



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Board of Directors 10 September 2017 Meeting Minutes  
October 08, 2017

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
Scott Klingler	Executive Director
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Gary Wlodarsky	Judging
Dean Kossaras	Rules
Skip Owen	
Jeff Campbell	Website

Board Members Absent:

Joe Swantek	Treasurer
Lynn Haddock	Safety & Tech

Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA <i>FirsTurn</i> Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance
Bob Barthelemy	South Region Coordinator - joined while meeting was in progress

SYNOPSIS: There are 368 total members, 328 full members and 40 associate members. The ending August balance is \$20,071.18 which reflects revenue of \$1,152.00 and expenses of \$1,102.55. Other than the previously announced resignations, all other board members and coordinators indicated their intension to serve in 2018. West coast applicants are still being sought. The possible need for a legal disclaimer regarding the intention of pre-event kart inspections was brought to the club's attention. The Bushnell event has been scheduled for late January 2018 and the Quincy event is back on the VKA schedule for August 2018. At the Delmar event Scott Klingler will allow rear engine karts with foreign engines to participate by placing them at the front of the grid. A rules committee meeting is scheduled for October 4. Rolf Hill ran a well-organized kart show for Gary Wlodarsky at the Camden event. The historic show class will be added at the Delmar event. Interest in a fall event for the North Georgia area is not being pursued at this time due to the work which would be required by Bob and his desire to avoid impacting the new upcoming Saltillo event. Bob will provide a promoter's option class at the Barnesville event for karts with Briggs flathead 5hp 4 cycle engines if attendance supports such a class. Expenditure of up to \$500 was authorized for advertising in Rolf Hill's vintage karting wall calendar 2018 edition.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Bill McCornack reported that he had sent an email providing a list of shirt sizes in his inventory. He is out of medium and only has 2 XXL's, but he suggested that reorder discussions be delayed until the next board meeting. Bill will take his shirt inventory to the Delmar event. Bill stated his desire to remain in a PR position, a non-board position, and he would continue to manage the t-shirts. Dean Kossaras mentioned that historically there had been a past president position to which Bill replied that he was not interested. The response to Bill McCornack's polling of the current members was as follows. Bill Bloodworth will stay, Joe Swantek was absent but had indicated that he would stay, Jim Donovan will stay, Dean Kossaras will stay as rules chairman, Jeff Campbell will stay, Scott Klingler will stay as executive director and he is looking for a replacement for the Midwest Regional coordinator position, Gary Wlodarsky will stay as show coordinator, Lynn Haddock was absent, and Louie Figone will stay as the West Regional coordinator. In a following segment, Bob Barthelemy who joined the meeting in progress indicated that he will stay as the South Regional coordinator. Scott Klingler expressed his opinion that there should be one person for the rules area and 1 person for the other committees such as safety. Bill McCornack reported that the Quincy event is on the 2018 schedule at the right time and that the dates had been given to Scott.



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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone observed that he had not received any applicants for board positions and that he would send an email to potential West Coast candidates. Bill Bloodworth asked and Louie clarified that the search was for a new board member, not specifically for a new person to be VP. Bill McCornack suggested that his own position and Louie's position be filled by electing Dean Kossaras Vice President and Gary Wlodarsky as President. Dean Kossaras mentioned that it might be possible to have Ernie Shores on the board again. Louie Figone said that he would be willing to remain on the board until someone was found at which point he would resign. Louie stated that he would not be able to make the upcoming VKCA Medford Oregon event.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that the August 2017 minutes had not yet been released for review. Bill McCornack suggested that when ready, the minutes should be distributed via email for review and email response approval. Therefore there was no motion for approval.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 368 total members, 328 full members and 40 associate members, a net change from last month's levels of plus 9 full members and a net change of plus 1 associate member. This month's membership includes 7 new full members and 1 new associate member plus 4 additional full members and 0 additional associate members from the renewal of former members who were inactive at the time of last month's meeting.

The 36-month extended membership option is at 56 full & 2 associate members, an increase since the last meeting of 2 full members and 0 associate members. Total funds involved are \$5,380. It is suggested that for the month of September, \$4,170 be held in reserve for future expenses.

1 full membership and 0 associate memberships expired at the end of August and Duffy Livingstone passed away in August.

2 full memberships and 0 associate memberships are expiring at the end of September.

Many of this month's new members were a result of Gary Wlodarsky's effort at the Camden event. Gary reported that he had some t-shirts made with VKA logos front and back. He offered a free t-shirt to new signups for one day only. He said that he would continue to do so unless there were objections.

Gary mentioned that Jeff Campbell had added a link to the Facebook page. There was a brief discussion regarding Facebook message logic. Rolf Hill reported that his son was able to "pin" messages to the front page of his son's Facebook page and the messages remained in view. The son's page is not a group page while the VKA page is a group page. Jeff said that he would continue to look at Facebook processes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Director Joe Swantek was absent; Jim Donovan reported the financial results. The figures are:

Ending July 2017 Balance: \$20,021.73

Revenue: Total \$1,152.00, Membership: \$655.00, 50/50 Tracks: \$100.00 (Avon), T-Shirt Sales: \$397.00

Expenses: Total \$1,102.55, Printing Magazine: \$915.70, Misc Printing: \$186.85 for awards

Ending August Balance: \$20,071.18

There was a discussion about the inspections which are performed at events. Jim Donovan brought up a conversation which he had with Frank Weir during "The Big One" event. Frank stated that at European events, inspection stickers are not placed on karts because doing so in effect means that you are saying that the kart is safe. Bill McCornack does not believe that the inspection sticker says that the kart is safe. Scott Klingler believes that an individual is merely acting on behalf of the promoter and that only a few items such as safety wiring, etc. are checked. Jeff Campbell also believes that when one is asked to help with an inspection, one is doing so as an individual and not as a VKA representative. There were those that thought that Jim's point was important and may have highlighted an area that needs to be clarified.

Dean Kossaras believes that the guidelines should contain a disclaimer stating that promoters have the option to perform inspections, but that the inspections do not imply that the inspected kart is safe. Dean Kossaras will contact the attorney.

Bob Barthelemy joined the meeting during this discussion.

Louie Figone: Moved to accept Jim Donovan's report.

Gary Wlodarsky: Seconded the motion.

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



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WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell stated that there was not much to report; he has been focused on keeping the photos up to date. He said that he has added a t-shirt sales link in the lead graphic. Jeff mentioned that if we wanted to do more with t-shirt sales, we could have a link to an individual's eBay account. Jeff also mentioned that the shirts could be listed on Amazon's site. Gary Wlodarsky stated that he has done eBay and that he will confer with Jeff. Bill McCornack reiterated his willingness to manage shipment of the shirts.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Director Scott Klingler reported that depending on the effects of hurricane Irma, the Bushnell event is scheduled for the last Thursday-Friday-Saturday in January 2018, the 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. It is not the same weekend as Riverside and the schedule is ok with a hauler that intends to bring a large number of karts.

Scott said that he is working with Jeff Miles in Quincy. The planned dates are 2, 3, and 4 August 2018. Scott said that he is also working with other Midwest Region tracks in order to have dates for inclusion by Rolf Hill in the VKA magazine.

Scott discussed the low turnout for the stock appearing West Bends and stated that unless there are five of them, they will run with the Macs.

Gary asked if straight axle sidewinders with 100cc foreign engines, such as the K88's, would be allowed to run. Scott stated that he would start them at the front of the grid. Gary said that three guys had approached him about the subject.

Bill McCornack reported that he talked to a guy setting up a rear engine kart with a foreign engine who said that he did so because of history. Bill told him that he could do so.

Dean Kossaras said that he wished that the original guidelines had stated "American Fan Cooled Only". Lynn Haddock pointed out that his K77 rear engine Dart kart which he had at Bushnell was extremely fast.

RULES REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras reported that there will be a meeting of the rules committee on Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>. Dean requested that Bill McCornack, Louie Figone, Scott Klingler, and Gary Wlodarsky attend. Dean requested that Skip Owen attend in order to see how the committee works. The times will be the same as board meeting times. Louie Figone will set up the conference call. Dean requested that those who have a suggestion, make sure that the suggestion is period correct. Dean reiterated that he will call the attorney regarding the kart inspection issue previously discussed.

TECH & SAFETY REPORT: - Director Lynn Haddock was absent.

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Gary Wlodarsky reported that Rolf Hill ran the show at the Camden event. Rolf stated that everything went fine. He made sure the karts were grouped together by class in the proper designated places. Past champions were in the infield. Gary said the organization made it easier to judge. Scott Klingler and Don Renton were the judges.

Gary stated that he would like to add the Historic category to future shows. Rolf asked that the addition be put in the VKA magazine. Gary said that he would add the class at the Delmar event to see how it works. Bill McCornack mentioned that he has not seen very of them participate at Brodhead.

