



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors 11 March 2018 Meeting Minutes
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Call To Order: President Gary Wlodarsky called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM EDT

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

Board Members In Attendance:

Gary Wlodarsky	President & Judging
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Dean Kossaras	Rules
Sonny Gerber	
Lynn Haddock	Safety & Tech
Skip Owen	
Jeff Campbell	Website
John Copeland	

Board Members Absent:

Louie Figone	Vice President
Joe Swantek	Treasurer

Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA FirstTurn Newsletter/Magazine – arrived during Secretary report
Jim Donovan	Finance
Sal Palatucci	Northeast Region Coordinator
Bill McCornack	PR
Bob Barthelemy	South Region Coordinator

SYNOPSIS: There are 395 total members, 356 full members and 39 associate members. The ending February balance is \$20,029.13 which reflects revenue of \$2,045.00 and expenses of \$1,275.90. Director John (Skip) Owen was elected to fill the vacant VKA Executive Director position. The board voted to permit posting of electronic versions of only previous VKA publications that were at least one year old. The Facebook cover photo has been updated to reflect the VKA Banner. The unscheduled Circleville event flyer will not be posted on the VKA website since the event conflicts in both time and distance with scheduled VKA events. At several events during the year, surveys will be conducted regarding the proposed tire hardness rule change for the Sportsman Class. The rule change is scheduled to take effect in 2019. Only class participants will be surveyed. The survey results will be compiled and addressed in the fall. It is expected that in the future both MG Red and Evinco Blue tires will have a softer compound. VKA personnel will monitor future activity and report any changes should they occur. Preparations including judging activity are on schedule to support the Barnesville event and the Northeast Region participation in a motorsport exposition. South region personnel are expecting and preparing for a very large turnout at the Barnesville event. The combined April – May issue of the VKA magazine is on schedule and is expected to contain Barnesville results, Enduro and Northeast region articles, and a listing of new VKA board members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Gary Wlodarsky stated that according to Lynn Haddock, new tires may become available in the near future. The details will be discussed during the Tech & Safety Report segment. Gary mentioned that the possible appointment of someone to the vacant VKA Executive Director position will be discussed during the New Business segment. Gary thanked Jeff Campbell for updating the VKA Facebook cover photo using a banner image supposedly furnished by Sal Palatucci. Sal confessed that he had copied the image from the website. Bill McCornack mentioned that during the New Business segment he will clarify his previous remarks regarding providing free VKA t-shirts to new members and renewals. President Wlodarsky gave his Judging Report at this point. See the Judging Report section for the details.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone was absent.



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SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that the December 2017 minutes were released 11 February 2018 for review and approval via email. Approval replies were received from Gary Wlodarsky on 2-11-18 and Skip Owen on 2-12-18. Concurrence replies were received from Jim Donovan and Rolf Hill, both on 2-12-18. No other replies have been received.

Sonny Gerber: Moved to accept the December minutes as released.

Lynn Haddock: Seconded the motion.

President Wlodarsky: All in favor of the motion say aye, opposed say nay, there were no nays, the motion passes.

Bill Bloodworth reported that a draft version of the January 2018 minutes had been prepared and that he needed to review the recorded session in order to complete the minutes.

Bill Bloodworth reported that the rough notes of the February 2018 meeting had not yet been processed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 395 total members, 356 full members and 39 associate members, a net change from last month's levels of plus 4 full members and a net change of plus 2 associate members. This month's membership includes 3 new full members and 0 new associate members plus 9 additional full members and 3 additional associate members from the renewal of former members who were inactive at the time of last month's meeting. Bill Bloodworth then provided the following summaries.

- 36 month option:

The 36-month extended membership option is at 76 full & 6 associate members, an increase since the last meeting of 4 full member and 0 associate members. Total funds involved are \$7,400. It is suggested that for the month of March, \$4,225 be held in reserve for future expenses.

- Regional Distribution ~ all numbers adjusted to reflect home region:

Midwest	161 full	21 associate
Northeast	59 full	8 associate
South	51 full	2 associate
West	76 full	8 associate
International	9 full	

- Expirations:

8 full memberships and 1 associate membership expired at the end of February.

10 full memberships and 2 associate memberships are expiring at the end of March.

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

Ending January 2018 Balance: \$19,260.03.

Revenue: Total \$2,045.00, Membership: \$1,315.00, 50/50 Track Contributions: \$550.00, Bushnell \$250 & Riverside \$300, T-Shirt Sales: \$180.00.

Expenses: Total \$1,275.90, Printing: \$1,012.25, T-Shirt Expense: \$74.65 (UPS), Advertising: \$189.00 (banners).

Ending February Balance: \$20,029.13.

Bill Bloodworth: Moved to accept Jim Donovan's report.

John Copeland: Seconded the motion.

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

WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell reported that he is waiting for photos from the Riverside event and that he had sent an email to Louie Figone regarding Jeff's need for the photos. Jim Donovan reported that Frank Weir had also taken photos. It was noted that Louie had informed the board that he would be absent tonight.

Jeff Campbell noted that Jeff Brown will be holding a free event at Circleville. The event is not a VKA scheduled event and Jeff Campbell asked if he should post the flyer on the VKA website. Rolf Hill pointed out that the Circleville event will be one week after a VKA scheduled event (Chestertown) and two weeks before another VKA scheduled event (Springfield), both within 500 miles of Circleville which violates established VKA guidelines. Rolf stated that he did not intend to mention Circleville in the next FirsTurn issue unless the VKA board approved. Bill McCornack said that he understood the Circleville event to be just a "test and tune". Dean mentioned that Jeff Brown had asked for donations from some people to support his effort. Others pointed out that the Circleville flyer with the description of such items as demonstration heats gave the impression that it would be more than a "test and tune". Sal Palatucci noted that the Chestertown (Nicholson track) event was being held by a first time promoter and that there were concerns about the possible negative impact which the Circleville event might have. Based on tonight's discussion, Jeff Campbell stated that he would not post the Circleville event flyer.

Rolf Hill stated that he, Rolf, had just posted the Avon event flyer.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - The position is vacant.

RULES REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras opened his report on a serious note describing how today's vintage karting effort is focused on having fun and that we don't have the angry adversarial relationships as existed in the 1960's. Dean stated that the conflict today seems to be centered on guideline issues, particularly the recent Yamaha carburetor issue. Dean stated that one objective in the formulation of the VKA guidelines was to limit teardown inspections to just bore and stroke checks. Dean believes that event promoters should work with the board when there are issues. Dean would like to see the VKA Executive Director reach out to promoters and encourage a promoter to work with the board. Dean does not like to see a promoter change the rule based on their survey which may be biased.

Dean then discussed the proposed tire hardness rule change for the Sportsman Class which is scheduled to take effect in 2019. Dean believes that the class was intended to be an entry level class and that harder tires should be required in order to slow the class down. Dean reported that there has been some pushback regarding the change and that he would like to address those concerns. Dean would like to collect survey responses from four or five events during this year, examine the survey results in the fall, and then revisit the proposed change based on the survey results. Dean stated that the survey should present the facts in an unbiased manner and that the survey would target just the participants in the Sportsman Class. Dean would like to have the survey process begin at the Barnesville event. John Copeland asked Dean if the survey would be emailed to the VKA board for review and Dean responded that yes it would be sent for review. Bob Barthelemy indicated that he would need to have the survey by this Thursday. Dean stated that he would probably send the survey out tonight (Sunday) and that he need to have the responses back by Monday.

Lynn Haddock reported on the rumor that there will be a compound change for MG Red and Evinco Blue tires (which are the same tire). Supposedly the new compound will be softer. At this time Lynn is waiting on more information. Lynn stated that the Vega Red tire hardness index has been changed from 56 to 57 by the manufacturer. Lynn has seen a Vega Blue tire which he believes is much too soft; the Vega website number was somewhere in the high 40's to low 50's. Lynn examined a Vega Blue tire that Jeff Brown had and Lynn said that one could tell that it was a very soft compound based on the tread wear pattern. Lynn said that he prefers to see manufacturer lab test results rather than rely on local testing. Jeff Campbell stated that he is concerned that the manufacturer's numbers are more about marketing and that we should not just take the published numbers at face value. Jeff Campbell briefly discussed the past testing efforts performed by Louie Figone and that Louie had obtained results which were different from published values. Lynn pointed out that there are various measurement systems such as CIK and Shore which also complicates comparisons. Lynn believes that technology advances have allowed tire manufacturers to produce softer tires that are acceptable from a durability standpoint. Bill McCornack stated the concern that softer tires make karts more susceptible to tipping over. Dean Kossaras stated that there is also concern about the added stress placed on the vintage frames by the softer tires.

John Copeland asked if manufacturers have to ask to have their products put on VKA's acceptable list. The general replies were that VKA monitors the products and reacts to member's request in order for member's to have access to available products. Lynn pointed out that some of the tires currently on the VKA acceptable list are no longer available. It was agreed that no action is called for at this time.

TECH & SAFETY REPORT: - Director Lynn Haddock stated that he supports the tire survey discussed by Dean. Lynn wondered why a survey conducted by a promoter last year regarding a different subject was considered bad. Dean Kossaras stated that he (Dean) believed that the promoter's survey was biased, that the survey should have been sent to board for review, and that an approved survey should have been sent to all promoters. Lynn reiterated his belief that such surveys should only target the people who are involved in the affected class or classes.

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Gary Wlodarsky discussed the following items during his President's Report. Gary reported that support for the upcoming Barnesville event is on schedule. Gary has picked up the show award certificates and he will deliver them himself. A new banner will also be in place. Gary will not have VKA t-shirts there. Gary also reported that he has picked up a new banner for the Northeast region and that he will ship it to Skip Owen on Monday morning.

NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - Director Skip Owen reported that preparations are in progress for the upcoming show and that he is glad to have the new banner coming to him.



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SOUTH REGION REPORT: - Bob Barthelemy reported that he expects a high number of participants at the upcoming Barnesville event. He has received 56 advanced entries, 39 2-stroke & 17 4-stroke karts. The previous high number was 30 advanced entries followed by actual 104 entries. Bob reported that he making preparations to handle at least 150 entries. He stated that a local event will be held that Sunday following the VKA event and that he expects some 4-stroke karts to stay for the local event.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill reported that the combined April – May issue of the magazine is on schedule. The issue will contain an article by Dick Charest regarding the Enduro program and an article regarding the Northeast Region Promoter's Cup. Rolf expects to have results from the Barnesville event available for inclusion. Rolf stated that the issue will also contain a listing of the latest VKA board members.

ENDURO REPORT: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - President Wlodarsky opened the segment for discussion. Two significant topics were discussed.

New Business - Posting Of Publications (Electronic Versions):

Bill McCornack clarified his previous remarks about providing free t-shirts for new members and for membership renewals. Bill stated that his suggestion was intended to apply only if electronic copies of VKA publications replaced the current hard copy versions. His suggestion does not apply to the current hard copy only process.

Rolf Hill stated that his concept of electronic version posting was an "in addition" effort and that hard copies should still be offered to those who preferred them or did not have computer and internet capabilities. Rolf stated that currently electronic copies of VKA publications may be sent to members if they are greater than one year old. Rolf related the story of how new members who desire to learn about VKA history do not have convenient access to publications which are less than one year old. Rolf asked if a shorter waiting period should be considered such as 6 months which Rolf believed would be ok. Jeff Campbell disagreed stating that he believed a 6 month period was too short and that the delay should continue to be 12 months. Bill McCornack agreed with Jeff's position. Lynn Haddock pointed out that the 12 month delay made implementation simple. As each new issue is published the corresponding 1 year old issue would be posted.

John Copeland asked if VKA should consider offering electronic copies via email instead of by posting. The cost savings would depend upon the number of electronic and hard copies. Rolf Hill stated that there were some members who said that they preferred to receive hard copies because they considered the publications to be "treasures" (their words). Bill McCornack said that he was concerned that some people who received the email copies would forward email copies to their friends which would reduce the incentive for the recipients to join VKA.

John Copeland: Moved that posting of electronic copies of VKA publications which are at least one year in arrears be permitted.

Lynn Haddock: Seconded the motion.

President Wlodarsky: All in favor of the motion say aye, opposed say nay, there were no nays, the motion passes.

John Copeland suggested that a notation be added to the website stating that access to VKA publications was a privilege for VKA members but that past copies are available for convenience.

New Business - Election Of Executive Director:

This position is currently vacant following the resignation of Scott Klingler. Bill McCornack stated that he and Scott have been handling related issues on the side while the search for Scott's replacement has been in progress.

Bill McCornack said that he had talked to Skip (John Owen) about the position and that he, Bill, was willing to be involved with helping Skip execute the duties of the position including training and general help.

Bill McCornack pointed out that the chain of communication and responsibility was from Executive Director to the Regional Coordinators to the Promoters. Rolf Hill mentioned the importance of having the 2019 schedule defined by October in order to have the schedule published in the December 2018 magazine.

Skip stated that he did not have a corporate background and that he did not know exactly what was required, but that he understood that the position involved year round effort, that he wanted to be more involved, and that he would accept the position if approved. Skip stated that he assumed that the position provided preferred parking privileges at events and automatic pole position assignments. He was told "unfortunately no", but that his volunteer salary would be doubled (to zero)!

Bill Bloodworth: Moved to accept John Owen as VKA Executive Director.

Lynn Haddock: Seconded the motion.

President Wlodarsky: All in favor of the motion say aye, opposed say nay, there were no nays, the motion passes.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:22 PM EDT.

Respectively submitted by Secretary Bill Bloodworth.