



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors 13 August 2017 Meeting Minutes
October 04, 2017

Call To Order: President Bill McCornack called the meeting to order at 8:03 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
Scott Klingler	Executive Director
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Gary Wlodarsky	Judging
Lynn Haddock	Safety & Tech
Dean Kossaras	Rules
Jeff Campbell	Website

Board Members Absent:

Joe Swantek	Treasurer
Skip Owen	

Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA <i>FirstTurn</i> Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance
Bob Barthelemy	Southeast Region Coordinator
Karl Ginter	Northeast Region Coordinator
Sal Palatucci	Karl Ginter's Guest

SYNOPSIS: There are 358 total members, 319 full members and 39 associate members. The ending July balance is \$20,021.73 which reflects revenue of \$1,337.00 and expenses of \$1,189.33. End of year board retirements were announced including the President and Vice-President positions. Scott Klingler plans to use the new AMA motocross scoring system, a tighter system, at the Delmar event. Whether or not a restart is performed should there be an incident on the start is at the discretion of the promoter according to Bill McCornack. Tire guidelines will be updated to reflect current names. This fall there will be discussion regarding 1960's era rear engine karts with foreign engines which are historically legal. Lynn Haddock continues to work on a future guidelines proposal involving Yamaha class karts with 1 inch axles. Creation of the ability to sell VKA t-shirts from the VKA website and from eBay was discussed. Items addressed included having a link from the Facebook page to the website and payment method. Based on what he observed at the Avon event, Gary Wlodarsky plans to submit show guideline revisions to the board at a later date. The revisions will include addition of a historic pre-1962 group. Barry Greenzweig plans to allow 1 piece wheels at the Oreville event. Availability of info about Duffy Livingstone for inclusion in the September magazine was discussed including the potential article being written by Frank Weir for European publication. Guest Sal Palatucci commented about how motel and nearby restaurant personnel were unaware of the Avon event. While there are existing promotional suggestions in the promoter's package furnished by VKA, Rolf Hill will look at possible revisions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Bill McCornack reported that he had sold 1 more t-shirt. In response to comments by some directors, Bill stated that he will try to allow more time for discussions. He would prefer to keep the meetings from extending beyond an hour because he has observed an increased number of drop-offs at that point. Bill attended the Avon event which he will discuss more during the Northeast report.

Bill McCornack announced that he and Louie Figone will resign from the board at the end of the year. Karl Ginter plans to resign as Northeast Regional Coordinator and Scott Klingler plans to step down as Midwest Regional Coordinator. Scott plans to remain as executive director. In response to Rolf Hill's question, it was stated that the window for submittal of positions is September 1st thru the 30th.



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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone reported that he is resigning at the end of the year due to the heavy workload with his business. Louie plans to remain West Regional Coordinator. He will look for a board member replacement from the West Coast. Bill McCornack stressed the need for having at least two West Coast representatives. Louie also stated that he will continue to be involved with the Riverside event. Louie reported that he had talked to Gus Gustafson regarding tires and that Gus had emphasized that they should not be called "Duro". Louie said that Gus plans to call Dean Kossaras. Dean will have more information on the tires in Dean's Rules Report section below.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that the July 2017 minutes had just been released for review this afternoon 08-13-17. Revision 01 contains one correction regarding proper identification of an individual. Bill McCornack stated that he had reviewed and approved of the section regarding recent New Castle events and Lynn Haddock's section, but that he did not have time to review Dean Kossaras' section. Given the short amount of time for review, Bill McCornack requested the directors to submit their vote by email.

Therefore, there was no motion to approve the minutes

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 358 total members, 319 full members and 39 associate members, a net change from last month's levels of 0 full members and a net change of 0 associate members. This month's membership includes 1 new full member and 0 new associate members plus 2 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. The 36-month extended membership option remains at 54 full & 2 associate members, no change since the last meeting. Total funds involved are \$5,190. It is suggested that for the month of August, \$4,055 be held in reserve for future expenses. 3 full memberships and 1 associate membership expired at the end of July. 4 full memberships and 0 associate memberships are expiring at the end of August.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Director Joe Swantek was absent, Bill McCornack deferred to Jim Donovan who reported the financial results. The figures are:
Ending June 2017 Balance: \$19,874.06
Revenue: Total \$1,337.00, Membership: \$300.00, 50/50 Tracks: \$400.00 (Brodhead), T-Shirt Sales: \$637.00
Expenses: Total \$1,189.33, Printing Magazine: \$887.63, Postage: \$183.81, T-Shirt Shipping Expense: \$31.50, Office Supplies: \$86.39 (Bloodworth)
Ending July Balance: \$20,021.73

Bill Bloodworth: Moved to accept the treasurer's report.

