

VKA Board Meeting – September 12, 2021

Call To Order: Gary Wlodarsky called the meeting to order at 8:03pm

Roll Call: Dean Kossaras called the roll with the following results

Board Members in Attendance:

Gary Wlodarsky
Dean Kossaras
Bill McCornack
Sal Palatucci
Karl Ginter

Louie Figone
Bill McCornack
Skip Owen
John Copeland

Board Members Absent:

Joe Swantek
Lynn Haddock

Deo Curts
Bob Barthelemy

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill
Len Emanuelson

President's Report :

President Wlodarsky advised that he was going to speak about the board positions that are being available in November. There are several individuals that have expressed interest and he is waiting to receive a letter of intent and once that is received the board can move forward. He would like to have a list of candidates available to discuss for the October meeting.

Vice Presidents Report:

L Figone advised he has been in contact with the VKCA group and was advised that Terry Ives will be taking over as president of the organization in January.

G Wlodarsky advised the minutes from the August 2021 meeting has been approved via email vote.

Secretary's Report:

D Kossaras advised according to the guidelines, the board member elections need to be held no later than the second week in November. The plan would be to have the names of those interested in replacing the out going board members, in hand by the October meeting. Gary, Sal and Dean expressed their desire to step down from the Board. Gary advised that he could step into another position as needed, but would like to step aside as President.

Sal also advised he has someone who would like to take his spot and he feels comfortable with the individual interesting and he has done a great job at other events and feels this person would be a great asset to the Board.

D Kossaras touched on something that was bothering him and that inducting people into the Vintage Karting Hall of Fame, that some of those inducted in had done little or nothing for the sport, he feels that the people who should be inducting in to the hall of fame should be people such as past Presidents

and other who have contributed into the sport and not just a National winner. D Kossaras feels that this is something that VKA needs to do. He would like for all board members to come up with some names of those who should be recognized, those who have helped, supported, made karts, parts and tires for the VKA, those are the people who should be recognized.

G Wlodarsky asked the board to come up with a list to discuss at the next meeting and agreed that the VKA needs to have a Hall of Fame as well.

D Kossaras asked that the names be sent to him and he can compile them for the next meeting for review.

R Hill asked maybe to also include a list of criteria that you would like the board to take into consideration when electing someone into the VKA Hall of Fame.

Membership report:

G Wlodarsky advised Deo is not on the call and is doing a great job getting requested reports out in a timely manner.

Treasurers report:

Treasurers report has been approved via email.

Website Report:

L Emanuelson advised that the form is live and up and running on the website.

Posting of all event coverage is up to date and he has also posted a Tech article. There are currently two printed FirstTurn issues still left to archive on the website.

L Emanuelson advised that Crystal is trying to work on getting the archived photos transferred over onto Flickr, but is running into so trouble naming them, the photos are taking up a lot of space on the website and they are trying to condense it.

R Hill advised that he was approached at Orville, and received a complement on how great the archives and forum is on the VKA website.

Event Directors

K Ginter advised Oreville was this past weekend and he will let S. Owen provide information on that event.

K Ginter asked the Event Directors to get the 2022 event information from their promoters as he would like to get all 2022 dates posted by November 1st.

The "surprise" teching that was done by a WKA certified tech, at Camden was discussed among the board and how some competitors were unhappy with it and some competitors appreciated it being done.

Enduro Report:

J Copeland advised that Steve Benford was at the Blackhawk Farms event, and he has not received that information yet.

Everyone is getting geared up for the Vintage Karting event in Pittsburgh in 2 weeks. The special Vintage Karting event will be Friday Evening after Practice, that Art McKinney from Woodbridge had organized.

Judging and Shows:

S. Palatucci advised Oreville was a great time with 46 show karts.

J Copeland asked what does Sal attribute the big turnout to be? Sal advised that the weather was perfect and a great cross section of people was there. K Ginter advised that the track is centrally located and word got out early with Dick Teal being there w/ International Go-kart month.

S Palatucci advised he did about a 15 min interview with D. Teal and he talked about the heyday of karting in the 60's and he will work on getting it up on Facebook and the website.

Regional Reports:

B McCornack advised Delmar, Iowa is coming up this weekend that he will be out and is expecting a good turnout. B McCornack will be talking about International Go-kart Month at the drivers meeting and will have a shirt for sale as well.

B McCornack touched on the "surprise" teching and advised he thought it was a great idea, and he would like to see more of it at his events in 2022.

B McCornack advised that there are going to be approx. 5 Rathman Exterminator karts running in the show at Whiteland with maybe more in the show. J Copeland said he is with Mr. Kelly and will be running as a sub-group in the historic class.

K Ginter asked if B McCornack will take another pole at Delmar.

S Owen advised there was 51 entries at Oreville, beautiful weather for both days and 46 entries in the Kart show. Zero on track incidents. 29 T-Shirts sold. 8 new/returning members and he will get the memberships forms over to Deo.

Camden- 12 T shirts sold, memberships and registrations forms have been sent to Deo as well.

L Figone- advised he doesn't have any West Coast news to report at this time.

R Hill advised that he spoke with Kurt Bogerman via email and he is going to do a write up of Oreville, and does a great write up on shows/ events.

New Business:

R Hill would like to ask the board for \$500 in advertising for VKA dates in the 2022 Calendar.

G. Wlodarsky opened the floor for discussion.

B McCornack advised that he feels we should not continue to do it, that the \$500 can be put someone else. That most of the vintage karters already know the dates and he is not for it this time around.

R Hill advised that approx. 200-300 calendars will be printed this year, and will not only be going to Modern karters as well as vintage karters.

J Copeland advised that he feels that the VKA needs to get as wide of coverage/ distribution as possible, and he moves to purchase the \$ 500 advertising in the 2022 Calendar.

Seconded by S Palatucci

Discussion continued among the board.

G. Wlodarky calls for vote: G. Wlodarsky- Yes, L. Figone- Yes, K Ginter- No, S. Palatucci- Yes, J Copeland- Yes, B McCornack- No, S. Owen- Yes, D. Kossaras- Yes Motion Passes

R Hill thanked the Board and advised once he gets the dates, the VKA logo will be on the dates the VKA events are scheduled.

S Palatucci stated the he feels that there should be some type of FirstTurn, about a third of the members do not come to any events, and this is a way to keep them engaged.

J Copeland advised the board the Whiteland continues to expand and beautify their venue. They have acquired new land and will be expanding their parking. He has spoken to Sarah Fisher and she will be promoting the upcoming VKA event. All the reserved parking spots have already been spoken for and they are looking forward to a good turn out and hopes everyone will come out.

President Wlodarsky thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier