

## VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2014

President Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM EST

Roll call by Secretary Figone:

Board members in attendance:

Jeff Campbell	President
Ernie Shores	Vice President
Louie Figone	Secretary
Jim Donovan	Treasurer
Pearl Gamble	Executive Director
Jim Thompson	
Dean Kossaras	
Rick Chapman	



Board members absent:

Jack Murray  
Lake Speed

Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA FirstTurn Newsletter/Magazine
Bill McCornack	
Gary Wlodarsky	
Bill Bloodworth	

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Campbell: I have to apologize for missing the last few meetings, I have been very busy with work, with that, let's go to the Secretary's report.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary Figone: The minutes went out a week ago, I had feedback from Ernie and Rolf, corrections were made, and you have the corrected minutes in hand.

Director Donovan: I make a motion we accept the minutes as sent.

Vice President Shores: I second the motion.

President Campbell: Motion has been made and seconded, all in favor of accepting the October minutes as submitted say aye, all opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes, thank you.

Ernie, do you have anything from the Vice President's perspective?

Vice President Shores: Yes, I would like to start with the elections and the 2015 guidelines, then we can go into the other reports.

Secretary Figone: We had two applicants, Bill McCornack and Gary Wlodarsky. Jack Murray notified me his was resigning, we have talked about Lake Speed, he has missed 9 meetings, and I think he should be replaced.

Vice President Shores: I would like to make a motion to take Lake Speed off the board and I would like to nominate Bill McCornack to the public relations position.

Director Kossaras: I second the motion.

Bill McCornack: I am doing membership, do you want to lump them together? Membership and Public Relations

Vice President Shores: I would like you to do that if you could.

President Campbell: Are we combining Membership and Public Relations?

Bill McCornack: Yes

Vice President Shores: We will also have to nominate Bill Bloodworth to membership.

Director Figone: I believe Jeff can make an appointment to that position.

President Campbell: We have a motion and a second to remove Lake Speed and appoint Bill McCornack to a combined position of Public Relations and Membership Director. All in favor say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes.

Welcome back Bill.

Bill McCornack: Thank you.

President Campbell: I am appointing Bill Bloodworth to the membership committee.

Vice President Shores: Jeff, I would like you to appoint Dick Charest to help Rick Chapman in the enduro program. This can be an appointment.

President Campbell: Done, I appoint Dick Charest as assistant to Rick Chapman in the enduro program.

Director Figone: I make a motion to appoint Gary Wlodarsky as a Board member.

Director Kossaras: Gary, what do you want to do?

Gary Wlodarsky: I will help out where ever I can, I want to start out on the bottom and go from there.

Vice President Shores: How are you with safety?

Rolf Hill: You also have kart shows now that Jack has bowed out.

Gary Wlodarsky: I have done safety tech with Pearl and with others. I have done kart shows also.

President Campbell: What official board position would he hold?

Director Kossaras: He has gone to 10 events; I think show position would be good.

Director Gamble: I would like to nominate Gary to the show position on the board, to take care of the kart shows.

President Campbell: I second that, all in favor of Gary Wlodarsky filling that Board of Director position say aye, opposed say nay.

The ayes are unanimous. Thank you for volunteering Gary.

Were there any other applicants for board positions?

Director Figone: That is all that I received Jeff.

President Campbell: Then the remainder of the board will be filled by people currently occupying those positions. We have to vote those people in too.

Director Figone: I make a motion that the remaining board members be appointed for another year on the board in their current position.

Director Chapman: I second the motion.

President Campbell: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes, we have a board for next year.

Vice President Shores: Let's do the guidelines. Everybody has a copy of the guidelines. We had a lot of input and we made all the corrections. I think it will further our cause for next year. One of the main things we did was to add Tier I and Tier II events.

Bill McCornack: I want to mention I had a discussion with Rick Chapman this afternoon regarding a couple of items. He mentioned Sportsman Rear, the third class; Rick suggested we drop the "No Mc 91, 92, 93 engines." Talking to Ernie after that he showed me the importance of the Mc20,30 and 40's in that class and allowing the 91,92,93 engines would discourage those other engine from the class. Rick also wants more emphasis on the enduro rear engine karts showing up at the sprint tracks, just mentioning it maybe the promoters or somebody in some capacity will allow them so the guy sitting home with rear engine enduros can go to a VKA event and practice, maybe run two heats. That would be something to take up with the promoter.

Director Chapman: I explained to Bill a lot of the enduro tracks will not allow rear engine enduro karts. My discussion with a couple of other clubs, they are looking to get rid of them. There reason is they are too slow. I have to agree with them. Plus some are running vintage brakes and some other issues going on. I would like to see a 17<sup>th</sup> class. I know that rubs everybody wrong, but we need to show the karters we are supporting the rear engine vintage enduros, and that we want to stand behind them and we want them to grow and there are quite a few guys out there that have them and no place to run them. I understand this is to become a promoter's option, but we need to stand up and say the VKA supports it. So we are going to put it in here as Vintage Enduro Rear, no words, no special things, and a slot in the program where the guys can bring these karts out.

