

VKA Board Meeting – May 15, 2022

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

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland

Jim Kammuehler

Gary Wlodarsky

Skip Owen

Lynn Haddock

Kurt Bogerman

Bob Barthelemy

Deo Curts

Joe Swantek

Board Members Absent:

Louie Figone

Bill McCornack

Guest Present:

Len Emanuelson

President's Report:

President Copeland addressed the board that the season is starting to swing into its busy portion, the first Midwest event is this weekend in Springfield, and after that is the big show in New Castle.

VP Report:

L. Figone is currently not on the call.

President Copeland advised the April 2022 meeting minutes were approved via email votes.

Secretary's Report:

J. Kammuehler advised that he will not be able to attend the May and June events in the Midwest region.

Membership report:

D. Curts updated the board, as of April 22nd, Active membership is 517.

J. Swantek had asked for a backup of the membership file, and he confirmed he had received it.

D. Curts has been gone for a week and she will go back into PayPal and check the mail in order to get the current list for Springfield registration and out to the designated contacts for the Springfield event.

Treasurer's report:

J. Copeland advised the treasurer's report was approved via email vote prior to the conference call.

J. Swantek stated he is happy to see that the PayPal account issue has been resolved.

Public Relations:

G. Wlodarsky reported, he does not have anything to add as far as public relations.

He will be attending as many events as he can to support the VKA.

President Copeland advised he has been seeing information on social media regarding the upcoming Springfield event and asked G. Wlodarsky if he has been in contact or is working with Jeff Brown on the New Castle event. G. Wlodarsky stated not specifically and if anyone has suggestions on how to promote the event to bring more people to the event. President Copeland advised he would love to see if they could get some sports coverage from the local news out there and will work on getting a contact information to Gary to follow up on.

Website:

L. Emanuelson advised the Jacksonville race coverage has been posted on the Website and once they get some photos, they will post the Barnesville event.

Crystal has been working on the tutorial presentation for the forum and just completed that an hour before the call. He will send that information out shortly after the call. Since the spam filters have been adjusted there are currently no pending member request as of today, the spam filters seem to be catching the bogus request. Crystal has been approving the request once she determines they are actual people and that has been about 2-3 people per week.

L. Emanuelson advised he feels the organization does a pretty good job of promoting the events on the social media websites but feel that they could also be promoted in the news section of the website.

Event Directors:

B. McCornack is currently not on the call

Enduro Report:

President Copeland advised he does not have anything to report at this moment for Enduro report.

Rules and Guidelines:

L. Haddock advised he does not have anything at this point, G. Wlodarsky had mentioned perhaps a little modification maybe in order for clarification on the straight axle sidewinders class, but that will be on the agenda to discuss in the fall for the rules meeting.

G. Wlodarsky advised he has received several calls regarding the straight axle side winder class that does not want to run the current package. G. Wlodarsky asked the board for permission to conduct a survey at the events he will be attending, to see what the individuals in that class would like to do, as far as bringing another engine options or "run what you bring". President Copeland advised he does not have a problem with conducting a survey and see what the competitors are interested in and would like to see the class grow. J. Kammuller advised he would be happy to help Gary with the survey at the events he will be attending.

Judging and Shows:

K. Bogerman advised he currently does not have to report at this time, but hopefully in two weeks after he judges a show he will have a report.

Regional Reports:

S. Owen advised he has the flyer for Lafayette and it was posted a couple of weeks ago, he is still a few weeks out from his first event as well.

B. Barthelemy advised he needs to get pictures captioned and a write up to L. Emanuelson this week.

L. Emanuelson advised that what struck out to him was the low show participation and asked for B. Barthelemy's take on that. B. Barthelemy advised, most people at Jacksonville seemed more interested in the demonstration side of the event than the show side. He felt about the same was true for

Barnesville, but there was a larger crowd at Barnesville and a little more participation in the show. There were 86 entries at Barnesville and 13 entries in the show. Discussion took place among the board regarding some trends they have seen and ideas on how to get people to participate in the kart show, such as encouraging people to enter to show off their nice looking karts. L. Haddock advised he believes when you have the kart show also matters, trying to do the show in the middle of the event, when people or working on their karts to get them ready to race plays a role as they are less interested in the show.

S. Owen agreed some people just need a little encouragement, reminders and promoting it during the event.

Old Business:

President Copeland advised the only thing that was under old business was the forum update, and L. Emanuelson has already updated on that earlier.

New Business:

President Copeland advised that S. Owen had sent out some design ideas for new T-shirts and asked if S. Owen would like to discuss that.

S. Owen advised he had received a call from Kent asking if the VKA was going to be ordering any shirts this year and Kent had sent him the design idea, that had been done several years ago, but on a small scale and the VKA logo can be added to it, and he advised Kent he would present it to the board. G.

Wlodarsky advised the VKA only has a handful of shirts left.

J. Swantek advised he doesn't have a problem spending money on a new graphics and new T-shirts but does not like the idea of recycling something that has been done before.

L. Haddock asked "why do we have to limit to one? "

J. Copeland asked how the process of ordering and designing new T-Shirt works. S. Owen gave a description of how the process works.

G. Wlodarsky also gave his input on ordering shirts in the past. He will reach out to Kent and see if they can come up with a couple of design ideas.

B. Barthelemy advised he spoke to Leo from Waco, Texas, and they advised it was too late for this year to get them, on the schedule but would like to explore the opportunity for next year.

L. Emanuelson asked if all the promoters had received the guidelines on how to submit their race coverage to VKA, and asked if everyone received it?

G. Wlodarsky asked where the membership minutes were located on the website? L. Emanuelson advised that Crystal had not received them. L. Haddock advised that they had been sent a few months ago when it was noticed they were not on the website. G. Wlodarsky advised he is currently on the website and found them under the Organization tab.

G. Wlodarsky asked L. Emanuelson if the minutes could possibly have its own tab and easier to find. L. Emanuelson advised that he would be able to do that.

President Copeland adjourned the meeting at 8:56pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier