



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors 20 May 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:

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| Gary Wlodarsky | President & Judging |
| Louie Figone | Vice President |
| Bill Bloodworth | Secretary & Membership |
| Joe Swantek | Treasurer – Joined During Rules Report |
| Dean Kossaras | Rules |
| Sonny Gerber | |
| Skip Owen | Joined During President's Report |

Board Members Absent:

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| Lynn Haddock | Safety & Tech |
| John Copeland | |
| Jeff Campbell | Website |

Guests present:

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| Rolf Hill | VKA FirsTurn Newsletter/Magazine |
| Jim Donovan | Finance |
| Sal Palatucci | Northeast Region Coordinator |
| Bob Barthelemy | South Region Coordinator – Joined prior to the Treasurer's Report |
| Cary Thomas | Future VKA FirsTurn Newsletter/Magazine |
| Rick Keller | Northeast Promoter's Cup Co-Coordinator |

SYNOPSIS: There are 432 total members, 385 full members and 47 associate members. The ending April balance is \$22,687.47 which reflects revenue of \$1,394.00 and expenses of \$1,596.06. President Gary Wlodarsky appointed VKA Director John Copeland VKA Enduro Director. The board approved removal of CIK option wording from the tentative guidelines scoring section. The board approved Bill Bloodworth's use of CertainSafe for storage of the latest versions of Bill's files at no cost to VKA in order to provide continuity in case of an emergency. Rolf introduced Cary Thomas who will assume the editor's duties beginning in 2019. Rolf identified the need to define the best way for transferring pictures to Jeff and Rolf. Gary reported that Fremont first time event participation was affected by weather. Sal reported that the Nicholson first time event was successful with a noticeably nice interface effort by club president Joe Widner. Dick Charest reported that the next 3 enduro events with vintage classes are Summit Point WV, Lexington OH, and Danville VA. Rick Keller discussed a rules infraction, the use of non-conforming equipment, which occurred during the Nicholson event, but was not identified until days later because rain forced cancellation of heats 2 and 3 prevented tech inspections. While the infraction was confirmed post event, promoters felt that removal of points would not be the best action two weeks after the event. While the board agreed that this was a promoter's issue, some felt that removal of points would send the proper message. It was agreed that in the future it would be strongly stressed that under ordinary conditions, the use of non-conforming equipment would result in disqualification.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Gary Wlodarsky announced that Rick Keller was here to discuss a recent issue that arose following the Nicholson event. The issue will be discussed during the Rules report. Rolf Hill stated that the scoring section of the guidelines regarding CIK vs Motorcross remains an open issue. Dean Kossaras said that the related math issue is a "nightmare" and he suggested that the Motorcross recommendation be left as it was. Rolf asked if the CIK wording could be removed. Dean pointed out that a vote put it in so a vote would be needed to remove it. Skip Owen logged in during this discussion thereby providing the needed quorum.

Dean Kossaras: Moved to remove the CIK wording leaving only the motorcross statement.

Louie Figone: Seconded the motion

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



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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone stated that he had nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that he had received 5 approvals via email for the March meeting minutes.

Sonny Gerber: Moved to approve the March meeting minutes as distributed.

Dean Kossaras: Seconded the motion.

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

Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that he had received 4 approvals via email for the April meeting minutes.

Sonny Gerber: Moved to approve the April meeting minutes as distributed.

Gary Wlodarsky: Seconded the motion.

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

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility that tradition was responsible for the lack of unanimous email response.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 432 total members, 385 full members and 47 associate members, a net change from last month's levels of plus 16 full members plus 5 associate members. This month's membership includes 14 new full members and 3 new associate members plus 7 additional full members and 2 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 85 full & 9 associate members, an increase since the last meeting of 6 full members and 2 associate members. Total funds involved are \$8,345. It is suggested that for the month of May, \$4,855 be held in reserve for future expenses.

5 full memberships and 0 associate memberships expired at the end of April.

9 full memberships and 5 associate memberships are expiring at the end of May.

The regional distribution of memberships (snowbird adjusted) is:

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| Midwest: | 171 full | 21 associate |
| Northeast: | 65 full | 9 associate |
| South: | 61 full | 9 associate |
| West: | 79 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 did not log on until later in the meeting. Jim Donovan reported the financial results. The figures are:

Ending March 2018 Balance: \$22,889.53.

Revenue: Total \$1,394.00, Membership: \$1,045.00, Track Contribution: \$129.00 (Fremont), T-shirts Sales: \$20.00, Northeast Promoter's Cup: \$200.00 (to hold).

Expenses: Total \$1,596.06, Magazine Printing: \$1,118.20, Postage: \$245.76, Misc Printing: \$232.10 (banners & awards).

Ending April 2018 Balance: \$22,687.47.

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

Gary Wlodarsky: Seconded the motion.

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

Jim Donovan questioned the purpose of the \$200 donation from the Northeast region. Sal Palatucci stated that it was an anonymous donation to be used to reward the Northeast Promoter's Cup winner. The purpose of the award is to promote attendance and participation. In the end, the \$200 would be a gift from VKA and VKA would receive credit. The promoters intend to draw names from a hat and each track will refund the drawn participant's entry fee from the promoter's funds. Rolf Hill asked why not have the \$200 come directly from the promoters. Sal said that they did not want to merge the two sources and entangle VKA. The anonymous donor wants VKA to receive credit for the donation.

Dean stated that Richard Swantek is ill and that Jeff Brown has reported that the California contingent will not attend the New Castle event.



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WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell was absent. Rolf Hill stated that he has asked Jeff if the website link which has been used to upload files is working now. That link was once the main method of transferring pictures but due to a past problem it had not been used for some time. Rolf stated that there is the need for a better way to inform people of the proper method to use for transferring pictures; the link if it is working; otherwise they should use Dropbox. Rolf stated that during the new business section, he intends to discuss the possibility of VKA establishing a Dropbox account if the upload link is not working. The need for that decision will depend on the status of the upload link.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Skip Owen reported that he has discussed with Rolf the timeline for establishing 2019 event dates and that Rolf's deadline is 15 October.

RULES REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras began this segment with a discussion brought to the board by guest attendee Rick Keller, co-coordinator of the Northeast Promoter's Cup series. A non-conforming clutch was used by a participant in one of the Yamaha classes during the recent Nicholson event. Ordinarily the infraction would have been easily detected during the normal tech inspection process and the participant would have been disqualified. However, the event was interrupted after the first heat due to rain. When it was eventually decided to cancel the remaining heats, people had already packed their equipment and a tech inspection was not performed for the Yamaha class.

A few days after the event, the possible infraction issue was raised by another participant. Pictures of the kart taken at the event clearly showed the improper clutch. The participant admitted using the clutch, but claimed that he did not know that it was illegal, that he thought that the rule had been changed. Rick stated that at last year's Sandy Hook event, the participant had been told by Rick that such equipment was illegal.

Rick said that it was desired to take some kind of action but that it was felt that doing so two weeks after the event would be unprecedented. The initial thinking was to take points away, but it was decided that doing such would not be the best approach.

In response to questions, Rick stated that the item was a steel nitro clutch. Dean Kossaras stated that equipment used should be historically correct and that the steel nitro clutch was not "vintage". Dean stated that there is an advantage to using the clutch since the steel nitro clutch does work better with the port timing of Yamaha engines. It was reported that there were nine entries in the class and that this participant won the class "walking away".

The Nicholson event was the first in the planned four event Northeast Promoter's Cup series where the best three results are considered for each participant.

Dean stated that tear-downs were not wanted, just bore and stroke measurements at the most. Dean stated that the addition of a series where multiple events are included was not anticipated when the guidelines were formulated, but that regardless this is a promoter's issue. Dean believed that points should be taken away. Dean stated that when points are taken away participants tend to get the message. Dean suggested that another possible option would be to give all participants the same points. Bill Bloodworth asked if the results of this event should be thrown out.

It was suggested that if points are not taken away, it needs to be made clear that the action was illegal and that the participant would have been disqualified if tech inspection had been conducted.

Rolf asked what should be put in the magazine regarding the results. Rick said that he would send Rolf a reply Monday. Rolf asked Rick if Rick had seen John Wolkiewicz's write-up. Rick replied that he had not but that he knew John.

Regarding Barnesville, Dean asked Bob Barthelemy if Bob had found the tire surveys taken at Barnesville. Bob replied that an extensive search was performed and that they had not found them. Dean said that he was hearing that a lot of people do not want to see the rules changed. Bob said that he got the same impression from the surveys which he saw as they were submitted.

Dean also mentioned that safety violators have to be confronted at the time of the occurrence. Bob said that next year he will discuss that need with the flagman.

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



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JUDGING REPORT: - Director Gary Wlodarsky reported that Fremont had just hosted their first VKA event. There were 15 show entries. Due to the weather, prior to the show, a lot of people had loaded their equipment and did not want to unload it. It rained very hard at 4:00 am Saturday and mid-morning the temperature was only in the upper 40's.

Sal Palatucci reported that the Nicholson track also hosted their first VKA event with 38 registrants and 60 sprint event entries. It was a tier I event only. He believed that at half of the registrants had at least two karts with them. Sal estimated that about 1/3 of the entries were not VKA members. There were good reports regarding the track. Sal thought that the track was fascinating. Sal heard someone remark that it was a driver's track. Sal reported that the club president Joe Weissner delegated his duties so that he could mingle with the attendees; a nice effort on Joe's part. Sal reported that on Saturday, he saw at least 8 little kids with their parents. Sal said that even though it sprinkled late Saturday, he believes that everyone was happy with the event.

Gary Wlodarsky asked about the pace of the event. Sal said that he wasn't sure. Skip Owen said that he thought that there might have been 5 minutes delays here and there, but that he did not hear any complaints.

NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - Director Skip Owen stated that the previous discussion covered his items. Sal Palatucci stated that there are now three Northeast Promoter's Cup events remaining.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill introduced Cary Thomas who will assume editor duties full time beginning in 2019. Cary has volunteered to create the post-event write-up for the Springfield event.

Rolf reported that John Wolkiewicz has written a nice article on the Nicholson event and that Rolf intends to use it. Rolf stated that John is good with a typewriter and that he intends to discuss asking for help from John in the future.

Rolf stated that he plans to release the next FirstTurn issue to the printer on 11 June.

Rolf reported that he attended the Fremont and Chestertown (Nicholson) events, but that he does not plan to attend the Springfield event. Gary Wlodarsky reported that he also will not be attending the Springfield event and that he has sent his items to Paul Booth. Bill Bloodworth asked who the proper contacts are for this Springfield event. It was suggested that the same people be copied as were copied last year and that Paul Booth also be copied. Bill stated that he will copy Paul Booth, Al Burkett, and Tom Tapocik.

SOUTH REGION REPORT: - Bob Barthelemy reported that on 9 June Barnesville will host a one day only vintage 4-cycle event. Bob is expecting between 35 and 40 4-cycle karts to return for this event. While the primary focus will be 4-cycle karts the event will also be open to vintage 2-cycle karts. Bob plans to have 2 classes for the 2-cycle karts, 100 cc rear and 100 cc sidewinder. AKRA rules will apply to the 4-cycle classes and VKA rules to the 2-cycle classes.

ENDURO REPORT: - Rolf Hill read the following report sent by Dick Charest.

So far this year there have been four enduro kart events in which there were classes for vintage karts. The first was the WKA race at Daytona between Christmas and New Year's. This year the weather was awful, cold and rainy. When the weather cleared, they shortened practice and the races to get the event in. Participation in the vintage races was quite low.

The second event was the WKA race at Roebing Road near Savannah, GA. Participation was much better at this event with the vintage karts running late morning. However rain came in on Saturday afternoon and washed out the rest of that day's races. With Barnesville only five days later, the vintage karters did not race on Sunday.

The third event was a Woodbridge Kart Club race at the Shenandoah Circuit at Summit Point, WV. Participation in the vintage classes was pretty good at this event. Shenandoah is a very tight and twisty circuit. I raced this track for the first time with a modified sprint kart and really enjoyed it. I think it would be difficult to race this track in a lay down enduro kart.

The fourth event was the WKA race at Atlanta Motorsports Park near Dawsonville, GA. Unfortunately participation in the vintage classes was low at this event. The vintage karts ran late morning and I don't think any vintage karts participated in the Sunday races.

The next event with the vintage karts is the AKRA race at Michigan International Speedway in Belding, MI on May 19-20. That is this weekend so I do not have any info on that event.

The next three upcoming enduro events that have classes for vintage karts are:

- the June 1-3 WKA race at Summit Point Raceway, Summit Point, WV
- the June 15-17 AKRA race at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH and
- the July 20-22 WKA race at Virginia International Raceway, Danville, VA

Unfortunately, the race at Mid-Ohio conflicts with the VKA event at New Castle.



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NEW BUSINESS: - President Wlodarsky opened the segment with a discussion regarding John Copeland and the enduro director position. Since John was not present tonight, Gary wondered if the board should wait until John was in attendance to discuss the position. Sonny Gerber stated that he knew that John Copeland was willing to accept the position. Dean Kossaras pointed out that since John was already a director, Gary as president could just appoint John to the position; no vote required. Gary then appointed John Copeland to the position of VKA Enduro Director.

Dean Kossaras asked Joe Swantek if Joe planned to attend the New Castle event. Joe replied that he would not be able to make this year's event.

Bill Bloodworth reported that he has created an account on the secure CertainSafe remote storage site. Reviews report that the site uses encryption processes that do not allow site personnel to access stored files. Bill proposed that his account be used at no cost to the club for backup storage of key VKA files which Bill creates. Bill also proposed that one VKA director be designated to have guest access to the files. Bill suggested that VKA President Gary Wlodarsky would be the proper person to have guest access.

Dean Kossaras: Moved to accept Bill Bloodworth's proposed use of CertainSafe for storage of VKA files.

Louie Figone: Seconded the motion.

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

Rolf Hill wanted to "plant a seed" for future consideration. Rolf suggested that in the future, the Treasure's report and the membership report be posted on the VKA website. Bill Bloodworth asked Rolf what Rolf had in mind that was not already contained in the minutes. Rolf stated that he liked the format of a spreadsheet. It was agreed that any posted information should not contain member names. Bill stated that the Word document which is used to fill in the email membership report could be modified to show only summary information. Bill also reported that he has initiated calculations to estimate future planned publication costs. No action was taken at this time.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:13 PM EDT.

Respectively submitted by Secretary Bill Bloodworth.