

VKA Board Meeting – February 14, 2021

Call To Order: President Gary Wlodarsky called the meeting to order at 8:04pm EST.

Roll Call: Secretary Dean K called the roll with the following results

Board Members in Attendance:

Gary Wlodarsky	John Copeland
Skip Owen	Sal Palatucci
Karl Ginter	Jeff Campbell
Dean Kossaras	Deo Curts
Bill McCornack	Joe Swantek
Louie Figone	

Board Members Absent:

Bob Barthelemy
Lynn Haddock

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill	Bill Bloodworth
Len Emanuelson	

President's Report :

President Wlodarsky currently has nothing to add at this moment and move onto the VP Report.

Vice Presidents Report:

L. Figone stated Riverside happened last weekend and he was unable to make it.

Minutes report:

Minutes from January 2021 have been approved via email vote.

Secretary's Report:

D. Kossaras advised the release agreement for the backside of the application continues the editing process. Some people reviewing the agreement had stated they aren't happy with it and Dean asked ed if you aren't happy with the wording or a paragraph to please rewrite it and send it to him and it will be reviewed by the attorney to cover for the basis and liability.

R. Hill advised that he believes the agreement has been sent out to all the board for review and a few people have already responded. He addressed the need or no need for a release for photographs being taken at the event by independent photographers. R. Hills suggestion is to take out the two paragraphs regarding photography. R. Hill feels that the board has had enough time to review and would like to set a deadline by Wed. to get this out.

B. McCormack advised this needs to be done ASAP as he has packets to send out to his promoters and this is a hang up on getting those out.

Discussion took place among the board on trade marking and copy writing the VKA logo.

President Wlodarsky reiterated that if anyone wants changes made to the release agreement to get their requested changes to him by Wednesday and after Wednesday if there are no changes submitted it will be final.

D. Curts expressed concerns that on the draft of the release she is reviewing does not have a signatures line acknowledging they have read and understand the release. R Hill advised that on the final draft that he has created, the signature line will be on there, and he has not sent the final to the board for review as it's still in the editing process.

Membership Report:

D. Curts advised she has processed quit a few renewals, she is awaiting the memberships/renewals from the Jacksonville event, the Paypal issue has been sorted out and seems to be working fine.

D. Curts asked the board for clarification on following up on the renewals and reaching out to members regarding their renewals once the initial postcard is sent out advising them their membership is approaching their renewal date. After a detailed conversation clarification was provided.

B. Bloodworth addressed the board on several items he was still working on that was outstanding when the transition took place with Deo taking over the memberships and he will continue to work with Deo in cleaning up the remaining issues.

Treasurers Report:

President Wlodarsky advised the Treasures report was sent out prior to the meeting for board members review and was approved electronically.

J Swantek advised the board the 2019 VKA tax return has been completed and filed approx. 2 weeks ago and he has begun working on the 2020 tax returns.

He and Deo have been working together with the Paypal deposits and things seem to be working well. J Swantek wanted to acknowledge and applaud all the hard work on the new website and the articles and photographs are great.

D Kossaras asked if the billing for the annual liability has come in yet and wanted to make sure it doesn't fall through the cracks. J Swantek advised he hasn't seen it come trough yet. D Kossaras advise he will follow up with the insurance agent within the next few days.

Website Report:

L Emanuelson reported a few housekeeping issues:

Contact information page- does the board want phone numbers listed as well? Currently listed is emails.

Meeting minutes- How far back should we go with putting the meeting minutes up?

President Wlodarsky advised he believes that it went back indefinitely.

L Emanuelson advised that Krystal will be working on the archived section shortly and asked the board what does the board want to keep such as photos, tech stories ect? And would like some direction as to what to move over and keep.

R Hill asked about the forum section. Some people feel we need it, some feel with Facebook, it's not needed.

President Wlodarsky advised to set up a website committee to go over these concerns and review items that need to be transferred from the old site to the new one.

The discussion of keeping to Forum continued, potential administrators and getting members involved in the association.

L Emanuelson advised he is still waiting on information from Jacksonville event to include on the website, he has received photos from Haddock from the event.

J Swantek advised the board that he was able to locate the liability policy and found that is paid and good until July 2021.

Event Directors Report:

K Ginter advised the board that Jacksonville had 58 entries, which was pretty good considering they had two days of rain. Thursday was beautiful and Friday they got in six heat events before the rain moved in and Saturday was washout. B Barthelemy will be sending in photos and some additional information on the event with Len for the website and FirsTurn.

Enduro Directors Report:

J Copeland advised there is not much to report at this time. Len has published a brief race report from Daytona. The next race event on the calendar is Roebing Road in March.

Rules and Guidelines Report:

L Haddock is currently not on the call.

L Emanuelson asked the board if the PDF version of the rules and guidelines was working out for everyone?

Judging/Shows:

S Palatucci is going to try to raise the awareness of the kart shows and try to bring traffic to the events with promoting on Facebook and trying to incorporate new activities such as beer and wine hour.

L Emanuelson stated advised those items can also be advertised/ promoted on the VKA News section on the website.

R Hill asked S Palatucci to send him some information as well and he will include it in the FirsTurn publication.

Regional Reports:

Midwest:

B McCormack advised all the promoters as of last week had received their contracts and is waiting for them to be signed and returned. Once they are received back, additional material will be sent to them along with a one on one phone call to answer any questions they may have.

Northeast:

S Owens- All promoters contracts have been sent out and received back with the exception of one and he will continue to reach out to that track for follow up.

West:

L Figone advised the board on F. Pierson's condition.

L Figone also updated the board on the status of the meeting request with VKCA. B McCormack advised he would like to be part of that call.

News Letter Report:

R Hill advised FirstTurn will be a Feb/ March Issue. He has completed his article on Riverside and is also awaiting the information to include Jacksonville event.

R Hill asked Deo to provide him with the approx. number for printing. It will be 8 1/2x11 in color and will be late March delivery.

New Business:

K Ginter would like to propose to increase the PR fund for each region from \$375 to \$600 annually.

This money will be spent on any PR related items, materials and give a ways that would be beneficial to VKA in the promoters region.

Motion made by K Ginter to approve above increase in the PR fund for each region:

Seconded by J Copeland No one opposes Motion passes

R Hill advised he had received an email today from Scott Elkes, an historian in karting. R Hill would like to do some sort of recognition for his efforts in documenting karting. L Emanuelson asked if maybe he would like to be a contributing editor, as he writes some amazing articles. R Hill will reach out to him next week and touch base.

President Wlodarsky thanked everyone for their time.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier