



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors 10 July 2016 Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2016

Call To Order: President Bill McCornack called the meeting to order at 8:06 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
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Gary Wlodarsky	Judging
Dean Kossaras	Safety
Jeff Campbell	Website

Board Members Absent:

Scott Klingler	Executive Director
Rick Chapman	Enduro Director

Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA FirsTurn Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance
Kent Windham	

SYNOPSIS: There are 344 total members, 298 full and 46 associate. The ending June balance is \$16489.01 which reflects revenue of \$515.00 and expenses of \$1249.09. The unfilled tenth board member position is expected to filled in the fall. Moving the New Castle kart show to the starting grid provided more room and increased participation. Participation in the Yamaha class appears to be growing exponentially. Activities at New Castle and Brodhead have highlighted the need to address class size and aggressive driving. There were 27 entries at New Castle in the same heat. The 14 entries at Brodhead were successfully divided into light and heavy classes and separated on the grid. With only 14 entries it was possible to run all entries in the same heat. Aggressive driving such as going into the grass to pass is a concern and several approaches were discussed such as having a Yamaha only drivers meeting following the full drivers meeting as well as meeting with individuals one on one. Black flag use was also discussed. Rolf Hill plans to create a VKA calendar for 2017. The proceeds from his individual effort will be donated to a charity of personal importance to Rolf.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President McCornack reported that he is willing to serve as president in 2017 if requested. The unfilled tenth board member slot should be filled in the fall. Bill pointed out that the Midwest region is well represented. Bill believes that it would be desirable to add a representative from either the West, Northeast, or Southern region. Director Figone reiterated that it would be desirable to have a representative from the Southern California region. Bill Bloodworth reported that there are 56 active full members in California and 73 active full members in the Western states.

One potential Midwest candidate indicated that he would serve if needed but is currently pressed for time.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Figone did not have anything specific to report. Bill McCornack raised the issue again about use of the contribution from Randy Holt's estate. Jim Donovan reported that the belt buckles would cost \$2.50 each in a quantity of 300 but that freight costs would probably be expensive. Jim is waiting on a picture from Louie.

Regarding California activities, Louie is not involved in VKCA so he is not aware of their activity. Bill McCornack stated how impressed most people were with the Riverside event. There was a brief discussion regarding one complaint regarding the mixing of sidewinders and rears in the C-Open class.

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

Ending May 2016 Balance: \$17223.10

Revenue: Total \$515, Membership: \$515

Expenses: Total \$1249.09, Printing: \$986, Postage: \$82.71, and Envelopes: \$180.38.

Ending June Balance: \$16489.01

Jim mentioned that fees from both the Springfield and New Castle events had not yet been received. Gary Wlodarsky reported that he had mailed a check this Tuesday to Bill Bloodworth for T-shirt sales. Bill has not yet received the check and will notify Gary when the check is received. Gary and Bill verified Bill's address. Jim instructed Bill McCornack to send his \$700 Brodhead check to Bill Bloodworth for deposit.

Director Wlodarsky: Moved to accept the treasurer's report.

Director Figone: Seconded the motion.

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



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NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - Director Karl Ginter reported that registration sheets for the Avon event scheduled for 28 thru 30 July are out and have been posted on the VKA website. The Avon and Oreville sheets were both displayed at the New Castle event. Karl reported that the current trend shows an exponential growth in the Yamaha class while participation in the Mac classes is decreasing. Brian Carr, a track owner from Saltillo Mississippi contacted Kent Windham about getting on the VKA calendar for 2017. Kent assumed that Brian used Kent's contact info from the Oreville flyer. Scott Klingler and Bob Barthelemy were identified as the proper contacts for Brian. The track named Rebel Raceway is near Tupelo Mississippi.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bloodworth reported that the June meeting minutes had been released today, shortly before the meeting. Gary Wlodarsky thought that they were ok. Bill McCornack thought that they were ok. Louie Figone viewed them as the meeting was in progress.

During this discussion Louie Figone mentioned that he had been contacted by Lynn Haddock regarding the kart wide width issue. Lynn apparently is pushing to have the large, for vintage, width approved. Others briefly related recent conversations with others on this issue, both by telephone and face to face.

President McCornack: Moved to accept the minutes

Director Wlodarsky: Seconded the motion.

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bloodworth reported that currently there are 344 total members, 298 full members and 46 associate members, a net decrease of 1 associate member from last month's levels. This month's membership includes 3 new full members.

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Wlodarsky reported that he attended the New Castle event. Moving the show to the starting grid provided room for more karts and worked out well. There were 47 karts entered in the show. The judges were Jerry Nagel, Gary Wlodarsky, and Dick Teal who was especially helpful to Gary.