Bill McCornack: We have to mention it is a promoter's option to work that into his busy 16 class event. If he chooses not to he may just allow practice.

Director Figone: Realistically, all our classes are promoter's options; the promoter runs what works in his region.

Director Kossaras: If I was putting on an event and a couple of guys showed up with an enduro kart I would turn them loose out there. Put them in the back of a class that is close in performance and let them go.

Bill McCornack: We have had two at Brodhead and let them practice, we have had no problems. We allowed them out there with only rear engine practice.

Director Chapman: If the board does not step up there and specifically have a class then people won't know VKA supports enduro karting. Why would you build a kart, spend all that money, have tanks polished, powder coat and everything on a maybe situation. If guys know for a fact VKA says we are going to have a vintage enduro division then they will make the investment..

Vice President Shores: We have a statement in our guidelines that says "Enduros can be raced with like-powered sprints or driven as demonstration until they can fill their own classes and events." They are welcome to come; we have made a statement in general for the enduros.

Director Chapman: All I am asking is make a class 17. Vintage Enduro Demonstration only, and leave it at that. That way they know there is a class for them.

President Campbell: We need to follow precedent for creating classes as we have in the past. We add a class when there is sufficient participation.

Director Chapman: How would we know if there is a class if it is not posted?

Director Figone: It's only available if the promoter advertises it. If it is on the VKA guidelines does not mean the promoter will offer it.

Bill McCornack: I suggest we write an article for our magazine that will spread the word fast. Also put it on the forum.

Rolf Hill: Rick, you give me the article I will put it in the magazine.

Director Chapman: I need to know I have the support of the board to make this class grow. Most of these old enduros are sprint chassis with tanks hung on the side, the wheelbase is almost the same. I am talking about rear engine enduros, the Dart's, the Hornet's, the Red Devils, things like that.

Director Figone: You ask for Board support, you need to go out and build the class then we will put the class in there.

Director Thompson: As a promoter if somebody calls me and says I can bring four enduro karts to your event, I am going to let them run, but for me to setup a class and nobody shows, it is wasting my time.

Director Chapman: All right, I will do what you guys suggest to do. I have already talked to a couple of tracks and they have agreed to do it.

President Campbell: When these guidelines come out, will there be an explanation why some of the changes are being made?

Rolf Hill: The copies of the guidelines you guys have, all the changes are in yellow highlight. In the final guidelines the changes will be in bold. I was going to summarize them in the VKA FirstTurn coming out next month.

President Campbell: I was just thinking of things where people get emotional about, maybe we should explain. I know the change in the tire durometer could be perceived by people taking it the wrong way. It was done for a reason; a lot was for availability of tires. I think explanations for these changes would go a long way.

Director Kossaras: Ernie and I will get a letter out to the members explaining the changes. They are requested changes from the members and promoters. We did what the members wanted.

President Campbell: OK, if we are through discussing the guidelines changes do we have a motion to accept?

Vice President Shores: I make a motion we approve the guidelines as amended as submitted.

Director Kossaras: I second the motion.

President Campbell: All in favor of accepting the guideline changes that were published in draft form dated 11-8-14 with the addition to the changes discussed say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes. Thank you for all the time you guys did on this.

Vice President Shores: Jeff, I will get the finished guidelines to you for posting on the website, these will be dated 11-16-14 as that is today's date. I know a lot of people are anxious to see them.

#### TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Donovan: Beginning balance for October was \$11,495.60. Our income for October was \$100.00 from Quincy, we had four renewals for \$140.00 for a total income of \$240.00. Our expenses for October was \$787.40 for printing the newsletter and magazine, \$260.53 for postage, our total outlay for October was \$1047.93 which leaves us with a balance of \$10,687.67. That is it.

Director Figone: I make a motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted.

Director Thompson: I second the motion.

President Campbell: All in favor of accepting the treasurer's report as reviewed by Director Donovan say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes, thank you Jim.

Are there any other items to be discussed?

Director Gamble: Yes, I have all the changes made to the schedule; I will send it over to Rolf to be put in the magazine.

Rolf Hill: As a member I would like to make a motion to not to exceed \$200.00 for a plaque for Carl Weakley. This plaque will be hung at New Castle. Carl raced at New Castle.

Director Chapman: I second the motion.

President Campbell: All in favor of spending up to \$200.00 for a plaque honoring Carl Weakley say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes.

#### SAFETY REPORT:

Director Kossaras: I am done.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Bill McCornack: Right now we have a total of 308 members; we have 264 full and 44 associate members.

Bill Bloodworth: 114 renewal notices went out for December.

President Campbell: I think we have accomplished a lot tonight. If there is no other business to be addressed I am adjourning the meeting, it is 9:19 PM EST Thank you guys.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Figone