



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
 Board of Directors 08 July 2018 Meeting Minutes
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Call To Order: President Gary Wlodarsky called the meeting to order at 8:03 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
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Dean Kossaras	Rules
Lynn Haddock	Safety & Tech
John Copeland	Enduro
Sonny Gerber	
Skip Owen	Executive Director

Board Members Absent:

Joe Swantek	Treasurer
Jeff Campbell	Website

Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA FirstTurn Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance
Sal Palatucci	Northeast Region Coordinator – joined with meeting in progress
Bill McCornack	PR
Karl Ginter	

SYNOPSIS: There are 434 total members, 392 full members and 42 associate members. The ending June balance is \$22,509.65 which reflects revenue of \$740.00 and expenses of \$1,249.50. The estimated cost of printing and mailing future publications is \$6,683 total, \$3,083 for 12 month members and \$3,600 for 36 month members.

Bill McCornack reported that at the end of the year, Scott Klingler plans to step down as Midwest Region Coordinator. Bill plans to serve in that position for 2019 as well as continue his PR duties. John Copeland reported that the Mid-Ohio Enduro event had 28 vintage entries who participated in the three vintage classes. John stated that AKRA treats vintage participants well. Dean Kossaras is monitoring participant age data in the Yamaha Piston Port class in order to assess the possibility of splitting the class. Lynn Haddock said that all he proposed was to let the Yamaha limited hard tire equipment participate in the over 60 class. Bill McCornack said that he has received a lot of push back from McCulloch guys who just do not want to run with Yamahas. Lynn said that there are several over 60 people who run Yamaha equipment because it is less costly and that they want to drive with participants their age and not the other Yamaha entries. Bill McCornack suggested that the Yamaha class be split with a staggered start for the older drivers. John Copeland suggested that as a trial, the older Yamaha drivers be allowed to run in the current over 60 class entry fee free, but without being scored. Dean liked that idea and in response Lynn said that he would try to have a Yamaha kart and a driver available for the Camden event.

Bill McCornack initiated a discussion regarding how much tech should be performed for the Yamaha classes. Lynn said that according to the *Guidelines*, a full WKA tech could be performed. Lynn said that however, a full tech is not always performed and that there is never an indication given as to what will be done. The rules permit as little or as much as the promoter chooses to do. Bill McCornack stated that we ask the promoter how far to tech, how many places and that it is up to the promoter to punish violators.

Bill McCornack reported that the Brodhead event enjoyed nice weather and that Marshall Fairman and his staff ran an excellent event. Sonny Gerber complimented Bill for his part in the well run event. Bill said that attendance was down probably because the event began on July 5th and because the event followed close behind the New Castle event.

Gary Wlodarsky reported that show participation was down at the New Castle event. He reported that the Brodhead event had 75 sprint entries and 57 show entries. Gary added that Jack Murray, Brian Espeset, Randy Duncalf, and Jim Donovan judged the Brodhead show and that he, Gary, was just an *innocent* bystander!

Rolf Hill raised the possibility of having a survey to assess the interest in providing members with the option to receive electronic versions of current issues instead of hard copies. Lynn Haddock asked if there would actually be a cost savings. Bill Bloodworth said that he would have to make some parametric runs to determine how cost would be affected as a function of various electronic/hard copy mixtures. Bill said that he believes that the biggest unknown is what affect the option would have on membership levels.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Gary Wlodarsky reported that Bill McCornack was very helpful at the Brodhead event. Gary also thanked Jim Donovan for helping with the show judging effort.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone stated that the 2019 Riverside event dates were firm and that 2019 event dates are January 31 thru February 2. Louie said that he now working to secure a block of rooms.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that he is very close to having the May minutes ready for release but they have not yet been released.

Bill stated that he has not started to work on the June minutes.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 434 total members, 392 full members and 42 associate members, a net change from last month's levels of plus 11 full members and 0 associate members. This month's membership includes 11 new full members and 1 new associate member plus 2 additional full members and 0 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 87 full & 9 associate members, a change since the last meeting of plus 2 full members and no associate members. Total funds involved are \$8,535. It is suggested that for the month of July, \$4,755 be held in reserve for future expenses.

2 full memberships and 1 associate membership expired at the end of June.

6 full memberships and 0 associate memberships are expiring at the end of July.

The regional distribution of memberships (snowbird adjusted) is:

Midwest:	175 full	16 associate
Northeast:	66 full	9 associate
South:	64 full	10 associate
West:	78 full	7 associate
International:	9 full	

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

Bill mentioned that in response to Rolf previous suggestion that the detailed membership activity report be posted online, Bill has created a summary version which does not identify individual members.

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

Ending May 2018 Balance: \$23,019.15.

Revenue: Total \$740.00, Membership: \$670.00, T-shirts Sales: \$70.00,

Expenses: Total \$1,249.50, Magazine Printing: \$1,074.50, Misc Printing: \$175.00,

Ending June 2018 Balance: \$22,509.65.

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.

Bill Bloodworth reported that the current estimated costs for printing and mailing planned future publications are at least \$3,083 for 12 month members and \$3,600 for 36 month members, a combined total of \$6,683.

Someone asked to verify the number which had been previously quoted regarding publication expenses per member. It was stated that publication expenses are about \$24 per member per year. Lynn Haddock asked when would be the proper time in the year to discuss raising the VKA membership fee; should we wait until the end of the year. Although VKA membership is no longer an annual membership beginning at the first of the year for everyone, no definitive answer was given.



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RULES REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras reported that at the Brodhead event Bill McCornack ran the tire and over 60 surveys. Bill stated that he did not tabulate the results but rather mailed them to Dean for his analysis. Dean said that from what he has seen so far, no one wants to change the sportsman sidewinder class tire rule.

Bill McCornack did report that he has the participant age information which Dean requested for the Yamaha piston port light and heavy classes. Bill stated that the ages ranged from 31 to 62. The breakdown is as follows:

30's age group - 2: 31 & 37

40's age group - 2: 46 & 48

50's age group - 3: 55 & 57 & 59

60's age group - 4: 60 & 60 & 61 & 62

Dean said that he wanted to see how many over 60 entries there are in the Yamaha class to see if there are enough over 60 to justify splitting the class. Bill McCornack said that he doesn't think that there are enough at this time. Dean agreed that they need to continue to monitor class participation.

Dean said that he had heard that Jeff Brown might run some form of an over 60 Yamaha class at the Camden event and Dean is concerned how it might be received. Lynn Haddock asked why so many questions are being asked regarding his proposal to allow Yamaha limited karts to participate in the over 60 class. Lynn said that he has heard discussion of all kinds of combinations when all he wanted to do was add the limited Yamaha engine. Rolf suggested that the questions were necessary to know exactly how it would work and what the issues might be beforehand. Dean pointed out that he is getting feedback plus currently most of the Yamaha participants are under 60.

Bill McCornack said that past participation in the over 60 class at Brodhead had been slim, but that this year participation was good. In talking to this year's participants Bill found that most of the "McCulloch guys" just do not like the idea of being side by side with a Yamaha kart.

Lynn said that he is building 3 Yamaha limited karts for next year for older guys who are done with McCullochs because of costs. Lynn said that these are older guys with Yamahas who don't want to run with the other Yamahas; they want to run on hard tires with drivers their age. Bill suggested that the over 60 Yamaha limited participants continue to run with the other Yamahas but that they be given a one-half oval staggered start.

John Copeland pointed out that while a good running McCulloch should beat a Yamaha limited kart, not all over 60 McCulloch entries would necessarily fare as well. John suggested that for the rest of the season, Yamaha limited drivers over 60 be given free entry in the over 60 class and that they not be scored as a way to make the McCulloch participants feel less threatened. Bill McCornack pointed out that we would be telling promoters what to do and Bill thinks that the McCulloch participants would still be opposed.

Dean said that he liked John's idea and wondered if Lynn could have a kart ready to try at the Camden event. Lynn said that he will start tomorrow, but the availability of two drivers is questionable because of their existing commitments. Dean stated that if he were still promoting an event, he would have a separate class and trophies. Lynn said that that might be Jeff Brown's logic for the Camden event. Bill McCornack said that he still prefers the same class, staggered start approach. Lynn said that he liked the idea of having a trial in the current over 60 class and that he might try to borrow a kart and stick someone in it.