Awards for Brodhead were sent to Bill McCornack (and received). The Oreville banner is coming. Oreville has show certificates and certificates will also be sent to Scott Kneisel.

Bill McCornack reported that the Brodhead show went well. The judges were Dave Romaine, Brian Espeset, and Sonny Gerber. Bill has a People's Choice photo to send to Rolf.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Director Scott Klingler was absent. Bill McCornack reported that there were 89 entries at Brodhead, 38 rear and 51 sidewinder. The Yamaha class had 14 entries, 6 light and 8 heavy. The heavy class was determined by those having driver weight without helmet of 190 lbs. or above. This division seemed to work well. If there had been more entries, they would have run separate heats. There was some rain Thursday, but they were still able to have five hours of practice. Jim Donovan was complimented for his usual excellent job. Nine VKA shirts were sold and VKA's share of the 50/50 was \$540 in spite of running out of tickets. During the event there was some contact. One individual was penalized from first to fifth (last). The championship class winner was provided with a bottle of champagne. All within range were sprayed.

WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell reported that the photos from New Castle have been posted. The meeting minutes from May have been posted and the June minutes were posted tonight following their approval.

Bill McCornack initiated a discussion regarding the photos from Brodhead. Jeff said that they should be sent to him either by CD or uploaded via a service such as "drop box". Bill McCornack will coordinate with the Morrall's as to their preference. Rolf mentioned that there had been an issue with some services and having to download the photos one at a time.

Leah Bennett's link which was received by Rolf and forwarded to Jeff has not been received by Jeff. Rolf will be home Tuesday and he will check his records. Rolf will resend the link if necessary.



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SAFETY REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras reported that New Castle had 27 Yamaha class entries and that there is a need to split the class. He feels that a light and heavy split is an absolute minimum. Dean noted that people are moving from Mac to Yamaha. Some old faces are missing. He believes that some of the new people forget that this is vintage, not racing like back in the day. Dean may draft a letter regarding aggressive driving, especially going into the grass. Going into the grass is a serious concern. Rolf Hill reported that Avon used cones in the first turn to keep karts apart thru the first turn. At the start, track personnel put 3 cones in the middle of the first turn to keep the left side and the right side apart thru the turn. The cones were removed after the start. Bill McCornack and Dean Kossaras both stated that they did not think that such an approach would work at New Castle. Regardless of differing opinions, it was pointed out that it is up to the promoter as to the use of such an approach. After the situation at Brodhead, Bill McCornack plans to address the issue one on one at the next event. It was suggested that the Yamaha class be addressed separately following the normal drivers meeting. Gary Wlodarsky mentioned that Kent Windham knows the Yamaha class and would be a good source regarding info on aggressive driving.

ENDURO REPORT: - Director Rick Chapman was absent.
Bill McCornack stated that he liked the MIS report which Rick provided for the magazine.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill reported that the New Castle results have been received from Jeff Brown. Rolf attended the Avon modern kart event in order to meet with his family who lives nearby. For that reason, Rolf has not been able to check email. Bill McCornack stated that Dick Teal will provide the Brodhead report and that Rolf will receive the same photos as Jeff. Rolf's main focus will be the People's Choice photo and his use of other photos will depend on space. Rolf plans to proof the issue on July 15 and send the issue to the printer on July 18. Therefore he would like to receive the tech article from Louie Figone, the "Ask Bill" article from Bill McCornack, and "I'm VKA" photos from Bill McCornack as soon as possible. Rolf plans to create a 2017 VKA calendar, but due to the illness of a grandchild, for this version he will donate the proceeds to a related charity.

NEW BUSINESS: - President Bill McCornack opened the segment for discussion.
Louie Figone stated that Lynn Haddock sent him a set of Avinko tires for testing. Since Louie does not have a sidewinder, Louie forwarded the tires to Scott Klingler to run at Brodhead. These tires would substitute for MG-Reds which are supposedly difficult to find. Louie has been told that both Avinko 600 & 700 rears are available and that durometer data for these tires are Front 60 and Rear 58. Bill McCornack stated that this compares with the Reds 56 and 57. Scott had reported that the Avinko's were comparable to Dunlop SL4's but Scott would like to continue to test them. Regarding availability, others believe that Reds are still in production, but that many modern kart shops do not stock them because modern Jr karters are using 460's. Bill McCornack stated that he thought that this should be discussed by Louie, Dean, and Scott.

President McCornack adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM EDT.
Respectively submitted by Secretary Bloodworth.