

## **VKA Board Meeting – January 09, 2022**

**Call To Order:** President John Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:17pm

**Roll Call:** Jim KammueLLer called the roll with the following results

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

John Copeland

Louie Figone

Gary Wlodarsky

Bob Barthelemy

Jim KammueLLer

Bill McCornack

Skip Owen

Deo Curts

Kurt Bogerman

### **Board Members Absent:**

Joe Swantek

Lynn Haddock

### **Guest Present:**

Rolf Hill

Len Emanuelson

Sal Palatucci

### **President's Report:**

President Copeland addressed the board and stated that he is excited to be here and about the team he has here, as this is his first meeting as President of VKA and asked for everyone to be respectful towards one another, and to please not talk over each other.

### **VP Report:**

L. Figone advised he is working on the Riverside event, there has been an uptick in COVID cases in the area and he is keeping an eye open regarding the status of the event.

L. Figone asked L. Emanuelson to check the date of the Riverside event on the VKA website and verify the date is posted as Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. L. Emanuelson advised will check it and correct if incorrect.

### **Secretary's Report:**

J. Copeland advised the November minutes have been approved via email votes.

The December minutes have been sent out for review comments and suggested changes.

J. KammueLLer advised he is working to increase the entries in Class 3 and Class 4, groups A and B.

He has been working with B McCornack and L Haddock, Class 4 Group B to clarify some rules, which will be discussed in the Tech/ Rules section.

Discussion took place regarding composing an agenda for the meeting items. J Kammuler advised he will be happy to do that. Board members are to send their meeting items to J Kammuler to add to the meeting agenda and agenda will be sent out to all board members the day of, prior to the meeting.

### **Membership report:**

D. Curts advised hard copies of the membership report went out both to J. Copeland and G. Wlodarsky, both J. Copeland and G. Wlodarsky confirmed they have received their thumb drives.

D. Curts advised she has also sent out the 4 regional directors regarding their zone membership information.

Membership count for each zone was provided to the board. Zone 1: 123, Zone 2: 145, Zone 3: 341 and Zone 4: 137 Total Members: 746

D Curts advised that when she sent out the 2022 schedules and membership application to the people who were about to expire, 62 people returned their memberships using the return envelope provided so far.

D Curts updated the board regarding the swap meet, Bill Stockdale is bringing a Chaparral twin 101 kart for the booth, J Copeland id bringing a Banner and she is working on a slide show to bring to display.

S. Owen and K. Ginter will have a booth beside hers and will be selling parts.

B McCornack advised he will be dropping T-Shirts off to her for the show.

L. Figone requested at the end of January to receive a membership report for the Riverside event for registration.

B McCornack requested that instead of using zones 1-4, that most people on the call do not know what regions 1-4 are, and that we refer to them as South, West, Northeast and Midwest.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

J. Swantek is not currently on the call.

President Copleand advised that the treasurers report was sent out prior to the meeting via email for the board to review and has been approved via email vote.

#### **Public Relations:**

G. Wlodarsky advised that it has been mentioned that the VKA needs to look out for its future and membership. It was mentioned to him that we allow all the Juniors to run in 2022 with no registration fee, they would need to be VKA members, but the registration fee for them would be waived in 2022.

J. Copeland advised that the participant would still need to buy a pit pass in order to be covered under the insurance.

A long discussion took place among the board, on different options to support the promoters and possibly provide a discount on entries for the junior classes. President Copeland suggested that G. Wlodarsky and B. McCornack, reach out to the promoters and get their feed back in order to provide a motion for the February meeting.

#### **Website:**

L Emanuelson made sure that everyone received the email he sent regarding needing additional space for the website, for all the archived information. He advised that the VKA website is currently at 20GB and could increase it to 40GB or could change to unlimited storage for less a month but would include a change over fee to change host an get a unlimited storage. The current renewal is renewing the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month.

L Emanuelson, advised the forum is not working, no one is oking members, but it needs to be reviewed and he needs some support as they are not familiar with forums, and they have used the most popular forum hosting service out there. G. Wlodarsky advised he knows someone who has a forum and will get him in contact with Len.

L Emanuelson advised they need to train up a few people for website back up. J Kammuller advised he would be interested in being trained. R Hill advised he can help in posting flyers etc.

L Emanuelson advised that he is disappointed in the lack of content to post on the website. He has reached out to people and they need more members contributing. J Copeland advised he has some technical articles he has written and will get that information over to him to trickle in when he needs it.

**Event Directors:**

B McCornack reported he has sent out all the VKA contracts out to the regional directors and his promoters and has received most of them back.

**Enduro Report:**

J Copeland advised he was at Daytona and there were not that many entries in the enduro events.  
Piston Port: 9 Open: 7 and Twin: 1.

**Rule and Guidelines:**

B McCornack advised he had a conversation with L Haddock and he is ok with changing the Class 4 group A class back to the way it was in 2020, to run rear karts only as there are only rear karts to be in that class, an error was made in 2021 that allows side winders in and that needs to be corrected. Side winders will still be run in group 4B only.

Motion made by J Copeland: Class 4A correct mistake, to allow only rear eligible karts to run in the class.  
Call for vote: All in favor Motion passes

**Judging and Shows:**

K Bogerman is working on the printing of the show certificates, the certificates should be at his place shortly. Stickers should be arriving shortly as well.

K Bogerman asked if he could be included on the list of promoter information as well, so he knows who to contact if needed. G Wlodarsky clarified that the certificates should go to the regional directors and not to the promoters directly. B McCornack advised he will get with K Bogerman for the regional directors information.

**Regional Reports:**

Mid-West: B McCornack advised he has sent out the promoter's package to the Mid-West Promoters and most of them have come back.

Northeast: S. Owen- advised not much going on in the Northeast, he has also sent out the promoters' packets and has not received any back at this time.

South: B Barthelemy – advised he has received the promoters' packages, but has not mailed those out as of today, but they will be going out shortly. B. Spaude advised that for the year 2022 he will not be hosting a vintage event, but would like to be kept in mind for 2023. He is working on the flyer and registration form for Jacksonville and will get that out to everyone soon.

Testing at the Barnesville track has begun and everything seems to be going well and a few small corrections need to be made before anyone can race on it.

West- L Figone advised everything is good and he has nothing to report at this time, just getting ready for Riverside.

**Old Business:**

B McCornack advised in the December meeting it was discussed reimbursing the promoters for EMT/First responders expenses up to \$300 after the event w/ the form of a receipt for 2022.

Motion made B McCornack: Make available up to \$300 to promoters to help pay for EMT's/First responders' expense after their event and must provide a receipt for reimbursement.

Seconded by: L Figone

Discussion and Clarification took place.

Call for vote: All In favor Motion passes

J Copeland asked the board if they wanted to discuss another tabled item, which is the VKA Hall of Fame. After a long discussion among the board, it was decided to table the topic again until the February meeting to allow for a little more fact finding into nominating potential recipients.

**New Business:**

Motion made by L Emanuelson to switch to a website new hosting plan that has unlimited storage, charges are \$19 a month/ \$228 a year, plus a \$150 change over fee. The website would be down for 24 hours while the switch over occurs.

Seconded by B McCornack.

After some discussion L Emanuelson explained the current website is slowing down because it is about at max capacity, with the unlimited plan it would speed it back up and allow for additional content to be added.

Call for Vote: All in Favor Motion Passes

-This motion has been ruled Out of Order and is consequently void. The Board will reconsider this question at the February meeting and, if properly introduced by a voting Board member, be voted on at that time

R Hill complimented President Copeland on a job well done running the meeting regarding the Old/ New business sections.

J. Kammular asked for clarification on how the changes/ correction to Class 4A will be communicated to the members since the Guidelines for 2022 have already been approved. It was discussed that the error correction would be noted on Facebook, the website and the promoters will be notified of the correction to the error.

President J. Copeland adjourned the meeting at 9:46pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier