure people would show up, We had over 50 people there. Nice cars on display .

Everyone got to walk around all the cars they have there at the facility ranging from the Tyrrell p 34 to Ferrari v-12 formula 1 car and everything in between. It was a nice get together I put some pictorials of that event on the forum. I have a nice video from there, it just went up.

So we got some nice stuff on the website.

Carl W said we sure appreciate all the work you do on the website, no doubt about that. I know it is trying.

Carl W asked Dean, did we decide to talk about this now or put it off to another meeting .

About what I found out with the lawyers.

Dean said he thought we needed to take action on it without mentioning any names.

We have a situation Jeff C is very much aware of it.

We have people saying things about the VKA,,, slanderous comments on open forums which are incorrect.

In order not to mention any names what I would like to do is get a motion on the floor for everyone to give Carl W the authority to seek legal action, to send letters to those people that are causing us distress without putting it in the minutes. It is a privacy issue is there anyone who has any objection to it. Let's give Carl W a vote of confidence to go ahead and take action where it is necessary. Discussion was held with privacy in mind. Dean said let's take a quick vote for the president to take action against it as soon as possible. Dean said he would present the motion if someone would second it. Carl Billington second it. Louie asked a question have you looked into this and can you legally send them a letter, can they be held , or does that come under. I do not know the legality's of that. Carl W said he had contacted his attorney and the answer is yes. But I would want him to review the case on its own merits and take a look at it. Dean said he had a motion on the floor can we get a vote on it please. Carl W asked Dean to restate the motion. The motion is to give the power to the president to take legal action by virtue of letter. Having legal counsel send a letter to anyone doing slanderous, doing anything slanderous on the website against the VKA anything that diminishes are character it allows the president to take that action. Carl W asked if everyone understood the motion? The reply was yes. Carl W then asked for a roll call vote. Carl also asked again if there was any further discussion . Carl asked Dottie to do a roll call vote. It was unanimous by all board members still present at the time. Carl said he would keep us posted on it then, and go from there. Just so you know I don't really want to do this, but I think circumstances are such that we at least need to look at this option. That's where my head is at, and hopefully it will take care of the situation. Carl asked Jeff if there was anything else ?

That is it for the website.

Carl added that Jeff did a great job on that event, I have had several compliments about your videos.

Carl said onto certification.

Certification: Jack Murray

Jack said after talking to Carl and a few other board members after a year of compiling information for certification we are still a long way off I really don't know if our hobby is ready for it. So I am purposing my position be changed perhaps to a judging chairman where I would be responsible for the show and show karts one of the problems I think Bob L can comment on this that every time we go to these events there is a duplication of some of the awards and I think we can straighten it out, we come up with our own little format perhaps have the promoter take our positions. I don't know how many. Carl W said he thought we need to talk to them way in advance, before they can get the trophy's put together under their own monikers for sure. I don't know how many classes we want to have but I am basically looking at 8 classes plus the people's choice and best in show if we are going to offer that. Now of course Gus always wants to have the best display, so there would be 11 classes at his show. Carl B asked, don't the guidelines cover that. Jack said he has not seen the guidelines that clarify it as well as it needs to be clarified. Jack said he would run thru real quick. Best original single rear engine un restored, Best original single rear engine restored/modified, Best original dual/triple rear engine un restored, and restored/modified, Best original single sidewinder un restored, and restored/modified, and finally Best original dual Sidewinder un restored, and restored/modified. Most of the karts we are seeing there are coming to these events that are over redone are restored karts. So I think they fit into a restored category. I think it will make things a little simpler for us when it comes to judging. Bill M said he knows what's going to happen at these smaller events there are probably like 5-6 of them around the country. They are going to have to pick and choose because of the budget of trophy's that they have. Like me they may only pick 3-5 category's tops, at least if we have a structure they can go off of They can pick this class and this class and this class. Jack said yeah right we have those 4 basic structure classes. We could run off of those. Bill said he was going to do a promoters pkg. next

month sending out to all the track promoters a list of the events, Dean's safety sheets, and also I could put in your class structures. Jeff said he would also like to put in a Best display for an option. Jeff said there seems like there is a lot of interest in that. Jeff said there is a good number of people that make an effort to go beyond the kart and give a good presentation with backdrops, stands, rotating tables, adding jackets and helmets, paraphernalia there is a interest in that. And having a Best display award would be geared toward that. Jack said he had no problem with that. That would be fine. Carl B had a question , does that structure differentiate production models and one of a kinds? Jack said not in the simplified version .

Carl B said so they would be competing against each other in that case. Jack said well if you bring a un restored one of a kind, if it is un restored it would be competing against other un restored karts. Jack asked if anyone had a problem with changing it from certification to judging chairman. Carl said it would be starting in 2010. And Jack said he would try to participate in most of the events. And try to be on hand to help with that. Carl W asked what else he had, Jacks reply was that is about it. Carl W said it is about 8:20 and keeping that in mind off to Dean and safety.

Safety: Dean Kossaras

Dean said not to much today, I do want to mention something I had some people question there had been some rumors we are changing time lines and stuff. I do have some stuff put together for that probably for our next meeting. But at this point there is no changes projected at this time, Dean said he was kind of waiting to see the results of Riverside.

And then I will probably make a presentation there on the time line issue. But at this time really just so everyone knows in the minutes the board has not done anything changing any time lines. So that is about it. Carl W said ok Bill it is your turn.

Executive Director: Bill McCornack

Bill said he would start off with you asked me to run down the statistics for 2009. And in lue of it being 8:30 I know I sent an article to you which will be coming out in the letter so is it ok Carl if we all just read it in there or what do you want to do. Carl said yeah, Let's just say that Bill did a great job / outstanding job of putting together the 2009 VKA events statistics. And one of the things he said was weather is the number one deciding factor on how many entries attend a event, state of the

economy and gas prices come in second and third. I will distribute this around to everyone .

Bill wanted to talk about the kart marketing show in February in St. Charles. I see a lot of modern karts there because it is mainly a modern kart show. Year after year people are just blown away by our vintage karting booth and this year will be a double impact with Matt Devlin's display next to us, with the turn tables and mannequins all dressed up with helmets. There just blown away by this. And it really pump's up the sport at least in the Midwest area. In fact Louie I had a guy there from California last year at the show that said he was going to go to the Bakersfield event because he saw our vintage karting display. We get such a big impact from that show it really works out well.

Bill S. (sp), he thought in talking to Carl and myself,, he wants to put Vintage Karting Association information on his website with a link. So Carl and I will work with him, it is very nice of him to offer that. It is more exposure and it is great and it is free. Louie said on that same note I posted on the E- Karting News website about the Riverside event and we have about 220 hits on it already. He also posted it under the 4-cycle but it only has about 40 hits so far. Bill thanked Louie. Bill said the other thing he is working on is the schedule I will be mailing out in January covers all the events like I did last year that was mailed to people's homes.

Now I am going to everybody I have got addresses to members and non-members we will get the word out. Also I am going to push the \$10.00 discount off the entry fee for the event and try to get all the promoters to buy into it. I have got about 90% of them buying into it. Bill had a question for Jerry, Louie, and Jack what is your feeling on Medford with Dewey B. should I call him up offering him to have a VKA event, or is he probably out do you think, I do not want to get him mad at me or something. What should I do? Louie said he had not gone to it this past year. I have not heard anything negative from Dewey. Bill said well I have, Bill said he is never happy with it. And I know he is with the other guys as far as I know, but should I still call him? Bill was looking for feedback. Louie said let me contact Dewey. I know Dewey pretty well, and as far as the other guys I do not know if anything is happening there. Bill said ok, what he needs to know is if he would like to be in on our letter, which by the way is free he does not have to pay anything for it. You know it could be listed, does he want a VKA event held there or does he want the other people's club event there, but I need to know that cause I will be sending out package, and getting the date for his event and everything else. I know he has been pretty stand offish in the past.

And now after this big brew ha last fall, I do not know what he is going to do now. And then there is Mike Hartman at Bakersfield and I do not know which way he is headed in, what is your feeling on that Jerry or Louie? Louie said Mike Hartman was part of that group, you know the new group. He was involved in that, now we had a fun day up at Dixen (sp) and he was there, nobody said a word to me about anything. I had a few people come up and say hey congratulations I hope you can get something done. I said we'll see what can be done. Jerry said he talked to Mike at the Dixen (sp) thing and he said his race is going to be under the new club. Louie asked, but what is the new club? I have not heard a word about it. Jerry said he did not know either on that, but he said it would be under the new club. Bill said so Jerry your saying that it sounds like Mike Hartman is kind of gone with their format and like there event so I should not bother calling him for a VKA event. What's your take? You know what at least give him a courtesy call, I would call and see where he stands, cause he seems like a fairly nice guy. Bill said well he is. Louie said the only thing he can say is, no I do not want to be involved with the VKA, and then you know where he stands. Bill said then you think I should call both Dewey and Mike Hartman. Yes. Louie said he would email Dewey and in fact he would do it tonight. Bill said that was it for him, unless someone had more feedback on this for him. Carl W said hearing none, let me go onto new business.

New Business

What we need to do tonight is appoint the officers that were elected last month. Carl said let me short cut this a little bit as I see it is 8:35 in the evening. Let me short cut this a little bit I am getting feedback from everyone that we want to stand with our officers as is. Except for Brian and Dottie resigning as secretaries . And Louie Figone has stepped forward to take that position and are archivist that we had last year is not coming back either. And Jerry Van Deusen has said he would be happy to take that post also. So that would have our eleven officers that we had last year going into 2010 and all filled with positions. Can I call for comments on that, Bill asked was there any talk about a west coast coordinator? Carl said he has not talked about a west coast coordinator, Bill said he could probably just work with Jack, Louie, and Jerry I suppose without them being west coast coordinator, but they

could be my eyes and ears and feedback points I guess on the west coast, because I do not go to those events except for Riverside now and then. Carl W said alright that would be fine to work with them and see what happens and if there is a need for a west coast coordinator to be named I do not have a problem with that. Bill said what he would do is just stay in touch with those three fellows and I can get all the feedback that I will probably need, or contacts thru them so they will probably work out just fine. Ok with that said, that will be our board. Carl B said he had a comment on the volunteers for those positions it is most appreciated. I do have a question though is it possible in any way at all to make a permanent archivist ? Is the concept conceivable. Archivist to me means being able to reference material to look things up. I have a extremely large collection of magazines that I am just getting tired of keeping them all around, and I would like to donate them to the club or something but I would like to make sure that they were taken care of properly. Carl W said let's give that some thought. Carl said so we have those offices all filled I think what we can do is just put it out there for Comments and then let me call for a motion to approve the existing officers and putting Louie in as secretary and putting Jerry in as archivist. Louie and Jerry you are on the phone do you except those appointments? Both answered Yes they do. Well with that then shall we have a motion to except all the positions and is there comments? Carl W said I do not necessarily want to be president again and I know the comments will probably come out that I am trying to run this thing forever and I am not. I really just want to go back to running my go kart but I love the sport and I want to see it go some place and if somebody else wants to step up to the president's post I would more than welcome listening to that. Dean said I think in the best interest of the VKA , the fact is everyone that is in the positions right now is getting a good handle on it and I do not see any reason to change anything. Well with that said about me we will proceed to a ask for the motion to approve the slate of officers for installation. Carl B motioned 1st and Dean K 2nd it. Carl W said let's do a voice vote. All those in favor say I. All those a posed say nay. Carl W said the I's have it. So It is unanimous. Carl said next year is going to be a good year, I can almost guarantee it. And it is 8:41 what else does someone want to talk about, I have a stack of stuff but I will leave it for the next meeting. Bill said he needs two phone numbers, he needs both Louie and Jerry's numbers. Bill welcomed

both guys to the board we really appreciate you guys and you're the best we got out there.

Dottie said thanks for stepping up. Carl said very good, and like I said earlier, especially for Louie and Jerry I try to keep these meeting to a hour, I know we got times where we got other things to do, but we had some very good conversation tonight and I appreciate it. Again I kept this as a kind of executive session and I would like to add two membership meetings at Riverside and at Quincy this year.. It may be bad, but that is ok, I am like Louie I can take darts getting thrown at me and pull them out and keep on going. I would like to have membership meetings at both of those. I will ask for permission to do that. Carl W said that was all he had, and asked the rest of the board if they had anything they wanted to add, hearing nothing Carl called the meeting at 8:43 P.M. And again I thank you all for your input and your devotion to karting and the amount of work that you will be doing next year. I definitely appreciate it. So with that we will call the meeting and everybody have a good evening. Good nights were said.