



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors 08 January 2017 Meeting Minutes
Rev02 March 11, 2017

Call To Order: President Bill McCornack called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM EST

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

Board Members In Attendance:

Bill McCornack	President
Louie Figone	Vice President
Joe Swantek	Treasurer
Scott Klingler	Executive Director
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Gary Wlodarsky	Judging
Lynn Haddock	
Dean Kossaras	Safety
Skip Owen	

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Campbell	Website
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Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA FirsTurn Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance
Bob Barthelemy	Southeast Region Coordinator
Jeff Brown	

SYNOPSIS: There are 344 total members, 302 full and 42 associates. The ending December balance is \$19342.14 which reflects revenue of \$2830.00 and expenses of \$2065.00. President McCornack has not yet received the insurance policy invoice; Dean Kossaras will check the policy date. 2017 T-shirt design is being finalized and there was discussion of a possible new vendor. The 2017 schedule is set. The number of events and the resulting close spacing continues to be a concern. Northeast region promoters have created a four event regional series to promote participation. Show certificates are ready for the upcoming February events and Gary has sold 3 more t-shirts. The combined February – March FirsTurn will have event reports, part 1 of 2 regarding disposal of one's karting collection, and a technical guide to measurement of exhaust pipe length. VKA guidelines will be revised to state a class 15 maximum venturi value of 0.875 inches. It was agreed to remove the dry clutch only restriction from the Junior Yamaha class in order reduce the expense incurred when stepping up to the next higher class. Possible rear mounted foreign engine configuration issues were eliminated by defining the class as "fan cooled American engines". Lynn Haddock will handle Tech & Safety responsibilities while Dean Kossaras continues to handle Rules responsibilities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Bill McCornack reported that he has not yet received the 2 million insurance policy invoice. Dean Kossaras stated that he will check the policy date. Bill suggested that each director have their own umbrella policy. Bill stated that examples for the next t-shirt have been sent out for review via email. He requested that board members please reply with their favorite 4. Lynn Haddock suggested that racer names visible in the photos be removed from the final selection; keep the shirt generic (and focused on VKA). Lynn has purchased shirts from a company in Charlotte North Carolina which might be able to offer the club a better price. Lynn's past purchases have been for no pocket, heavy duty Hanes shirts. Lynn stated that multi-color designs might cost more. Lynn said that there also might be a savings on shipping cost if we pay upfront. Bill asked Lynn to ask the company for a quote for a black pocket t-shirt with a color logo. Jim Donovan stated that we buy 110 shirts at a time. It was reported that Dennis Faust has decided to postpone a possible Las Vegas event until 2018. Dennis was looking for at least 40 positive responses and he received about 30. It was noted that many who would attend do not respond to surveys and that positive interest responses are not a guarantee of attendance.



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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone reported that past Las Vegas events have drawn 60 to 70 entries. Louie reported that a local club was planning to host the event and that Dennis would be the link to VKA. Louie reported that the Riverside event will use transponders. Louie expects some entrants from the Midwest, even Maryland. Louie said that they will have a Riverside report at the next meeting. Louie reported that apparently, Tom Thorin had tried to get the Riverside event for VKCA but that the Adams had declined. Regarding VKCA, Louie reported that VKCA approved equipment is still restricted to '76 and earlier. A recent attempt failed to extend the limit to '85 and earlier. It has been reported that VKCA rule changes may require as much as a 2/3rds approval vote. In response to Bill McCornack's question, Louie said that he would front the cost for the Randy Holt dinner and he would submit the expenses for reimbursement afterwards. Joe Swantek is looking at Willow Springs or Button Willow for a potential future VKA California event. Louie likes both tracks.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that the November 2016 revision 01 minutes have been distributed for review. The section in the minutes where the maximum venturi value of 0.900 was stated in error during the meeting was discussed. It was pointed out that a note in the minutes states that **"During review of these minutes it was noted that the stated value should have been 0.875 inches instead of 0.900 inches"**. Dean stated that the guidelines need to be corrected. Gary Wlodarsky: Moved to accept the Rev01 November 2016 minutes. Lynn Haddock: 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 Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 344 total members, 302 full members and 42 associate members, a net decrease from last month's levels of 9 full members and a net decrease of 5 associate members. This month's membership included 6 new full members and no new associate members plus 4 additional full members and 1 additional associate member from the renewal of former members who were inactive at the time of last month's meeting. Now 36 month memberships stand at 36 full and 1 associate, an increase of 14 full members since the last meeting. Total funds involved are \$3,450. 19 full memberships and 6 associate memberships expired at the end of December. 32 full memberships and 8 associate memberships are expiring at the end of January. Bill McCornack noted that many members delay renewing their memberships until later in the year. Bill also reiterated what he sees as the need to watch 36 month option money and obligations for future expenses.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Director Joe Swantek deferred to Jim Donovan who reported the financial results. The figures are:
Ending November 2016 Balance: \$18,577.53
Revenue: Total \$2830.00, Membership \$2830.00
Expenses: Total \$2065.39, Printing \$1597.59, Postage \$365.23, Envelopes & Supplies \$102.57
Ending December Balance: \$19,342.14
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.

Jim noted that during 2016, the club's cash balance increased by \$3971.91. Jim stated that this increase was primarily due to better t-shirt sales, the \$1000 donation from Randy Holt's estate, and the receipt of over \$3000 in fees from 36 month extended membership sales. Jim Donovan informed Louie that Bank Of America will not send out signature cards; individuals must go to a branch and sign in person. Bill McCornack will send Joe Swantek an email and a letter stating that Joe is the VKA treasurer. Joe did not have anything to add to the treasurer's report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Director Scott Klingler reported that the 2017 schedule is set and published. There are still questions regarding Quincy for 2017. They may have their own event between Adkins and Camden, possibly August 17 thru 19. Dean Kossaras suggested contacting Terry Traeder regarding Quincy. Scott observed that there are too many events back-to-back. There are three events in Ohio that need to be managed. Scott added that we may not have Adkins, possible issue with the track. Last year the problems were rain and track related. Rolf Hill reported that Adkins is back to a Friday-Saturday-Sunday schedule. Lynn Haddock would like to see the conflict between Riverside and Bushnell resolved. Riverside has historically been the first weekend in February. Scott reported that he is going to Bushnell and that he will get the Circleville information out soon.



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SAFETY REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras opened this segment with a discussion regarding the use of oil clutches in a Junior class. Current guidelines limit the Junior class to the use of vintage dry clutches. When the young participants step up to the next level they will be faced with buying new clutches. Dean proposed deleting the “vintage dry clutch” restriction and adding the clarification “see limited class for clutch & pipe requirements”. In response to Louie Figone’s question, Dean replied that the “WA55 Carb” verbiage would remain. There were no objections.

Dean then addressed the subject of rear mounted foreign engines having run in the past. The discussion centered on when did the rear mounts phase out and the sidewinders appear, should the foreign engines be restricted to pre’70 construction, and should the foreign engines be identified by name. Bill McCornack stated his belief that the issue was a promoter issue to be handled by the promoters. With the belief that few if any (except maybe present company) would show up with such, the consensus was to identify the class as “Fan Cooled American Engines – No Foreign Permitted”.

Dean next addressed the difference in Yamaha exhaust pipes asking what was the difference between the SRY and the K1 and K2 pipes. Lynn stated that the K1 and K2 pipes were original HPV (Horstman Piston Valve) pipes and that he did not believe that there was any performance difference. The pipes do not have a second cone and are basically a 4-hole muffler stretched out. Lynn stated that there are a lot of these pipes available which makes them attractive. The guidelines call for minimum 12 inch pipe lengths. There is no advantage to running longer lengths as the engine will run slower. Also the intent was to use a straight header design and not a tapered header design.

Regarding the RLV website and VKA discount, Lynn reported that the website path is as follows. Once on the RLV website, click on the yellow “Product List” button in the upper right hand corner. On the left side of the subsequent page, the bottom entry should read “VKA Vintage Pipes”. Click that line and the available vintage parts will appear.

Dean then proposed that Lynn be placed in charge of “Tech & Safety” now so that there could be a smooth hand off when Dean steps down next year. Lynn said that he would prefer to let Dean continue this year and that he, Lynn, would pick up the duties next year. After additional discussion including Bill McCornack’s comments it became clear that Dean has three titles, “Rules” in addition to “Tech & Safety” and that Dean would continue in the “Rules” capacity.

Lynn has already volunteered for technical inspection duty at some races and he will be available to answer questions at others (that he may attend). In response to Dean’s question, Lynn said that he envisioned technical inspection being a twenty minute process, not crank on the table.

WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell was absent.

ENDURO REPORT: - No report.

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Gary Wlodarsky reported that the show certificates are ready for the upcoming February events. Gary has sold 3 t-shirts and will send the club a check for \$60.00.

NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - Director Skip Owen reported that the proposed Northeast Region Series was the idea of promoters who were trying to increase attendance at the Northeast tracks. Bill McCornack had previously discussed this proposed series with Karl Ginter who views this promotion as a participation push. Karl Ginter who was not on the call tonight, had discussed beforehand having the RLV pipe part number in the guidelines. Bill McCornack believes that the guidelines are clear without such.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill reported that he plans to send the combined February – March magazine to the printer on 17 February and that he would like to receive all inputs at least one week prior. In response to Rolf’s question, Lynn Haddock estimated that Lynn’s article will require 2 pages.

Rolf reported that the upcoming issue will contain Part 1 of 2 regarding disposition of one’s karting collection. Rolf will author part 1 and part 2 will be authored by Dick Teal.

Bill Bloodworth reported that the January Newsletter group 2, the promotional group of those who are not active VKA members, will be mailed next week. Group 1 which consisted of active VKA members was mailed in late December 2016.

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

Regarding Barnesville, Bob Barthelemy reported that to date, he has six advance entries. Bob thanked Lynn Haddock for volunteering to do Tech at the event. Bob stated that there will be a person there to help Lynn and to learn. Bill McCornack pointed out that Tech is a promoter decision; it is not required. Bob responded that he felt that with the new popular Yamaha class, Tech should be done. Bob Barthelemy also stated that he plans to attend the Bushnell event.

President McCornack adjourned the meeting at 9:26 PM EST.

Respectively submitted by Secretary Bloodworth.