



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors 21 August 2016 Meeting Minutes
Rev01 September 10, 2016

Call To Order: President Bill McCornack called the meeting to order at 8:05 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
Rick Chapman	Enduro Director (arrived during the Northeast region report)
Gary Wlodarsky	Judging
Dean Kossaras	Safety

Board Members Absent:

Scott Klingler	Executive Director
Jeff Campbell	Website

Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA FirsTurn Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance
Steve Welte	Invited By Louie Figone

SYNOPSIS: There are 349 total members, 301 full and 48 associate. The ending July balance is \$16403.66 which reflects revenue of \$1210.00 and expenses of \$1295.35. Donations from 3 past events have not yet been received. Five board members indicated a willingness to serve in 2017. One member deferred to later discussions. Two members were absent. Karl Ginter intends to vacate his board position but continue to serve as the Northeast Region coordinator. Therefore with the current unfilled tenth position, there will be at least two open positions. Three individuals have expressed interest in serving on the board. The secretary should be notified by the end of September by those desiring to serve in 2017. The rules should be available on the website. The rules committee will be assembled by Dean Kossaras following the Iowa event. Proposed changes such as the US-820 class should be submitted in writing to Dean for committee consideration. Bill McCornack stated that should participation materialize, there is already a structure in place for the West Bend 820 class. Bill McCornack stated that the large number of classes (16) is a burden on the promoters. Inclement weather impacted several events. The Port Washington event was severely impacted by the disappointing lack of participation. The number of events, close scheduling, the younger age of participants and their work commitments impact on available time, and distance were factors discussed during the meeting. It was suggested that some tracks might consider a partnership arrangement with another track where events alternated from year to year between the two tracks. An issue with the lack of photo posting for a recent event will be investigated. Rolf Hill expressed his desire for more coverage from the promoters at events which Rolf doesn't attend.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President McCornack reported that as of 12-31-16 several board seats will be available. He is aware of 3 possible applicants. Additional discussion was deferred to the membership section. The existence of a new track in the South was briefly mentioned and will be discussed when Scott Klingler is available.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Figone reported that he had received an inquiry from Mark Bray regarding support for a possible future vintage event at Pass Acres in Portland. Louie replied to Mark that he believed that VKA would support such an event. Louie will keep Scott Klingler informed. Louie also reported that he had been contacted by an individual regarding a possible charity event. The consensus among knowledgeable members was that VKA should not get involved in the proposed effort.

Bill McCornack reported that he had discussed board service with Joe Swantek. Initially Joe was not interest due to time issues. After further discussion, Joe indicated that he would be interested. The application process will be discussed in the membership section. Current membership status may be an issue with a possible additional candidate.



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

Ending June 2016 Balance: \$16,489.01

Revenue: Total \$1,210.00, Memberships: \$150.00, T-shirt Sales: \$520.00, and Brodhead 50/50: \$540.00.

Expenses: Total \$1,295.35, Printing Magazine: \$973.15, and Printing Misc. Items: \$322.20.

Ending July 2016 Balance: \$16,403.66

These figures balanced with the Bank Of America Statement.

Karl Ginter stated that donations had not yet been received from the Springfield, New Castle, and Camden events. Jeff Brown had been contacted and Jeff had replied that there would be no Camden donation. Jeff has not yet sent the New Castle donation. Jeff also believes that VKA personnel should be responsible for the 50/50 efforts and not the promoter as requested by VKA.

Vice President Figone: Moved to accept the treasurer's report.

Director Wlodarsky: Seconded the motion.

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

NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - Director Karl Ginter reported that the turnout at Avon was good. Shirt sales have been good; he only has large size shirts remaining. Bill McCornack will furnish Karl a remaining inventory list from which Karl can choose for restocking. The next Northeast region race will be at Oreville September 16 and 17. Karl will put out an email shortly. The details are already on the VKA website.

Karl expressed concern that photos from Avon had not yet been posted on the VKA website. Three areas discussed included website posting permission, submittal process, and who has what email. The website administrator has sole access for posting photos. It is preferable for photos to be submitted as a group within a folder. Posting individual attachments is very time consuming. Rolf and Karl have exchanged emails with about 9 attachments, mostly show winners and members with their card. Karl has sent those emails to Jeff Campbell. Rolf had about 300 emails to sort through when he returned from his trip and he will double check what else he may have.

Karl stated that he is currently occupying 3 positions and that he would like to vacate the board positions. He would prefer to continue to serve as the Northeast Region coordinator. He again mentioned Kent Windham as a possible replacement.

President McCornack stated that he thought that Karl was very valuable as the regional coordinator.

There was a brief discussion regarding the board application process. Rolf Hill believes that the rules are on the website, possibly under "documents".

Director Rick Chapman joined the conference during this report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bloodworth reported that the minutes are late. His initial draft was completed today, but there was not time to review them prior to tonight's meeting. Mr. Bloodworth proposed that following his distribution of the minutes via email, board members approve or disapprove of the minutes via email.

President McCornack: Moved that Secretary Bloodworth email the minutes from the July BOD meeting to directors for approval

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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bloodworth reported that currently there are 349 total members, 301 full members and 48 associate members, a net increase from last month of 3 full members and 2 associate members. This month's membership additions included 4 new full members and 1 new associate member. Two full memberships expiring at the end of August have not yet been renewed. Director Bloodworth mentioned that future expiration notices will have a message emphasizing that the 36 month option saves dollars.

Regarding board positions for 2017, President McCornack offered to remain and serve as president. Also stating their willingness to serve during 2017 were Louie Figone, Bill Bloodworth, Dean Kossaras, and Gary Wlodarsky. Rick Chapman indicated that he would prefer to discuss the issue at a later date. As reported in the Northeast region report, Karl Ginter intends to vacate his board position, but remain as the Northeast Region coordinator. Directors Scott Klingler and Jeff Campbell were absent. Therefore, it appears that there will be at least two vacant positions, the current unfilled tenth position and Karl Ginter's current position.