Skip Owen asked Rolf if he had an idea of how many in the Northeast Region participate in the over 60 class. Rolf pointed out that there is not an over 60 class at any of the Northeast Region events. Skip said that he was 59 and that if he had the proper tires he was thinking that he might give it a try.

Dean said that he will be watching for the info which Bill has sent.



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TECH & SAFETY REPORT: - Director Lynn Haddock said that he had nothing to report.

Bill McCornack raised a tech inspection issue. Bill said that at the recent New Castle event Jeff Brown had asked Bill to do tech for the Yamahas. Afterwards, one person expressed concern to Bill that the tech effort did not go far enough, that Bill did not perform full WKA inspections. Bill said that because VKA doesn't do full teardowns, he performed four procedures, bore & stroke, 950 carb check, visual port inspection, and head cc's check. Bill said that he needs to confer with Lynn to determine what else he should be doing.

Lynn said that according to the *Guidelines*, a full WKA tech could be performed. Lynn said that however, a full tech is not always performed and that there is never an indication given as to what will be done. The rules permit as little or as much as the promoter chooses to do. Lynn said that you don't want to tell in advance what you will tech. Lynn pointed out that if a person chose to break the rules assuming that a full tech would not be performed and they were caught, they would sit out, period.

Bill McCornack stated that we ask the promoter how far to tech, how many places and that it is up to the promoter to punish violators. Lynn suggested that it might be time for VKA to have an opinion. Lynn believes that if the penalty was a three event ban, that we might have less of an issue. Dean stated that we don't want VKA to have the legal issues of a sanctioning body, but that we could encourage promoters to put teeth in the rules. Dean mentioned that because of legal concerns, VKA has a two million insurance policy to cover board member liability.

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At this point, Bill McCornack reported on the recent Brodhead event. Bill stated that the weather was wonderful and that there were 75 sprint entries and 6 practice only entries. Attendance was down probably due to the closeness to the New Castle event and the closeness to the July 4th holiday. The Brodhead event began on July 5th. Lynn Haddock agreed that the closeness to New Castle hurts attendance. Bill said that they will pay closer attention to the 2019 dates.

Bill said that he was told that there were two entries above the 1988 limit, but that he did not catch them. Bill reported that there were no injuries. However one person did fall out of their seat while in a tight turn. Another participant lost their brakes but was not injured. Apparently their kart had been in storage for a long period of time and there was a problem with caliper seals.

Bill said that the 50/50 raffle was very successful. They printed 200 tickets and sold all of them at \$5 each. VKA will receive a \$500 check. Bill said that the prizes were very good, 1st was a McCulloch engine, 2nd was a drill press, 3rd was an electronic ignition, and there were three cash prizes. Jim Donovan received the outstanding vintage karter award, Butch Stewart received the farthest distant traveled award, and Kirt Gustafson at age 72 received the oldest participant award.

Sonny Gerber complimented Bill on it being a well-run event. Bill pointed out that Marshall Fairman has the same excellent staff each year which contributes to the event being well-run.

Bill added that three 4-cycle karts attended the event. Bill said that only 4 C-open karts and 1 B-open kart participated. Bill mentioned that there were 19 different trophy plaques and that B & C open participants received special Midwest Championship plaques. Bill said that of course they repeated their previous champagne celebration, that it was a good show and a lot of fun.

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Gary Wlodarsky reported that show participation at the New Castle event was light; there were 44 entries. Gary reported that the Brodhead event had 75 sprint entries and 57 show entries. Gary said that pictures of the event would be coming from the photographer there. Gary added that Jack Murray, Brian Espeset, Randy Duncalf, and Jim Donovan judged the Brodhead show and that he, Gary, was just an innocent (???) bystander!

