

**VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2010

President Weakley called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM CST

Board Members in attendance:

Carl Weakley	President
Carl Billington	Vice President
Louie Figone	Secretary
Bob Lapke	Treasurer
Jeff Campbell	
Brad Fultz	
Dean Kossaras	
Bill McCornack	
Jack Murray	

Board Members absent:

Jeff Troy  
Jerry Van Deusen

Guests:

Ernie Shores  
Jim Thompson  
Dick Teal  
Tom Thorin



President Weakley opened the meeting and welcomed the new board members and noted that they are guests at this meeting. I would like to mention some of the things that we did this year, #1 we distributed T-shirts to all our 2010 members, we got our January newsletter out on time but the remainder of the magazines and other newsletters were late, coming out in the last month or so, I have the December issue of the magazine and July and November issue of the newsletter coming out in a week or so. We conducted a King Kart Raffle at the benefit of Gary Doemelt, giving us the King Kart for the raffle. We changed Certification Director to Judging Director and we have put Certification on the back burner. We had great events this year, Riverside, Barnesville, Springfield, New Castle, Virginia International Raceway, Brodhead, Lansing, Quincy, Savannah and Delmar. There were also events that are mentioned in the minutes, the REAR event in Fremont, Ohio, Avon New York event, Redding and Atwater events in California. We attended Kart Expo in St. Charles early in the year. As far as rules are concerned we did extend the timeline to 1979 officially and allowing an 80-85 option as written in the minutes. New classes this year was the 76 to 84, the Mac 49 class, the B-Ltd heavy class, we discussed axle width and tire rules, we have not come to a conclusion yet on this. The Website was expanded very nicely. The folks did a collection for Mr. Lott at New Castle. We had great safety meetings put on by Bill McCornack at the

summer events. New membership cards were designed and issued. We started up on Facebook. I issued too many hot laps, I lost count. We named two life members this year, Mickey Rupp, and Richard Peck. And with that let's get the meeting going.

#### SECRETARY REPORT, MINUTES:

Director Figone: October minutes were sent out the day of our November meeting and have not been approved yet. The November minutes were sent out a while ago and all the Board members should have both of them. They do need to be approved.

President Weakley: has everyone had a look at the minutes and do any changes need to be made? OK, hearing no changes to be made let's approve the minutes as submitted. October and November minutes approved as submitted.

#### TREASURERS REPORT:

Director Lapke: November opening balance as of Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, was \$17,257.84. Our income was \$100.00 from 3 membership checks. Expenses were \$314.60 for newsletter and postage. Sept and Oct VKA magazine, postage, envelopes, \$771.66, VKA business card add in National Kart News, \$425.00. Jan, Feb VKA magazines, March newsletter, postage, envelopes, \$1602.30 for a total expense of \$3113.56 for November. This leaves us with a balance of \$14,244.28 for the end of November, all in the checking account.

President Weakley: I would like to go into appointment of the officers now. As everyone knows I have asked to step down. We have four new board members coming on, Dick Teal, Lake Speed, Jim Thompson and Ernie Shores. We have three board members coming off, Jeff Troy, Jerry Van Deussen and myself. I would like to open it up now for nominations for President, Director Kossaras nominates Jeff Campbell for President, Director Figone seconds the nomination. Director Campbell accepts the position, all board members approved. Director Campbell: I will still do the website.

President Weakley: Do all the existing Board members wish to continue in their president positions.

Director Fultz: I will stay on Membership. Director Figone: I will stay as Secretary. Director Lapke: I will stay on as treasurer. Director McCornack, I will continue as Executive Director. Director Kossaras: I will stay on as Safety Director. Director Billington, I will stay on as Vice President.

President Weakley: those offices are filled, now we need to move on to Magazine. Dick Teal, would you like to take this on? Dick Teal: I would like to write articles but I do not have the time to do the editing.

and the mailing. Director Billington: there are people that make a living doing that, we just need to find someone that's reasonable and dependable. President Weakley: that is an alternative. Director Kossaras: I have used a local company to do mailing, I will check into what it would cost to mail 250 issues.

Dick Teal: Dean, it's a little more difficult than that. All of the formatting and creation of the pages, who's going to do that? Director Billington: I can talk to the lady that did this for WKA and see if she would be interested. President Weakley: I think we can work through this. I would like to stay in the background and help you fill in the gap.

Dick Teal: its more than just writing the story, it has to be formatted for the magazine. Director Billington: if anyone has a trade school near by they may be interested. Dick Teal: if you guys are going to do this take a current magazine to show them, they should be able to give you a ball park figure to do the magazine. We don't know what Gary Jefferson is going to cost but by the time you pay the postage and printing there is not a lot of money left, that \$14,000.00 is going to go fast. Director Kossaras: Carl, why did the WKA do away with their magazine? Director Billington: probably the same reason people do not read newspapers anymore, they use the internet. Dick Teal: the other option would

be less costly I think to do it in a newsletter format. Not worry about having a semi gloss hard page book.

Director Billington: I think it's important to have a quality magazine for our members. Director Kossaras: how many are we doing? Six a year? President Weakley: yes, six. Director Kossaras: I don't know why we can't cut that down to a quarterly due to the cost. Director Billington: Dean, before we change how often we do a magazine lets check out what it will cost us to do the six. Director Campbell: We need to get the cost together first and then have this same discussion. Right now we need to have the newsletter and magazine to keep in touch with the members. You have to remember; only about ½ of the members are on the website. If it's not in their mailbox they are out of touch with what's going on in vintage karting. A large percentage of our people are over 60 and do not go to the internet for information.

Director Kossaras: I will do some research, Carl, you do some research, I will discuss it with the university, we may get it done for free. Director Campbell: we need to get an idea of what the cost is, we need to put a budget together for 2011 and decide what percentage of funds will go to the magazine and what funds for other things.

Dick Teal: Dean and Carl, get back to me with what you find out, Jeff, I have been looking at a budget, I do not have true printing cost estimate. I have been looking at the info that Director Lapke has sent me on the cost in the past and roughly it seems to be about \$800.00 per magazine. I understand that Gary Jefferson is working on it now and we will be paying him, that was the understanding that I have.

Director McCornack: Dick, I thought our agreement with him is that Gary is putting together the January issue, see what the cost were and then rather than bill us he would tell us what he would need for money on a regular basis. I'll check with him and make sure that there is no running tab here. Director Campbell: just to make it clear, were we going to have Gary do the mailing also? Dick Teal: that was my understanding. President Weakley: so for the moment, you are going to manage the magazine? Dick Teal: yes, for now. I need some help on articles, I can write but what do you want to hear about? Director Billington: we can reprint some of our past articles; lots of members have never seen them.

President Weakley: Jim and Ernie, do you have any preference what you would like to help out with. Ernie Shores: I would like to work with Dean on the safety issues. Jim Thompson: I would like to work with Brad on membership; I have some experience in that area. Maybe I can bring some help.

President Weakley: I have not talked to Lake Speed, I would like to see him address public relations, I would like to work with him on that.

We are done with the list now, congratulations to everyone.

Director Billington: I make a motion we take the Past President position and make it a voting position. Director Kossaras: I second that motion.

Director Figone called for the vote, motion carried.

President Weakley: I would be glad to do that. That makes it 13 voting.

Dick Teal: Carl, let me go down the list, I need this for the book.

Jeff Campbell,	President/Website
Carl Billington,	Vice President
Louie Figone,	Secretary
Bob Lapke,	Treasurer
Brad Fultz	Membership
Jim Thompson	Membership
Dick Teal,	Magazine
Jack Murray	Judging
Dean Kassararas	Safety
Ernie Shores	Safety

Lake Speed            Public Relations  
Bill McCornack      Executive Director  
Carl Weakley        Past President

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Director Fultz: we have 29 returning members to date for the 2011 year and 9 new members. We finished the year with 267 members.

Dick Teal: the membership is \$30.00, what is the associate membership? President Weakley: \$10.00

#### WEBSITE REPORT:

Director Campbell: not much to report, overall we have not had any issues, new people are registering on a daily basis. We need to get the guidelines up dated, we have had a number of changes and they need to be on the website. I'll work with Dean to update the guidelines.

#### SAFETY REPORT:

Director Kossaras: I want to work on bringing everyone to be on the same page, guidelines, tires, safety etc. I know we have talked about tires and giving them a one year advance before implementing the rules. I believe Louie will be testing the tire issue at Riverside.

Director Figone: Carl, I see that you are listed on the membership application for credit card payment, will you stay on and take credit card payment through your office. President Weakley: yes I will.

#### JUDGING REPORT:

Director Murray: nothing to add right now, I will be getting in touch with Dick Teal regarding the articles on judging.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Director McCornack: Carl, you emailed me something about the International Action Sports Expo in St Charles at the Nugget Center. President Weakley: let me explain that, Kart Expo went away, next thing, I get an email from Dave Larson Jr., he is doing this, Biking, Skateboarding, Snowboarding, Karting, etc. I just wanted to bring it up and let you know. Director McCornack: I don't think we will attend for the reason that this would be a young group and Vintage Karting would not fit into their thinking.

Dean, I need your East Lansing dates, I am waiting for Ed Shannigan for a date for VIR event, he told me it would be in November, Louie, I need the contact info for Riverside, and also the date for the Atwater event. Director Figone: it was all posted by Jeff on the VKA website today. Director McCornack: Ed does his own structure and rules, he is enduro and wants to be on the tour dates. If there are no objections, I will list his event. We have five events promoted by Board members.

President Weakley: The Dart Kart Club runs vintage at their enduro events.

President Weakley: Louie tell us how Riverside is going. Director Figone: the class structure, contact info, registration and schedule are posted on the VKA and REAR site. Jeff Campbell helped me out with some of the formatting and I thank him for that. I've been talking to Timel Sebastian of the Adams Track and working on the issues, she is very excited to have us again. I'm going to get the Adams Kart Track to join the VKA.

Director McCornack: you sent me your final draft of the class structure and all the rules and you listed hard tires. Can you list that the tire rule is for the Riverside event, so the karters don't think we have adopted a hard tire rule for all the country? Director Campbell: I agree. Director Figone: I can put a

disclaimer at the bottom of the class structure. Director Campbell: the major issue is that a lot of people do not understand VKA guidelines and event rules. VKA guidelines are used by the event promoter to help guide the promoter to form the rules for the event. Rules are defined by the promoter, not by the VKA. The VKA have guidelines and not rules.

Director Kossaras: Louie, I support the tire guidelines that you are using but what prompted you to implement this for Riverside? Director Figone: this has been on my mind for several years; I have seen rear karts with sticky tires and their instability. All the events that we have had on the West Coast the feedback I have gotten has been to go to a hard vintage type tire. Director Kossaras: I support the tire rule; we have talked about implementing this rule in 2012, so we will watch the feedback from your event. Director Billington: I like your rule, when I started this vintage kart movement the intent was to run them the way they were run.

Director Kossaras: Louie, are you going to award a trophy for every class? Director Figone: yes, but only for first place. Director Kossaras: excellent, Mona got tricked and she took a lot of heat for not giving a trophy for every class.

President Weakley: Carl did you have anything? Director Billington: It was proposed a West Bend class on a rear engine kart. The engine would be an 820. It would be an entry level class and we want to approach WKA and IKF to have it as a local option class also. Dick Teal: a question on the specs of a West Bend 820 class. Are you talking about a completely stock engine, with rule book, tear them down and check them? Director Billington: Stock engine, small carburetor, thick ring piston, Dave Bonbright says he can get that engine, no problem.

Director McCornack: there will be no tech. to start with. Maybe down the road.

Director Murray: a little fallout from Riverside, in light of the fact that Gary Doemelt is not coming out, he was going to bring the raffle kart out, once again we are faced with the situation of bringing the kart out to Riverside. Director McCornack: if that's the case then they have to pay the shipping, the people that won it. The obligation is with the winner to get the kart to their house. Director Figone: I'll contact Jim Donovan and see what he is driving out in; maybe he can bring the kart.

President Weakley: we will keep working on it. I am also working on a document to honor all our past Board members are. Tom Thorin has a collection of magazines and I am sure he can help. I thank you for letting me be your board President for the last two years. With that I'll call the meeting.

President Weakley adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM CST

Submitted by Secretary Figone