It was reported that Lynn Haddock, Kent Windham, and Joe Swantek have expressed an interest or a willingness to serve.

Louie Figone expressed a desire to see a more even geographical distribution of the directors. Others mentioned a desire to have directors committed to the best interest of vintage karting and not for other interests such as business opportunities.

Rolf Hill mentioned that he believes that the rules require submission of board applications by the end of September.



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SAFETY REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras reported that he intends to assemble the rules committee after the Iowa race. Dean requested that Gary Wlodarsky participate on the rules committee and Gary agreed to serve.

Dean asked Rolf Hill for whatever statistics Rolf has for past events regarding classes and the number of participants in each class. Bill McCornack stated that he would furnish data for the recent Brodhead event. Dean intends to contact at least one other promoter.

Several directors reiterated their view that there is the need for stable rules.

Director McCornack mentioned the issue of the WKA box stock Yamaha class. Dean commented that there are pros and cons and that he would save discussion for the rules committee.

Director Kossaras requested that those board members receiving emails from others lobbying for certain rules have the individuals send the email to him. Dean used the past effort with the 820 class as an example of something that was tried but just did not work out. Director McCornack believes that there already is a structure in place under which the West Bend 820 class could run. However in the past, not enough participants have shown up to justify running that class. When participation materializes, they will have the class.

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Wlodarsky reported that the Adkins show was abbreviated due to weather. There were five categories including best rear and best sidewinder. Rick Chapman sent members of his club thru the pits picking out the winners. The process worked well especially with the limited number of entries. A People's choice award was handed out. Gary sold his last two t-shirts and will send the \$40 to Bill Bloodworth for deposit. Bill McCornack has about 25 shirts remaining and he requested that Gary furnish his request for additional shirts to him.

Gary reported that the Camden show was run by Scott Klingler while Gary handled the fish fry. The Camden show was also abbreviated due to weather and possibly to some extent by the close scheduling of other events before and after Camden.

Gary reported that the Avon show was run by Karl Ginter and possibly with help from Scott Klingler

Gary had been asked to supply certificates for Quincy even though it was not a VKA event. Gary supplied them at no cost to VKA. Gary took the VKA logo off and "dolloed" them up a bit, adding the title "Gus Traeder Memorial".

ENDURO REPORT: - Director Rick Chapman reported that there was a good showing at the Mid-Ohio event in June. The effort is growing a little at a time. Greg Wright has joined the effort.

The Port Washington event was killed by weather conditions. There was a disappointing turnout and a lot of money was lost.

They had attendees from Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, but none from Michigan and very few from Ohio. Rick felt that support from this board was lacking. Rick was also not happy that once dates were established, Camden moved in front of them.

Several factors affecting participation in general were discussed.

Bill McCornack stated that it seems that the majority of people go to 3 events per year. Many members are still working and they have limited time off. Dean Kossaras said that he had noticed a generational change; many of the older karters are no longer participating and as Bill McCornack stated, those who are participating are working and have time constraints.

Distance to an event was mentioned as a factor which affected the decision as to which events to attend.

Rick Chapman believes that April is a bad month weather-wise for the Ohio tracks. Bill McCornack has observed the effects of weather outlook at Brodhead. If there is the threat of rain, about 30% of the usual entries will stay home even though so far they have always managed to run the event.

Rolf Hill mentioned that while many track owners believe that there are too many events, no track owner wants to be the one cut. Bill McCornack stated that it is likely that Circleville will not have an event in 2017. Guest Steve Welte related that on a recent visit to Delmar, he was told about the lack of modern karters. With maybe only 10 to 15 per week, Delmar's long term outlook is a concern.

It was suggested that VKA promoters should consider partnership arrangements where two tracks alternate from year to year.

Rick believes that Adkins would be willing to discuss a partnership arrangement.

Rick is also concerned with the number of promoter options. He would like to see an effort to improve the situation.



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NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill reported that the September magazine was sent to the printer on the 18th of August. Notices for 2017 Bushnell and Riverside events are on the cover.

Courtesy of Tom Thorin, this issue of the magazine has a feature where Tom is offering to pay the membership fee for the first person to correctly guess the weight of a pictured Simplex kart. It was pointed out that Tom contacted president McCornack first before submitting the offer to Rolf.

The combined October - November magazine will include coverage of three events, Adkins, Oreville, and Sandy Hook. The issue may contain one extra sheet (4 magazine "pages"). The board agreed that the extra page would be worth the cost.

Rolf mentioned that there was very little input from recent events, more from Avon than Camden, but less than when Rolf is at the event. McCornack stated that the promoters should be encouraged to provide better coverage.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - No report, Director Scott Klingler was absent.

WEBSITE REPORT: - No report, Director Jeff Campbell was absent.

NEW BUSINESS: - President Bill McCornack opened the segment for discussion and no new business was brought forth. There were comments related to additional classes.

Regarding the US-820 class being championed by Jeff Brown, Dean Kossaras suggested that comments be reserved for the rules committee meetings. Director Figone stated that if such a class is run as a local option, it should be done the "right" way and not in the way that the Yamaha class was added. Dean again stated that the proposal should be placed on paper and sent to him for consideration by the rules committee. Dean reiterated his comment that this was tried five years ago and it did not work.

President McCornack emphasized that from a promoters standpoint there are too many classes, 16 currently. It is expensive to provide awards for that many classes.

President McCornack adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM EDT.

Respectively submitted by Secretary Bloodworth.