Dean Kossaras asked a question regarding the big rubber bushing used behind the seat on Lancer karts. He believes that possibly they were swaybar bushings from a Ford product. He asked if anyone remembers someone who worked at Big J's. Gary said that Tom Bowman of Findley had worked there. It was also suggested that he talk to Robert Stanton.

NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - Director Skip Owen stated that there had not been any recent events and that he had nothing to report. Someone asked if there would be a discount for VKA members at the Oreville event. Skip did not know. Someone pointed out that there is nothing listed on the event flyer. It is a two day Friday & Saturday event. Skip said that there was a discount for those who stayed for the regular Sunday event. Bill McCornack pointed out that the fee for two day events was usually so low that there was not any room for a discount.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill reported that the next issue would be the combined October – November issue. Rolf's intends to send the package to the printer on 10-16-17. The issue will cover the Camden, Oreville, Delmar, and Cuddebackville events. It will also contain an article provided by Jim Donovan. Bill McCornack said that he will also try to add something. Rolf mentioned that the issue was crowded and that he could take out the resources pages if he needed to make room. Bill said that his article would be small.



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ENDURO REPORT: - none

SOUTH REGION REPORT: - Bob Barthelemy said that he will stay as South Regional coordinator for 2018. Interest in the Saltillo MS event is unknown. Bob said that he would work with Brian Carr to provide a flyer for the event. Rolf mentioned to be sure that the form has an "In Case of Emergency" (I.C.E.) line.

Bob said that some guys in North Georgia had asked about having a fall event, maybe at Barnesville. Bob said that he did not want to commit to the work required at this time nor did he want to take away from the Saltillo event.

Bob reported that the 2018 Barnesville event is scheduled for 16, 17, and 18 March. He expects to have a flyer available in early October. Bill McCornack reiterated the need to coordinate with Scott Klingler when discussing schedule dates.

Dean Kossaras requested that Bob participate in the October 4 rules committee meeting. Bob said that he would.

There was a discussion regarding 4 cycle engines, specifically Briggs 5 horsepower flathead engines. Scott Klingler said that he was not familiar with the Briggs engine and had questions about period correctness. Dean Kossaras said that Jerry Cole was an expert. Bob Barthelemy has been asked by people that if they brought flathead 4 cycle engine karts, would a class be provided for them. Dean thought that Bob could try since the guidelines address pre-'80's equipment and Bob believes the engine was introduced in the mid 70's. Bill McCornack mentioned that there are some who believe VKA events should be 2 cycle only. Dean stated that the 4 cycle karts were a big part of karting history and that they should be just as entitled to run as those of us with 2 cycle engine karts. Gary Wlodarsky said that he knows people who have the 4 cycle equipment and that they are a nice group. Bob said that there would be a local option for pre-'80's equipment. Dean believes that Barnesville is a good place to test such a class.

Several people stated that they thought that it was inevitable that additional types of karts would be included in the guidelines. Jeff Campbell raised the question about the workable number of classes and how you limit the number in the future. Gary Wlodarsky observed that the 8 classes at the recent Avon event worked and that possibly 10 classes could have been run. Someone observed that in the future, some of the earlier classes may have to be combined.

NEW BUSINESS: - President Bill McCornack opened the segment for discussion. Rolf Hill requested that VKA expend \$500 for advertising in Rolf's 2018 vintage karting wall calendar. Rolf contributes the proceeds from his calendar effort to a medical research fund in which his family is involved. Bill McCornack opposed the expenditure because he does not believe that it is a direct VKA expenditure. Rolf stated that the VKA dates are in the calendar, that 100 calendars were sold this year, and that the 2018 goal is 125 sales. Rolf reported that in 2017 he had 3 advertisers and that there may be 12 advertisers for 2018. Bill McCornack questioned where the appropriate place was "to draw the line" for other causes that might arise. Scott Klingler stated that he believed Bill's point was valid, but that others are not contributing to VKA as Rolf does. Scott moved that the vote on this expenditure be delayed until the next meeting. Gary Wlodarsky disagreed with the delay.

Gary Wlodarsky moved that \$500 be authorized for advertising expenditure for the vintage karting wall calendar.

Dean Kossaras seconded the motion.

The result of the roll call vote was 1 no and 7 yes.

Bill McCornack said that he would send an email to Jim Donovan to inform Jim of board approval for the expenditure. It was pointed out that Jim would need an invoice from Rolf.

President McCornack adjourned the meeting at 9:27 PM EDT.  
Respectively submitted by Secretary Bloodworth.