

## **VKA Board Meeting – February 20, 2022**

Call To Order: President John Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:05pm

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

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

John Copeland

Joe Swantek

Gary Wlodarsky

Deo Curts

Bill McCornack

Louie Figone

Lynn Haddock

Jim KammueLLer

Skip Owen

Kurt Bogerman

### **Board Members Absent:**

Bob Barthelemy

### **Guest Present:**

Sal Palatucci

Rolf Hill

Len Emanuelson

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

John Copeland addressed the board that he feels that the OVKA swap meeting was a great investment for the VKA.

President Copeland stated he wanted to address the emails that were discussed among the board regarding the difference and wording of demonstration and racing. President Copeland stated that VKA does not have rules but rather has Guidelines that promoters use when hosting our vintage kart demonstration events, and that the promoter and/or track owner is responsible for providing insurance coverage for the event.

### **VP Report:**

L Figone provided a run down on Riverside. Joe S. did a great job at the drivers meeting. He is currently working through the paperwork that needs to be submitted, that include 11 membership applications and payments. Saturday on track demonstrations had 52-53 entries. Louie counted 113 karts in the pit area, some being there for practice, kart show and social event on Friday. He feels that is was a good event and everyone went home happy.

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

President Copeland advised the Meeting minutes were approved via email.

### **Membership report:**

Deo advised she has 203 memberships that have expired, and she has sent out postcard reminders for Feb/ March. 539 memberships are in good standing and active. Deo advised PayPal still has some hiccups and has been working with Crystal.

Deo provided a report on OVKA Swap meet, the weather was pretty snowy, everyone loved Bill Stockdales kart, she gave out a lot of schedules and business cards and sold a good many shirts.

Gary Wlodarsky wanted to thank Deo for making in through the bad weather and the support that she provided VKA and she did a great job.

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

President Copeland advised the treasurers report was approved via email vote prior to the meeting and asked if anyone had any questions for Joe?

President Copeland advised that he has been made aware that B. Bloodworth has outstanding invoices, and would it be fair to ask him to submit his invoices and to give him a deadline? And he would like to get this cleared up to balance the VKA books. B. McCornack advised he would give him a call and speak to him regarding submitting his invoices/expenses for reimbursement and will report back once he speaks with him.

#### **Public Relations:**

G Wlodarsky advised he had a long conversation with B. Reis, track manager at Batavia regarding VKA's wanting to have an event at his track and will pass the contact information over to S. Owen at this point for 2023.

G. Wlodarsky is going to reach out to the Chamber in Jacksonville regarding getting the Jacksonville event publicized.

#### **Website:**

L. Emanuelson advised he's working on the coverage for Adams right now, and should have that up the middle of the week. And will be working on the Jacksonville event.

When the VKA moved over to the new hosting site, they went in and tried several captcha programs in order to reduce the spam the forum had been receiving and believe they found one that worked fairly well.

He and Crystal are freshening up some photos in the rotators on the webpage.

Crystal is working on a date to hold a class/ information session on how to work on the website for those who had volunteered and expressed interest in wanting to learn.

#### **Event Directors**

B. McCornack advised the first event of the season is complete, which was Riverside. Next up is Jacksonville, Fl March 3-5, 2022.

#### **Enduro Report:**

President Copeland advised there is no Enduro report at this time.

#### **Rule and Guidelines:**

L Haddock advised he has already redone the wording for class 4, and class 18. The only thing he is waiting on is possibly change the junior age.

J. Copeland wanted to verify that class 4B was also updated, as well. L Haddock advised that it had been and also sent the revised changes to B McCornack for review and B McCornack advised he approved.

#### **Judging and Shows:**

K Bogerman advised he has nothing to report at this time.

### **Regional Reports:**

B McCornack advised Mid-West is pretty quiet at this time. He has received the awards for the Mid-West tracks, from K. Bogerman they all look great and will be sending them out this week to his promoters.

S Owen advised he has nothing to report at this time.

B Barthelemy is currently not on the call.

L Figone advised he has nothing additional to report at this time.

### **Old Business:**

President Copeland advised the first item he has on old business is the Vintage Karting Hall of Fame or some variation of. He has spoken to J. Brown and he is open and has invited the VKA to submit recommendations for nominations for Hall of Fame. J Brown currently has four names he is considering and President Copeland asked if anyone has anyone they would like to recommend.

Howard Combee was recommended by Joe Swantek as being one of the greatest karters in IKF. Deo's suggestion was to reach out J. Brown and recommend Howard as a recommendation/consideration for the Hall of Fame.

President Copeland asked the board if there is anyone else, anyone would like to recommend?

B McCornack, advised he has a few names, but needs to make sure they are not already on the list of Hall of Famers. President Copeland advised that this will be tabled until the next meeting.

R Hill advised that there is a FirstTurn out there that has the names of the Hall of Famers and L. Haddock asked if he could find that and send it out to everyone.

Second item was website hosting that has already been resolved last month.

Last item under old business was class 4, which has already been resolved.

L Haddock asked if the difficulty of signing up for the forum has been resolved. L Emanuelson advised that the forum activity has been low, and not sure if that is due to the difficulty people expressed. L Haddock asked if there could be some sort of directions published on how to sign up. L Emanuelson advised he will come up with some sort of cheat sheet and send it over to R. Hill for posting on Facebook.

### **New Business:**

President Copeland advised there has been a recommendation to change the Junior drivers age, and asked L. Haddock to continue this discussion.

Motion made by L Haddock to change the Junior age to 8yrs old.

Seconded by L. Figone

Discussion: B. McCornack advised he has spoken with several people and would consider the age of 9, but 8yrs does concern him. L Haddock advised that he has seen some 8yrs old run higher speeds in different series that what they run in VKA and he feels that that is not a concern for him.

President Copeland asked if an 8yr old might have some advantages over a 14yr old as far as a safety aspect? B McCornack responded regarding the lack of experience between the 8yr old and the 14yr old going into a turn at the same time.

Discussion continued among the board.

President Copeland asked form L. Haddock to restate his motion.

L Haddock advised he wants to move the age of Junior from 10 to 8 yrs. old.

President Copeland called for a vote:

J. Copeland: Yes

L Haddock- Yes

L Figone: Yes

B McCornack: No

J. Kammuller: No

K. Bogerman: Yes

J. Swantek- Did not hear his vote as someone spoke over it

S. Owen: Yes

D. Kurts: No

G. Wlodarsky: Yes

Motion Passes

President Copeland asked L. Haddock to update the guideline to reflect the age change of Juniors from 10yrs old to 8yrs old.

L. Emanuelson suggested making a news announcement regarding the age change and include that the entry fees will be waived for the Junior class for 2022. B McCornack clarified that the Junior driver will still need to pay for the pit pass and meal ticket, it would just be the entry fee waived at the event.

L Haddock asked if all the promoters are ok with this entry fees being waived. B McCornack advised he can't see how there would be an issue if the promoter is not out that entry, if VKA will be the ones covering the cost. President Copeland asked B. McCornack to make sure all promoters are aware as we move into the next event at Jacksonville. B McCornack advised he will make sure everyone is aware.

President Copeland asked if anyone has any new business or any thing to say for the good of the organization?

L Haddock advised he will send everyone a new PDF of the Guidelines reflecting the changes.

R Hill advised he had just sent everyone the June/July FirsTurn Hall of Fame issue.

President Copeland thank everyone for their time and contribution to VKA adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:09pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier