



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors 08 April 2018 Meeting Minutes
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Call To Order: President Gary Wlodarsky called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM EDT

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

Board Members In Attendance:

Gary Wlodarsky	President & Judging
Louie Figone	Vice President
Joe Swantek	Treasurer
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Lynn Haddock	Safety & Tech
John Copeland	
Sonny Gerber	
Skip Owen	
Jeff Campbell	Website

Board Members Absent:

Dean Kossaras	Rules
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Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA FirsTurn Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance
Sal Palatucci	Northeast Region Coordinator

SYNOPSIS: There are 411 total members, 369 full members and 42 associate members. The ending March balance is \$22,889.53 which reflects revenue of \$3,067.50 and expenses of \$207.10.

Two actions at the recent Barnesville event observed and deemed unsafe by Gary Wlodarsky, spurred a lengthy safety related discussion. While it was agreed that enforcement of safe driving is the promoter's responsibility, it was decided that VKA should draft a non-individual specific letter to promoters addressing VKA's concerns by listing the types of unsafe actions which have occurred at recent events. The letter will be consistent with actions taken for similar circumstances which have occurred during the past few years. Posting to the VKA website of electronic copies of VKA magazines that are at least one year old is in progress. It was noted that event photos posted to a Facebook account may not be usable by VKA because of format and download time issues. The preferred transfer method is to use Dropbox. Skip Owen has assumed the Executive Director's duties and Skip ask that regional coordinators contact him with their questions and comments. Skip reported that VKA was well represented at the recent Northeast Motorsport Exposition with a varied display that included six karts. Skip stated that unfortunately the first year expo was not well attended with possibly only 200 attendees. Rolf Hill announced that Cary Thomas has agreed to assume the VKA Editor's position following Rolf's departure at the end of the year. Rolf and Cary will function as co-editors for the remainder of 2018. Rolf thanked the board for their support during his fund raising calendar effort.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Gary Wlodarsky expressed concern with one individual's actions at the recent Barnesville event. Gary reported that twice the individual who apparently did not like the way that the starts were being conducted, intentionally jumped the start some 50 feet by pulling to the left and passing other karts. The individual was not black flagged for either occurrence. Gary said that he did talk to the individual afterwards and that the person just said that he did not like the way the starts were going. Gary said that he did not talk to Bob Barthelemy at the time that the actions occurred because Bob was extremely busy. Gary said that he was concerned from a safety standpoint, especially in light of a different safety incident involving the same individual which occurred at a previous New Castle event. Gary asked what we as a club could do. Rolf Hill suggested that a letter be written to the promoter or promoters. Issuing such a letter would let the promoters know that the club was aware of the incidence and would document the club's safety concerns. Rolf believes that enforcement of safety rules is the promoter's responsibility.

John Copeland suggested that the letter state that failure of the promoter to conduct a safe event as identified in the VKA Guidelines could jeopardize their ability to conduct future VKA scheduled events.

Jeff Campbell agreed that a letter should be written. He suggested that the letter not be tied to one person, but that the letter be generic and target all unsafe actions. Jeff believes that the letter should encourage safety and the use of the black flag when unsafe actions occur.

John Copeland did draft a safety letter during the meeting and by the end of the Treasurer's Report, John had emailed the draft to the board members.



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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone continued the discussion about safety. Louie agreed with Jeff's suggestion that the letter be kept generic. Rolf Hill stated that while the individuals would not be named, the actions could be identified including wrong way driving, steering column problem, and not using a neck safety collar. Gary agreed that not naming names would be a good idea.

Louie mentioned that a few years ago, there were safety related concerns involving actions by a different individual and that a letter was issued stating that the individual should not be allowed to participate in events for one year. Lynn Haddock asked who had issued the letter. There were various opinions as to whether the action was by VKA or by promoters. Louie initially stated that he thought that then VKA President Bill McCornack wrote the letter. Joe Swantek said that as an event promoter, he had received the letter and that while Joe was not sure about what appeared on the letterhead, Joe was sure that he had received an advanced phone call from Bill McCornack explaining to Joe what was contained in the letter. Rolf Hill disagreed about the source of the letter stating that he thought that the letter had been agreed upon by promoters. Louis stated that on further thought, Rolf might be correct. When someone asked why VKA couldn't draft a letter warning an individual, it was pointed out that VKA does not have the authority to ban someone from an event. Only promoters can decide who participates in an event. Bill McCornack did not attend tonight's meeting so he will be contacted after the meeting as part of an effort to establish the source of the letter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that he released the February 2018 minutes for review Sunday 04-08-18. Now both the January 2018 and the February 2018 minutes have been distributed for review. Revision 01 of the January minutes incorporates comments received from Rolf Hill. After a brief discussion it was agreed that additional time would be provided for review. Email responses were requested and at Rolf Hill's suggestion, by the upcoming Wednesday.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 411 total members, 369 full members and 42 associate members, a net change from last month's levels of plus 13 full members plus 3 associate members. This month's membership includes 8 new full members and 2 new associate members plus 10 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. The 36-month extended membership option is at 79 full & 7 associate members, an increase since the last meeting of 3 full members and 1 associate member. Total funds involved are \$7,715. It is suggested that for the month of April, \$4,455 be held in reserve for future expenses.