Dean Kossaras: Seconded the motion.

Bill McCornack lost his phone connection for a short period of time; Louie Figone led the voting.

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

WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell reported that there are no major issues and that the photos are current. Jeff will wait for the July minutes to be approved before posting anything. Jeff mentioned placing resource information on the VKA website. Rolf Hill suggested placing on the website, the two pages of resource info which is found at the back of the VKA magazine. Jeff and Rolf will discuss this offline. Gary Wlodarsky asked if it were possible to have a downloadable VKA membership application form selection box appear at the top of the VKA Facebook page regardless of where the viewer scrolled. Jeff Campbell stated that he would look at what could be implemented. Bill Bloodworth mentioned that he had been contacted by someone who could not print a membership application form that had been supposedly obtained from the website. A pdf formatted application was furnished to the person. Bill looked at the application available in two places on the website and found that the form at both locations is current. Gary Wlodarsky reported that he had experienced similar print problems but the issue turned out to be the fault of his computer.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Director Scott Klingler thanked Bill McCornack and Louie Figone for their contributions to VKA over the years. Scott reported that he will look for a replacement for the Midwest Regional Coordinator position. Scott is taking over promotion of the Delmar event. He is waiting on confirmation from the track regarding staff and EMT availability. The plan to have 2 heats Friday and 1 heat Saturday may not be doable due to staff and EMT availability limitations. The probable schedule will have open practice Thursday, 1 heat Friday, practice Saturday morning, and 2 heats Saturday afternoon. The show is planned for Friday evening.

It was mentioned that there have been multiple complaints about the scoring system. There have been classes where someone won 2 of the 3 heats, did not run 1 of the heats, and yet outscored everyone who ran all 3 heats. At Delmar, Scott plans to use the new AMA motocross system which is reported to be a tighter system. The point system will be posted on the Delmar event flyer.

Lynn Haddock mentioned the possible use of the CRK point system which is similar and he believes is easy to use. The system assigns zero points to the winner, 2 points to the second place finisher, 3 to third place, 4 to fourth place, etc. Low point total wins.

Scott reported that via Facebook, an individual in Tennessee has expressed interest in hosting a future VKA event. At this point Scott does not have any information about the track and he is not sure where the track is located. He will keep Southeast Regional Coordinator Bob Barthelemy in the loop.

Bill McCornack discussed whether a restart is performed should there be an incident on the start. One was not performed at a recent event which Bill attended and someone asked Bill "why not". Bill believes that it is at the discretion of the promoter. Scott Klingler believes that in the Midwest Region, the flagman will usually perform a restart. Dean Kossaras added that there is nothing in the guidelines regarding this situation.

RULES REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras reported that regarding tires, Cheng Shin is now Power Master. Dean is waiting on the call from Gus (mentioned in the Vice President section). In the guidelines "Duro" will either be deleted or "Vintage Style only" will be added. Dean will send an email with the details to Rolf Hill.

Dean discussed 1960's era rear engine karts with foreign engines. These would be legal historically, but there are technical issues such as motor mounts that make them difficult to setup. Bill McCornack said that the issue which someone raised at the Bushnell event concerned the single engine karts, not the duals. Lynn Haddock stated that he did have a single engine kart at the Bushnell event for a young driver to run and that he was aware that the kart was historically correct. At the New Castle event, they practiced with the kart but they did not participate in the heat events. Bill McCornack suggested that we should wait until the fall to address this in the guidelines.

Dean observed that the VKA scoring system was the one which was used a long time ago and that it might be time to change. He wants to see how Scott's Delmar effort works out.

TECH & SAFETY REPORT: - Director Lynn Haddock stated that he did not have anything technical to report. He did state that he is working on a future guidelines proposal involving Yamaha class karts with 1 inch axles.

Lynn then talked about having the ability to sell t-shirts on the VKA website and having a link from Facebook to the VKA website.

Regarding payment, Gary Wlodarsky stated that buyers could either send a check or use PayPal. Bill Bloodworth asked about PayPal fee. Jeff Campbell stated that the fee was small and was a good value because of the services which were provided such as maintaining order history and verifying shipping addresses.

Gary believes that PayPal would be easy to do and that Jeff could add it to the website. Rolf Hill asked Jeff for his thoughts about having PayPal on the VKA website. Jeff replied that someone would have to have a PayPal account. Bill McCornack stated that he would ship the shirts, but that someone else would have to have the PayPal account. Lynn mentioned that if we use eBay, there will be two fees, an eBay fee and a PayPal fee.

Gary will setup an eBay page and Jeff add the links to it. Bill McCornack suggested that the link also be listed in the VKA magazine.

There was a brief discussion about setup of the eBay site to insure that what was ordered was explicit such as size and quantity. Lynn also mentioned that if we add long sleeve shirts, we would have continued sales through the cooler months.

Bill McCornack mentioned that Rick Keller had asked about having a dual Yamaha class at the Cuddebackville event. Bill replied that the class would be a promoter's option.



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JUDGING REPORT: - Director Gary Wlodarsky discussed the Avon kart show. He reported that when asked to take part in the show at the Avon event, he was reluctant but that he ended up liking the format. The show had a historic pre-1962 group and a lot of nice old karts came out. Gary plans to include this group in changes which he will submit to the board at a later date. Gary reported that thanks to Scott Kneisel's and Al Postiglione's efforts the Avon event was a great event. There were 59 show entries at Avon (couldn't beat Brodhead). Of the 59 karts, 40 were rear engine. There were 115 total karts at the event, 75 in tier 1 & tier 2 (see Karl Ginter's segment below).

The Adkins event only had 26 or 27 karts total. There were 15 or 16 in the show. The event followed a Friday, Saturday, Sunday schedule.

In response to Gary's question about where to send payment for the 11 shirts which he sold at the Adkins event, he was told to send the check for t-shirts to Bill Bloodworth.

Gary had certificates made for the Quincy event. This year he added the VKA logo to the certificates. Gary asked whether he should eat the \$50 cost or submit an invoice for reimbursement.

Bill McCornack: moved to authorize reimbursement of Quincy certificate expense (~\$50).

Dean Kossaras: seconded the motion

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

Gary will submit the invoice with upcoming Camden event expenses.

NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - Director Skip Owen was absent. Karl Ginter reported that there were 115 total registrants at the Avon event; 75 in the Tier 1 and Tier 2 segments and 59 in the kart show. Karl thanked everyone who helped or participated. Attendance from outside the region included Terry Ives, Jeff Brown, Bill McCornack, and a family from Georgia. Karl stated that the efforts of Scott Kneisel and Al Postiglione contributed to having a great event.

The Oreville event is scheduled for 15 thru 17 September. The event flyer and registration forms have been posted.

Gary Wlodarsky raised a question regarding rear engine karts and vintage tires. Karl believes that they are going with "vintage look". Gary pointed out that there was a safety issue if non-vintage tires are used.

Karl also mentioned that there was a person who was adamant that the wheels should only be two piece ones. Karl has talked to Barry Greenzweig and Barry said that he will allow 1 piece wheels.

Scott Klingler asked if there had been any reaction to the current points system. Karl reported that he had been approached by people who did not like it.

Karl informed Lynn that he had sent Lynn a note regarding next year's Avon event.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill reported that the September FirstTurn issue was planned to be sent to the printer Monday 14 August and that it would be 16 pages. The issue will cover Avon and Adkins events with an article about the auxiliary spring. Rolf plans to briefly mention Duffy Livingstone who recently passed away. Rolf has a reference on the cover and Rolf requested info for inclusion inside the issue. Lynn Haddock mentioned that Frank Weir has been writing a story about Duffy for publication in a European magazine and that Frank might have something that could be included. Lynn and Rolf agreed to discuss this effort further after the meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding the sending of flowers to Duffy's service. Lynn stated that Duffy's wife is in an assisted living facility and that Duffy's children reside in California. Lynn will look into the situation when he returns home and determine if there will be a service and if it would be appropriate to send flowers.

ENDURO REPORT: - none

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

Karl Ginter's guest, Sal Palatucci, put forth two comments. First Sal mentioned that he had been going to an electric indoor kart track in order to practice. Sal noticed that the facility was mobbed with kid and young adults. He wondered if this group represented a possible marketing opportunity for VKA.

Bill McCornack said that he believed participation in VKA events was a significant challenge for new young entrants due to the difficulty in finding equipment and then setting it up.

Sal also mentioned that when he attended the Avon event, his first VKA event, he found that no one at either the motel or nearby restaurants was aware that the VKA event was happening. Bill McCornack stated that this was something which Scott Kneisel, the local promoter might want to address. Rolf Hill stated that the promoter's guide has suggestions for event promotion, news releases, etc. Rolf said that we can suggest things that a promoter might do but we cannot force them to do such. Given Sal's experience, Rolf said that he would look at possible revisions.

President McCornack adjourned the meeting at 9:16 PM EDT.

Respectively submitted by Secretary Bloodworth.