



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Board of Directors 11 September 2016 Meeting Minutes  
Rev01 October 19, 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
Scott Klingler	Executive Director (arrived during vice-president's report)
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Gary Wlodarsky	Judging
Dean Kossaras	Safety

Board Members Absent:

Rick Chapman	Enduro Director
Jeff Campbell	Website

Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA <b>FirstTurn</b> Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance

SYNOPSIS: There are 351 total members, 303 full and 48 associate. The ending August balance is \$16356.94 which reflects revenue of \$998 and expenses of \$1044.72. Prior to the 2017 Riverside event, the donation from Randy Holt's estate will be used to host a dinner honoring Randy. Bill McCornack has notified possible 2017 board candidates of the need to submit a notice of their desire to serve to the secretary by the end of September. There were no objections to the continued use of the bulk mail process. When submitting pictures for website posting, all related pictures should be contained in a single file. The Snell 2005 helmet certification expires 1-1-2017. Participants must use helmets with later certification dates such as 2010 and 2015. Rolf Hill will include this info in promoter packages. Rolf strongly requested that the board review and approve his wording. Rolf plans to send the upcoming combined October – November magazine to the printer by 18 October. Scott Klingler is working to finalize the 2017 schedule. The number of events makes it difficult to avoid overlap and track availability severely constrains scheduling options. Scott and others would like to see the number of 2018 events limited. Opinions regarding the Midwest region varied from no more than one event per month to one event per year per state. Dean Kossaras is collecting participation data in support of an upcoming rules committee meeting. West Bend and Yamaha class issues are significant topics to be resolved. Scott Klingler reported that there is a significant difference in speed of Yamaha participants and there is a strong desire for a separate class for the slower group. The board approved not to exceed \$400 for advertising VKA dates in Rolf Hill's independent Vintage Karting 2017 calendar. In honor of Carl Weakley's contributions to VKA, the board approved lifetime membership for Carl's daughter, Samantha Weakley Price.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President McCornack deferred several issues to new business discussions. He reported that he will attend the Delmar event. He also reported that the t-shirt inventory is low.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Figone reported that the rules committee will meet this week. Yamaha and West Bend classes will be included in the discussions.

In response to questions about the donation from Randy Holt's estate, Louie reported that the donation will be used during the 2017 Riverside event to host a dinner on Thursday night honoring Randy. The Adams family is involved and a tent will be set up a day early. Gary Medley will blow up several pictures of Randy. Randy drove for Gary's father, Tom Medley.

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

Ending July 2016 Balance: \$16403.66

Revenue: Total \$998, Membership: \$420, Tracks: \$318 (\$118 Avon & \$200 New Castle), and T-shirt Sales: \$260.

Expenses: Total \$1044.72, Printing: \$849, Postage: \$152.23, Shipping: \$ 43.49.

Ending August Balance: \$16356.94

Jim reported that the New Castle contribution was received from Jeff Brown. He also reported that he had received Scott's check from the Springfield event and it would be included in the September report.

Gary Wlodarsky reported that he had recently mailed a check to Bill Bloodworth for \$40 from shirt sales.

Louie Figone: Moved to accept the treasurer's report.

Gary Wlodarsky: 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 asked if Greg Gouveia was the supplier of the current t-shirts and if he was paid up front. Yes and yes were the answers. Karl is holding all of the current shirts at this time, approximately 20. Bill McCornack raised the question about saturation and whether future sales will match this year's sales which have been good. Karl Ginter mentioned that he had sold 13 shirts at Avon. Bill would like to have the new shirts available before 2017. Gary Wlodarsky agreed that work on the new shirts needs to start now and he reiterated his desire to have 2X and 3X sizes, at least four or five of each size.