Bill Bloodworth asked Gary about small VKA stickers (decals) suitable for placing on karts (as opposed to the bumper/trailer stickers). Bill had been asked by a new member about their availability. Gary replied that the ones which he has have the phrase "show winner" on them as well as the date and location of the appropriate show. Gary says that he treats them securely and that he doesn't sell them. The stickers are about 2.75" by 1.25". There was a brief discussion about the possibility of having some made without the show information.

Rolf Hill suggested that we also obtain the price of the patch size VKA decals. Gary stated that he had quite a few of those and that they do not include the "winner" phrase. Gary will include a couple in a letter that he intends to send to Bill with payment from shirt sales. Lynn Haddock said that he will get quotes on the purchase of both sizes.



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WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell was absent. Rolf Hill said that Gary had mentioned that there were two bogus topics on the forum. Rolf passed the information to Jeff and they appear to have been removed.

Rolf stated that Mike Morrall did a fantastic job of getting Brodhead event pictures to him and that Rolf forwarded the link to Jeff. Rolf stated that now Jeff has created an additional link which Rolf questions. Rolf has sent an email to Mike asking for clarification. Bill McCornack stated that there are two groups of Brodhead pictures, a small group for the magazine and a larger group for the website. Gary Wlodarsky stated that according to Mike, the Brodhead show pictures are also in the smaller group. Bill McCornack said that he will contact Mike and ask Mike to call Rolf.

Rolf stated that his personal Dropbox account was almost full. He suggested that we might look at the cost for an extra Dropbox account to be paid for by VKA. Jim Donovan asked how long the pictures are usually saved. Rolf replied that he begins deleting “things” when his account is nearly full and that the last deletion activity was three months ago.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: - Skip Owen reported that according to Louie, the 2019 Riverside event dates are firm. Louie added that it has always been the first full February weekend. Skip continued that Bob Barthelemy’s South Region dates and the Northeast Region dates are tentative.

Bill McCornack reported that at the end of the year Scott Klingler is stepping down as Midwest Region coordinator. Bill said that he will assume those duties in 2019. Bill will also continue his public relations activities.

ENDURO REPORT: - Director John Copeland reported that the Mid-Ohio event had 28 vintage entries and that there were three vintage classes each day on Saturday and Sunday. John said that he sent an event report to Rolf. Rolf edited John’s report and then provided John with the intended magazine draft which John says looks good.

John stated that Mike Flagel ran his “Mean Machine” C-open kart at the event and that it was definitely a highlight. John added that AKRA treats vintage participants well.

John said that the next event which he plans to attend will be in September; the Beaver Run event in Pittsburg.

NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - No one from the Northeast Region had anything else to report.

SOUTH REGION REPORT: - No report.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill reported that the next issue will contain reports for four events, New Castle, Brodhead, Avon, and Quincy, plus an enduro article. Rolf plans to release the issue to the printer on Monday 08-13-18. Rolf explained to Bill Bloodworth that the reason for the August date is that this issue will be a combined August – September issue. There will not be a standalone August issue as was done in 2017.

NEW BUSINESS: - President Wlodarsky opened the segment for discussion. Rolf raised the question regarding distribution of electronic copies of current magazine issues. Rolf pointed out that electronic copies of issues 12 months old and older are posted on the VKA website. Rolf mentioned the possibility of doing a member survey to assess the interest for receiving current copies electronically.

Dean Kossaras stated that he doesn’t like the electronic version; he prefers to have a hard copy. Rolf mentions that some members do not have computers and an electronic copy would not be an option for them. Therefore there would need to be both a hard copy option and an electronic copy option.

Regarding costs, Lynn Haddock asked if there would actually be a cost savings. Bill Bloodworth stated that we must mail a minimum of 200 hard copies at a mailing in order to receive the bulk rate discount for that mailing. Bill said that he would have to make some parametric runs to determine how costs would be affected as a function of various electronic/hard copy mixtures. Bill stated that in his opinion, the unknown is whether or not the availability of current electronic copies would result in a decline of paid VKA memberships.

In response to Bill Bloodworth’s question regarding file download from CertainSafe, Gary said that his IT support had not yet had time to help him.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:21 PM EDT.
Respectively submitted by Secretary Bill Bloodworth.