5 full memberships and 2 associate memberships expired at the end of March.

7 full memberships and 0 associate memberships are expiring at the end of April.

The regional distribution of memberships (snowbird adjusted) is:

Midwest:	169 full	21 associate
Northeast:	60 full	8 associate
South:	55 full	5 associate
West:	76 full	8 associate
International:	9 full	

Mailing address information was adjusted to reflect the home address of those temporarily away from home.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Director Joe Swantek stated that his review of the financial figures released by Jim Donovan looked good. Joe noted that Jim had reported that the bank balance was an all-time high. Jim confirmed such was the case. Jim Donovan then reported the financial results. The figures are:

Ending February 2018 Balance: \$20,029.13.

Revenue: Total \$3,067.50, Membership: \$2,140.00, Track Contribution: \$272.50 (Barnesville), T-shirts Sales: \$640.00 (Barnesville & Riverside), Patches: \$15

Expenses: Total \$207.10, Misc Printing (awards): \$157.10, Registration Renewal: \$50.00 (State of Nevada)

Ending March Balance: \$22,889.53.

Louie Figone: 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.



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WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell reported that he has been working with Rolf Hill to implement an archive area for the electronic copies of past magazines. Jeff stated that Rolf has posted most of the intended issues but there have been loading problems with some of the PDF files. Jeff also reported that the Administrative System which he, Jeff, had crashed has now been fixed and that Rolf can resume use of the system. Jeff said that loading of the Riverside photos remains to be done. When asked about the photos from Barnesville, it was reported that the photographer who took photos at the event has them posted on a Facebook site. A brief discussion about problems with this approach followed. Rolf noted that the photos posted to a Facebook site may not be in a format usable by VKA. Jeff Campbell stated that the site may have hundreds of photos and that not all of them are needed. Also there is a time constraint issue since the photos have to be downloaded one by one. It was noted that one photographer who places a lot of photos on a Facebook site also places photos in Dropbox for VKA's use. Dropbox is the preferred method of transfer of photos to VKA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Skip Owen who has just assumed the Executive Director's position reported that Bill McCornack has been working with him to bring him, Skip, up to speed. Skip stated that he has the list of responsibilities sent by Gary Wlodarsky plus the package from Bill McCornack and that he would go from there. Skip said that he recently sent out an email to let people know that he was still alive. Skip requested that the regional coordinators contact him if they need something or have comments to provide.

RULES REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras was absent. Rolf Hill reported that he had not yet received information from Dean regarding CIK scoring so that the scoring portion of the guidelines is still pending.

TECH & SAFETY REPORT: - Director Lynn Haddock stated that he had nothing to report. Gary Wlodarsky asked Lynn if Lynn performed any tech inspections during the Barnesville event. Lynn replied that he had informed Bob Barthelemy that he had his tools with him but that no inspections were ever requested.

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Gary Wlodarsky reported that there were 46 show entries at the Barnesville event. While mobility limitations resulting from a last minute change in the location of the show may have impacted participation, some very nice equipment was displayed in Gary's opinion. Gary reported that about 4 or 5 of the 4-stroke karts participated and that there were certificates for 2 of them. Gary stated that he has certificates prepared for the upcoming Fremont event and that the Nicholson event certificates are being prepared by the Northeast region.

NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - Director Skip Owen stated that things are quiet at this time. Skip reported that the recent exposition was not well attended; Skip estimated that there were maybe 200 visitors. Skip noted that this show, the Northeast Motorsport Exposition, was a new show and that the previous well attended shows were the Carlisle show which had expired. Skip said that he felt good about the VKA karting display which his team had assembled. There were a variety of karts, six in all. Rolf Hill asked if Skip had photos and if Skip wanted to create an article for the VKA magazine. Skip replied yes and that he would send Rolf a package in the near future. Sal Palatucci stated that he was excited about the upcoming Nicholson event which would be a first time event for the track.

SOUTH REGION REPORT: - none

NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill reported that he still intends to send the combined April – May FirstTurn issue to the printer this week. There will be the articles previously reported including introduction of new VKA board members Sonny Gerber and John Copeland.

Rolf then reported that Cary Thomas has agreed to assume the VKA Editor's position upon Rolf's departure at the end of the year. Rolf said that he and Cary will be Co-Editors beginning with the June – July issue. Louie Figone stated that Cary would be a great asset and that Cary loved to write.

Rolf thanked the board members for their support during his fund raising Calendar effort and briefly discussed the fund raising success that his family has had.



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"SONNY GERBER' REPORT": - There was a brief amount of joking about the fact that Gary had skipped over the "Sonny Gerber Report". Sonny picked up the ball and stated that he had nothing to report. Sonny did say that he thought John Copeland's just distributed draft letter regarding safety looked good.

ENDURO REPORT: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - President Wlodarsky opened the segment for discussion. There was none.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM EDT.
Respectively submitted by Secretary Bill Bloodworth.