There was general discussion about possible design options such as a sidewinder or a rear engine picture. Karl Ginter mentioned that the Yamaha and 6.1 rear had been popular classes at Avon. Old karting magazines will be reviewed for possible options.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bloodworth reported that the July Board Of Directors meeting minutes had been approved via email with the last approval received 09-03-16. Approvals were received from directors Rick Chapman, Louie Figone, Karl Ginter, Bill McCornack, and Gary Wlodarsky. Jim Donovan also provided valuable comments.

The initial release of the August Board Of Directors meeting minutes had several significant errors. This week, Rev-01 was provided to three members for review. Rev-01 was provided to all members this afternoon, 10-09-16.

Gary Wlodarsky: Moved to accept the Rev-01 August minutes.

Louie Figone: 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 351 total members, 303 full members and 48 associate members, a net increase from last month's levels of 2 full members and 0 associate members. This month's membership included 1 new full member and 0 new associate members. One member, Rob Lehmann, shown as previously inactive was actually active and the inactive status was due to an error by Bill Bloodworth.

Bill Bloodworth mentioned that Samantha Weakley Price's membership had just expired and that some members have suggested that the board approve a lifetime membership for her in honor of the valuable contributions to VKA made by her father, Carl Weakley. Dean Kossaras stated that Carl had been instrumental in preserving VKA's presence in California. Bill McCornack stated that while lifetime memberships are normally reserved for national figures, Carl had been a "rock" in VKA development. Carl Wlodarsky agreed. A motion will be made during new business discussions.

Bill McCornack reported that he has sent letters to possible VKA board candidates informing them of the need to submit an "desire to serve" email to Bill Bloodworth by the end of September. At this point there appears that there will be two board vacancies for 2017. One possible candidate Kent Windham who has been working with retiring member Karl Ginter would be valuable to have in the expanding Northeast region. Another possible candidate, Joe Swantek, could provide valuable help to Louie Figone in California and the large West region. A third possible candidate, Lynn Haddock, is very knowledgeable but in light of needs in other regions, might be better to delay until 2018.

Bill Bloodworth reported that he will need to purchase more presorted stamps for the next mailings. The self-adhesive ten cent stamps are sold in rolls of 3000, a \$300 purchase. He stated several times that the subject was not as much about the costs as it was about the commitment to continue using the bulk mail process and the associated delivery time. There were no objections.

WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell was absent. Bill McCornack reported that he had been unable to contact Jeff. Karl Ginter reported that Avon promoter Scott Kneisel's complaint was that the event pictures had not been posted in a timely manner and that only the trophy pictures were posted. Rolf stated that when sending pictures, one file containing all pictures should be sent. That way only one download would need to be processed, not a download for each picture. Rolf will insure that those instructions are in each promoter's package.

Regarding website authority, Dean Kossaras believes that because of past issues, Jeff is wary of letting others post pictures.

Rolf stated that he did not want the authority to post pictures. Dean Kossaras mentioned the possibility of paying an independent company for assistance.

Dean will call Jeff during the following week to discuss these issues.

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Wlodarsky reported that the Oreville event is approaching. Karl Ginter has delivered the show certificates and the VKA banner to track owner Barry Greenzweig. Rolf Hill will cover the Oreville event and Gary will cover the Delmar event. Gary reported that Joe Swantek will be using his own certificates for the Riverside event. Louie Figone reported that Rod and Jerry Van Duesen will put on the Atwater show which is scheduled for the first weekend in November. Gary Wlodarsky stated that he frequently talks with Jerry and he will send the show certificates to Jerry.



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**SAFETY REPORT:** - Director Dean Kossaras reported that the Snell 2005 helmet certification expires 1-1-2017. Use of anything other than a later certification such as 2010 or 2015 would be a violation of insurance requirements and event guidelines. Rolf had removed the expiration info from the VKA publications when the expiration date was extended to the end of this year. Rolf will place info in the November issue reminding members to check their helmet certification date. During discussion about helmet inspection, some members stated that inspection is not being performed at every event. Dean emphasized that track owners and event promoters are responsible for the inspections and that they are leaving themselves open to damaging consequences if they do not perform the inspections. Rolf will relook at the promoter's package verbiage. He strongly emphasized his desire for the board to review and approve the final wording.

Dean stated that he is preparing for the rules review and that he still needs statistics from Avon and Riverside regarding classes and number of entries per class. Dean stated that he was struck by the diminishing number of rear engine karts. Dean is concerned about the large number of events, particularly in the Midwest region. He would propose to limit events to one per state per year with some events alternating years with a companion track. Scott Klingler stated that he agreed that the events needed to be spread out but that he would suggest a six week spread or possibly one per month. Scott stated that scheduling is not a simple task and that it is dependent on track availability. Scott also stated that at most tracks, VKA events are low priority.

Dean reported that the rule committee panel will include himself, Gary Wlodarsky, Louie Figone, Bill McCornack, Karl Ginter, and Scott Klingler. Dean stated that Rick Chapman declined to participate, but that Rick did provide extensive input.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** - Director Scott Klingler reported that he has been working to get the 2017 events scheduled such that VKA events don't overlap with other VKA events. We are overloaded with events. There are currently 13 events with more wanting to add. There will be events every two to three weeks, not including Tier II and Enduro events.

In an attempt to raise attendance at each event, Scott suggests that for 2018, Midwest Region events be limited to one per month. There currently are eight events. Scott proposes that those events that have been with VKA the longest should get first pick. As discussed previously, some events may pair up and host on alternate years. Scott pointed out that currently there are three events each year in Ohio and those events suffer the most from too many events too close together.

Scott is currently adding Tier II and California events and would like some help from Louie Figone. Scott assumes that the 2018 dates for Bakersfield and Atwater will be the same as the 2017 weekends. Louie will check.

Regarding Quincy, Dean Kossaras has talked to Jeff Miles and Scott will try again to contact Jeff. They would like to have Quincy on the 2017 VKA schedule.

Scott mistakenly reported that there is a track in Missouri which would like to host a VKA event. Someone correctly stated that the track, Rebel Raceway is in Mississippi near Tupelo (paused for Elvis joke).

Scott reported that Delmar has been extended to a three day event, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Springfield has also indicated a desire to expand to a three day event. Scott says that the track is onboard and that he is trying to follow up with Tom Tapocik.

Bill McCornack reiterated that Scott is the decision maker, he has the final say. Dean Kossaras agreed

**ENDURO REPORT:** - Director Rick Chapman was absent.

**NEWSLETTER REPORT:** - Rolf Hill reported that there are no changes to his plans for the upcoming combined October – November issue. Rolf still plans to send the final version to the printer on Tuesday 18 October.

Rolf stated that a couple of the Enduro event dates are locked in, but Rolf wants to check with Rick Chapman to insure that Rolf only publishes firm dates. During the discussion it was pointed out that Enduro dates are strictly Rick's domain; Scott Klingler is involved only with Sprint events.

Bill McCornack stated that in the upcoming issue, he will have a tech article dealing with Yamaha – Stock Appearing.

**NEW BUSINESS:** - President Bill McCornack opened the segment for discussion.

**GUIDELINES & CLASSES – West Bend:** Bill McCornack stated that the West Bend class is one of the topics to be addressed at the upcoming rules committee meeting. With 16 classes now, Bill believes that there are too many classes. For now Bill believes that the West Bend entries could be placed in either the Sportsman Rear or the Rear 6.1 class. If a sufficient number of West Bend entries show up, then a new class should be considered. Gary Wlodarsky mentioned the 6.1 Sidewinder class.

Scott Klingler stated that many promoters have complained about classes with only one or two participants. They think that if classes are added, classes need to be deleted. Bill McCornack stated that promoters do adjust but he believes that the VKA board needs to respond.

Dean Kossaras questioned the promotion of the West Bend engine since only sidewinder karts are being manufactured today. Bill McCornack pointed out that rear engine karts can be found. Louie Figone stated that the promoter can run the West Bend class as a local option. Bill McCornack responded that one promoter does so, but that the promoter is pushing to have the class added as a regular class. Louie believes that if there is strong nationwide interest, then VKA should consider the class.



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*GUIDELINES & CLASSES – Yamaha:* Dean Kossaras stated a restricted pipe for the Yamaha class has been proposed. Dean stated that the pipe is expensive; probably at least \$200 and Louie Figone mentioned that there is also the expense for the proper header. Dean reported that another Karting organization supposedly almost screwed up their Yamaha class when they tried the pipe. Dean stated that he was leaning toward the use of a “can”. Scott Klingler reported that he has received a lot of comments regarding the Yamaha class. The Yamaha class is a popular class and many entrants moved to the class for cost and ease of starting reasons. Scott believes that about half of the entrants are significantly faster than the others, as much as 4 seconds per lap. The result is a dangerous “freight train” lapping the slower karts. Many participants want a slower less dangerous class.

*ROLF’S CALENDAR:* Rolf Hill has requested that the VKA board authorize the expenditure of not to exceed \$400 for inclusion of VKA event dates in his 2017 calendar.

In the past, Rolf has contributed profits from his independent calendar effort to VKA. For 2017, due to the affliction of one of Rolf’s grandchildren with Friedreich’s ataxia, Rolf will contribute his calendar profits to an associated nonprofit organization. Accordingly Rolf will revise his 2017 calendar to be a “Vintage Karting” effort open to all karting organizations and individuals, not just VKA. He is requesting \$10 per date square. Individuals are adding various items such as birthdays. Rolf states that he has already received generous responses from individuals and companies.

In response to member questions, Rolf stated that in the past, calendar sales have always covered his production and shipping costs producing a net profit of \$200 to \$250. Therefore any revenue realized from the selling of date squares should be pure profit and would pass thru to the nonprofit dollar for dollar. Rolf also stated that he is focused on 2017, but that at this time he intends to continue in following years.

In the discussion that followed, Bill McCornack expressed reservations that it appears to be a donation and that it would open VKA up to other requests. Bill also mentioned that the VKA event dates are already available in other places. Louie Figone also expressed concern about how the expenditure would appear to VKA members. Rolf reiterated that this is basically advertising. Jim Donovan mentioned that in the past, VKA had advertised in a national karting magazine. Scott Klingler did not have an issue, noted that Rolf has put in a lot of effort, and that VKA can easily afford the expenditure.

There was a significant amount of discussion regarding the proper wording of the motion.

Gary Wlodarsky: Moved to authorize an amount not to exceed \$400 payable to Rolf Hill for advertising VKA event dates in Rolf’s Vintage Karting Event 2017 Calendar.

Louie Figone: Seconded the motion.

The roll call vote results were: Bill McCornack – would rather not see this, voted no, Louie Figone – voted yes, Karl Ginter – abstained, Scott Klingler – voted yes, Bill Bloodworth – voted yes, Gary Wlodarsky – voted yes, and Dean Kossaras – voted yes. There were five “yes” votes, the motion was approved. Rolf Hill will send a bill to Jim Donovan.

*LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:* The discussion to designate Samantha Weakley Price as a VKA life member was short due to the previous discussions in the membership area.

Dean Kossaras: Moved to designate Samantha Weakley Price as a VKA Life Member.

Gary Wlodarsky: Seconded the motion.

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

It was agreed that Bill McCornack who knows Samantha, will call her and inform her of the board’s decision.

*OTHER ITEMS:* Gary Wlodarsky asked if VKA requires promoters to be VKA members and if not, can promoter membership be mandatory. Rolf does not think that such a requirement is in the promoter’s package.

Karl Ginter mentioned that he is taking a promoter’s package to the Cuddebackville promoter.

President McCornack adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM EDT.

Respectively submitted by Secretary Bloodworth.