

**VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2010

President Weakley called the meeting to order at 7:03 CST

Board Members in attendance:

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| Carl Weakley    | President          |
| Carl Billington | Vice President     |
| Jeff Campbell   |                    |
| Louie Figone    |                    |
| Brad Fultz      |                    |
| Dean Kossaras   |                    |
| Bob Lapke       |                    |
| Bill McCornack  | Executive Director |
| Jack Murray     |                    |

Board Members absent:



Jeff Troy  
Jerry Van Deusen

President Weakley opened the meeting by stating that he wants to list the candidates that have applied for the position of a board member for the coming year. The candidates I have right now are Dick Teal, Lake Speed, Ernie Shores, Jim Thompson, Armando Grissino, Colm O'Higgins, and Rick Parsons. Grissino would like to head up a post 1976 organization.. I think we all know all of these people. Director Figone states that he emailed Director Van Deusen about his interest on the board; he said that he would step down but if he could help in the future he would.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

President Weakley asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes of the last meeting, not all Board members had seen the minutes so the approval was put on hold. Director Figone reported he talked to John Montley, IKF Board of Director and Chairman of the Sprint Committee, about an IKF vintage class or division, Motley stated that the IKF has talked about vintage karts but at this time nothing has transpired but they are interested and looking into it.

Director Figone also asked the Board about previous minutes and he thinks he needs to correct the axle size, he asks what the correct axle size is in the new timeline? Director McCornack states that the class for sidewinders up to and including 1979 are to use a one inch axle, 1980 to 1985 karts can be one inch or 1 ¼ inch axle. A 1979 Kart with a 1 ¼ inch axle will have to run in the 1980 to 1985. Class. Director Kossaras states that for karts 1979 and earlier with a 1 ¼ inch axle can be converted to a 1 inch axle, there are conversion kits available. BMI, Bar Hoist Manufacturing has the conversion kits and they bolt right in.

#### TREASURERS REPORT:

Director Lapke reports that as of Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, we had a balance of \$17,209.84, our income for Sept was \$48.00 for back issue sales, our expenses was \$0.00 for a balance as of October 31, 2010 of \$17,257.84 all in the checking account.

#### VICE PRESIDENT:

Director Billington addressed the proposed West Bend 820 class; we need to have WKA and IKF involved in this. Karting is getting too costly and if we have an entry level class such as an 820 class that people can go and buy a turn key kart we open karting to new people. Director McCornack: I talked to Faye Pierson and she is excited and would like to try and sell the packages. We don't have a class right now but if they start to show up and the numbers grow then we could have a class. They would go into an existing class over 6.1 rear. Director Billington would like to see a class for them. Director McCornack: I am with you on this but there is a class for them right now. Director Kossaras: Carl, those 820 motors come modified. Director Figone: I talked to Dave Bonbright about this, it would be the industrial engine with the small carburetor, small reeds two ring piston, the old style but the new casting block, no boost ports, no Siamese ports, this is similar to the US 820 class engine that WKA and IKF had. It would be a dry clutch, box muffler setup.

Director Billington: this is supposed to be easy to do; the kart should be a turnkey setup.

Director Kossaras: if they show up at East Lansing I'll make a class for them and have trophies for them. Director Campbell: if you don't make a class for them you need to think of a way to promote it. I think we should write up an article how to get started.

President Weakley: I have an article ready for the magazine; I'll describe the class and the equipment, the engine, clutch, muffler etc. Director McCornack: the people putting the package together should put out a brochure about the class and the equipment.

Director Billington: this will be a rear engine class. Director Murray: reproduction karts are not cheap. Director McCornack: they can buy a vintage kart on eBay for a \$1000.00 or they can buy a new reproduction kart for \$2500.00 and add the engine/clutch package.

Director Billington: if we can get a brochure, if we print it or the manufacture prints it, if we get it into some of the car magazines, it will go a long way to bringing in new karters and members. Director Figone: Carl, I see you specified hydraulic brakes, what about the person that has a vintage kart with a Bendix brake, Director Billington: I think the Bendix brake should be allowed. Director Campbell: the new Bendix that Azusa sells is junk, not a good brake; it is a fun kart brake. Director McCornack: Louie, I think Jeff is saying if their going to go and buy a brake he is suggesting for them not to put the Azusa brake on. I think that anyone using a Bendix brake to go ahead and run them, I think that's fine.

President Weakley: I think we are ready to write the article for the Dec. Issue. I'll send it to the Board for approval before we go to print.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Director Fultz: we have 258 paid members as of today, we are on card # 436. President Weakley: I have a mailing of magazines going out next week and I am thinking I want to put a request for membership dues notice in the magazine. New members will receive the VKA T shirts. Also when the member renews their membership I have not required an application, just send in their check, new members will need to fill out an application. This will be for current returning members; if their membership lapsed then they will need to fill out an application.

#### WEBSITE:

Director Campbell: not much to report at this time, I have a couple of sets of photos to post. I think we are up to date on the minutes except for January. President Weakley: I have a short summary for January. Director Campbell: good, I think that was in the changeover.

Director McCornack: Jeff, the website is doing wonderful, that's a huge part of our organization. That's what is making us very successful. Director Campbell: I'm getting a lot of emails, their finding us through you tube. The more ways people can find out about us the more we will grow.

#### MAGAZINE:

President Weakley: I mailed the Sept/Oct issue. The Jan/Feb issue and the Mar/April issues will mail in the same envelope next week with the Mar. newsletter. I know it's late but we are getting it out. I have May/June issue's at the printers.

Director Figone: I am going to have to leave the meeting at this time (8: PM CST)

President Weakley: its 8 PM and lets move past the reports and get to the nominations, Let me start off, all the current board members are nominated for the board, I think we all know Jeff Troy wants to step down, I do not want to be President again. I want to be in the background and help, mostly with public relations. I want to go down the list of the board members and I think everyone is on board here: Carl Billington, Bob Lapke, Louie Figone, Brad Fultz, Jeff Campbell, Jack Murray, Bill McCornack and Dean Kossaras. And those are all guys that are going to go on for another term and keep there same responsibilities except for the one that's going to step up to President. If I step down to a past President position then we have three gaps to fill, one is the President, one is the Magazine and one is the Archives, unless we choose to keep Jerry on board and encourage him a little more. Then we have to look at the new board member applications and they are all good candidates, I'll strike Colm O'Higgins off the list now, Bill McCornack has been talking to him and we are thinking about making him the Eastern Canadian coordinator. Director McCornack: he will work with me, any interest to hold an event up there he will try and make it a VKA event and try to recruit members. He will have to join the VKA. He is happy as the Eastern Canadian coordinator. Director Kassaros brought up the question how long do you have to be a member of the VKA before you can be a Board member. President Weakley: 24 months as a member before you can be on the Board. The Board approved the position of Eastern Canadian Coordinator for Colm O'Higgins.

President Weakley: I would like to see Dick Teal on the Board and work on the magazine. He is on the top of my list. Ernie Shores would be good. Rick Parsons has not been a member so he is off the list. We are down to Dick Teal, Ernie Shores, Lake Speed, Jim Thompson and they all fit the requirements. Director McCornack: how many positions are we filling Carl? President Weakley: lets talk about that, we have had 11, if we take Jeff Troy and Jerry Van Deusen off the list, there's two off the list, if you take me off the list and make me a Past President that's three off the list, we will have three positions to fill. This month we elect the Board, next month the Board elects the officers. Director McCornack: Dean, you know Lake Speed, how willing is he to serve? Director Kossaras: he is willing and will be a tremendous asset. Director McCornack: what capacity would he be able to help us out with? Director Kossaras: that gives us someone on the East Coast and he is World Famous. Director Billington: why do we need to give everyone a position? They can be just a Board Member and when we need to fill a gap we appoint them for a position.

President Weakley: we can loose two with Troy and Van Deusen so that drops us to nine, what do you think about adding four good people, and making it thirteen. Director Kossaras: no reason why we can't. Director Billington: why not! Director McCornack: you have harder conference calls, you have so many opinions. Carl, didn't you tell me that when Tom Thorin was President he said he felt the Board should not be over seven people? President Weakley: that's exactly right! President Weakley: when I took over the Presidency Tom Thorin recommended to me that we drop the Board to seven so the meetings would flow easier. Of course I am the opposite; I wanted to expand the Board. Director Kossaras: look at the track record, in the past year we have expanded the membership, expanded the classes, expanded the people coming to these events in the mits of a depression going on, the more minds the better. We have discussed some pretty heated issues in the past and we have gotten through it. Having a Lake Speed on the Board would be an asset to the group. That's what we need to look at, not making it simple to get a meeting over with; we need to move the organization forward. We solved the problem when we shut down the internet to the nonsense; it expanded, when the guys on the West Coast formed there own organization all the complaining stopped. Everyone is happy! We have done a lot of things right and adding a couple of people is not going to hurt anything.

President Weakley: so is it agreed we add those four? Director McCornack: Carl, are you going to drop off? President Weakley: Jeff Troy and Jerry Van Deusen will be dropped for sure! Director Kossaras: I think Past President Director position is an excellent idea! President Weakley: so then that's the way we will leave it then, that gives us fourteen members on the board. Let me read them off again, this is just the order I have them listed here, Carl Weakley, Carl Billington, Louie Figone, Bob Lapke, Brad Fultz, Jeff Campbell, Jack Murray, Dean Kossaras, Bill McCornack, then we add Dick Teal, Lake Speed, Jim Thompson, Ernie Shores. Director Kossaras: let's call for a roll call vote.

President Weakley: let's call for a roll call vote, with Louie gone I will make the call:  
I vote aye

Carl Billington aye

Louie Figone no vote, left the meeting

Bob Lapke aye

Brad Fultz no vote, left the meeting  
Jeff Campbell aye  
Jack Murray aye  
Dean Kossaras aye  
Bill McCornack aye

It's unanimous with Louie Figone and Brad Fultz not voting. OK, we are done. Next up we need to think about our titles. Maybe we have some members at large we want to consider. I'll email everybody with the results. We have the Magazine and the Archives to take care of. I will let Louie deal with Jerry to see if he wants to stay on the Archives committee. Director McCornack: I am proud of our Board Members from Illinois but I am a little embarrassed that four are from Illinois; I really push for more Board members from other areas.

President Weakley: OK guys, I have 8:22, do we want to go back to Board reports or is there something else we need to discuss? I was contacted by Tom Thorin and he has invited everybody to a party at his place after Riverside. Director Billington: what are the dates of Riverside? President Weakley: the last weekend in January, the 27<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup>. Director Campbell: the last I heard the Bennett's are not going to go, it conflicts with another event they are going to.

Director McCornack: I might be able to supply another article for the magazine; this guy is ready to go with the magazine. I am worried about the magazine getting out, I hope that Dick Teal can get with him and help him out.

President Weakley: Jack Murray, do you have anything? Director Murray: not other than what I talked to you about the article for the Dec. issue. I should write one for the guy doing the January issue.

President Weakley: Dean Kossaras? Director Kossaras: no, I am good for tonight.

President Weakley: OK, I have 8:28 PM (CST) and I'll call the meeting.

Submitted by Louie Figone, Secretary