



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors 15 May 2016 Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2016

Call To Order: President Bill McCornack called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM EDT

Roll Call: Secretary Bill Bloodworth called the roll with the following results:

Board Members In Attendance:

Bill McCornack	President
Louie Figone	Vice President
Karl Ginter	Treasurer
Scott Klingler	Executive Director
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Gary Wlodarsky	Judging
Dean Kossaras	Safety
Jeff Campbell	Website

Board Members Absent:

Rick Chapman	Enduro Director
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Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA FirstTurn Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance
Jeff Brown	New

SYNOPSIS: There are 348 total members, 300 full and 48 associate. The ending April balance is \$16788.10 which reflects revenue of \$485 and expenses of \$1476.82. An extended 36 month membership option was approved with a fee of \$95 for full members and \$30 for accompanying associate members. Concern was voiced regarding the extreme width of some single engine karts. Research is being conducted regarding prior rules and any approved changes would be incorporated in January. Event dates for 2017 are being established and efforts will be made to begin promotion of these events by late this summer. The possibility of having a free VKA membership drawing at each VKA event was mentioned. The combined June – July issue is scheduled to be sent to the printer on Monday 13 June. Two individuals were approved for lifetime VKA membership. These individuals will be identified during a presentation at a future VKA event. Four engines that are missing from some class lists will be included when January updates are published. There was a general discussion regarding recognition of participant achievement when trophies or awards are presented for only first place finishers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President McCornack mentioned the agenda items which he would like to discuss in tonight's segments.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Figone reported that he had attended the VKCA Bakersfield event and that attendance was low, probably less than 30 paying drivers with about 52 karts in the show.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Karl Ginter deferred to Jim Donovan who reported the financial results. The figures are:

Ending March 2016 Balance: \$17779.92

Revenue: Total \$485.00, Membership: \$265.00 and T-shirt Sales: \$220.00 at Barnesville.

Expenses: Total \$1476.82, Printing: \$890.00, Postage: \$100.00, Shipping: \$32.00 UPS shirts, Award Printing: \$200.00 (4 x \$50), Envelopes: \$29.00, and Patches: \$224.00.

Ending April Balance: \$16788.10

President McCornack: Moved to accept the treasurer's report.

Vice President Figone: Seconded the motion.

President McCornack: All in favor say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes. Thank you Jim.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bloodworth reported that a revised version of the April minutes had been distributed today. A question was raised concerning the location of the plaque for Carl Weakley which was mentioned during the April discussion of possible honors for other deceased contributors. The track location is New Castle and the minutes should be revised accordingly.

President McCornack: Moved to accept the minutes with the proposed revision.

Judging Director Gary Wlodarsky: Seconded the motion.

President McCornack: All in favor of the motion say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bloodworth reported that currently there are 348 total members, 300 full members and 48 associate members, a net increase of 2 full members and 2 associate members from last month's levels. This month's membership includes 4 new full members and 1 new associate member.

Bill McCornack discussed the previously mentioned multi-year membership option. He proposed a 36 month \$100 (\$5 savings) option with an included VKA t-shirt. Bill Bloodworth stated that a large portion of the membership fee is consumed by publication printing and mailing costs leaving a small amount for other expenses and that the cost of the t-shirt plus the cost of mailing the shirt would use up about half of that 36 month cushion. An option to provide the shirts when the members were at an event was mentioned. Bill Bloodworth felt that VKA needed to be more responsive. Lower 36 month fees were proposed including \$90 and \$95. Some felt that just paying and being done with it for 3 years was enough incentive. Associate membership fees were discussed and it was agreed that the fee would be \$30 for a 36 month associate membership and that an associate membership tied to a 36 month full membership would have to be for the same 36 month span. Louie Figone questioned the reason for the extended membership option. Reasons mentioned were from a VKA perspective and included reduced workload for the membership volunteer, having 36 months of dues in hand, and reduced membership gaps between membership expiration and renewal. Bill Bloodworth replied that his work load should be less and that it should not drive the decision. It was also mentioned that there is a 200 piece minimum requirement for using the bulk rate mailing discount. President McCornack: Proposed a membership option for 36 months at a fee of \$95 for full members and \$30 for accompanying associate members.

Safety Director Kossaras: Seconded the motion.

President McCornack: All in favor of the motion say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes.

Follow-up discussion included the statement that the next publication will not be in member hands until early July. Renewals prior to current membership expiration will be added to the end of the current membership. Due to the legacy of the prior calendar year membership format, the bulk of membership renewals are grouped around the beginning of the year. Members who renew prior to publication of the 36 month option will not be contacted regarding the new option. When pressed for an implementation date, Bill Bloodworth expressed the desire to look at all issues. Rolf Hill volunteered to draft new language for the application form and will work with Bill Bloodworth to implement the option. Rolf also expressed the need for a backup assistant membership volunteer with spreadsheet expertise.

SAFETY REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras reported that he has not heard of any safety issues since the last meeting. Dean then raised the issue of kart width. Very wide karts have been observed and something needs to be done. Duals are not an issue, Dean believes that 50 inch wide singles are the issue. Dean has talked to Bobby Getties, a WKA tech inspector from '79 to '85. Louie Figone found a '68 book which has a 40 inch width limit. Louie also found a '86 book which does not have a limit. Karl Ginter and Dean provided width info for their individual karts which were about 46 inches for singles and slightly wider for duals. It was mentioned that wheel design can also affect overall width. Bill McCornack stated the need for further research and that January would be the appropriate time for changes to be incorporated. Dean Kossaras also discussed the need for a backup copy of Bill Bloodworth's spreadsheet to be sent to Bill McCornack. It was reiterated that backup copies have already been furnished to Rolf Hill. The intent is to eventually have a secure process that will permit more timely sharing of backup copies

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Wlodarsky reported that the Circleville event was affected by weather and that entries were limited with approximately 42 to 44 karts at the track and 12 to 13 show entries. The track owner purchased trophies and his format was used. Five t-shirts were sold. Judging packets have been provided to Springfield and Sandy Hook. Bill McCornack reiterated the potential to have a free VKA membership drawing at each event.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Director Scott Klingler reported that the 2017 Bushnell event will be the last weekend in January and that the Circleville event will be the last weekend in April. Louie Figone has the date for the 2017 Riverside event which will be the 50th anniversary of the '67 IKF Grand National. Bill McCornack expressed the need to have these dates published by late summer and heavily promoted. Gary Wlodarsky mentioned the lack of food at lunch at Bushnell. Scott stated that the food truck was late and did not show up until 3:00 pm. Bushnell is a new track and there will be concessions at the 2017 event. Scott also mentioned that Circleville does not have a promoter and that with the track owner in Florida prior to the event Scott is helping in order to keep the event going. They will work on the issues.

WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell reported that Rolf Hill is helping with website updates. Gary Wlodarsky reported that the link on the forum general discussion page is still for the 2015 guidelines. Rolf's attempt to update the website was not successful. Jeff clarified that the website and the forum are separate entities and that he will provide Rolf with forum training. Jeff corrected the forum link while the meeting was in progress.



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NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill stated that the next issue will be the combined June – July magazine. Rolf likes the combined issue format but stated that it does require more planning. This next issue should include results from Circleville, Sandy Hook, and Springfield. Rolf plans to send the final draft to the printer on Monday June 13. Bill Bloodworth stated that due to his attendance at the New Castle event, mailing efforts will not occur until the week following the event. Bill McCornack suggested that Rolf consider adding another sheet (4 booklet pages) which could be filled with pictures if need be. Rolf stated that there would be added printing costs, Bill McCornack stated that the added cost would not be much. It was stated that with less issues, the extra page will be nice to have.

ENDURO REPORT: - Director Rick Chapman was absent and there was no report.

NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - Director Karl Ginter reported that Sandy Hook is coming up and that the weather report is good (really ???) to which Gary Wlodarsky stated that the prediction is for a 70% chance of rain. Rolf Hill has the banner for Sandy Hook. Gary Wlodarsky stated that there is another banner for Oreville and the Sandy Hook banner should remain at Sandy Hook. Dean Kossaras suggested that there be an “in person” directors meeting at New Castle since almost all directors will be in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS: - President Bill McCornack nominated an individual “nom-1” for VKA life membership. Gary Wlodarsky stated that he liked the idea and that there are several people who could be nominated. Gary nominated “nom-2” for VKA life membership. Rolf Hill suggested that someone should write-up future nominees.

Director Dean Kossaras: Moved that “nom-1” and “nom-2” be approved for VKA life membership.

Director Gary Wlodarsky: Seconded the motion.

President McCornack: All in favor of the motion say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes.

Bill McCornack stated that the new life members will be introduced at a future event and that the names should remain secret until then which is why they are referred to as “nom-1” and “nom-2” herein.

Rolf Hill requested that Bill McCornack write a short summary for “nom-1” and that Gary Wlodarsky do the same for “nom-2”.

Louie Figone reported that Lynn Haddock had stated that engines BA13, GP15, TG14, and SS20 were listed on straight axle class but were missing from other classes. Dean Kossaras requested that Gary Wlodarsky send the info to Rolf Hill who maintains the master list. Rolf said that he will added them to the list for next year.

Scott Klingler reported that he has received several comments from members regarding recognition for their performance at events. Some events only provide trophies for first place. Scott suggested that VKA provide generic medals for 2nd and 3rd place finishes in each class. Bill McCornack stated that the cost would not be inexpensive given the number of classes. Jeff Brown said that the people may want recognition, not trophies, but that many participants leave the event before the award ceremony. Jeff Brown suggested that bumper stickers should be created in order to promote VKA. Gary Wlodarsky offered to make 50 stickers. Jeff Brown also knows of a printer and will have someone’s stickers at New Castle.

President McCornack adjourned the meeting at 9:31 PM EDT.

Respectively submitted by Secretary Bloodworth.