

VKA Board Meeting – July 10, 2022

Call To Order: President John Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:06pm

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland

Joe Swantek

Gary Wlodarsky

Kurt Bogerman

Bill McCornack

Lynn Haddock

Jim Kammueler

Board Members Absent:

Skip Owen

Louie Figone

Deo Curts

Bob Barthelemy

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill

Len Emanuelson

President's Report:

President Copeland advised that New Castle was a huge event, however; it brought up a few items regarding the promoters' package, such as making sure that individuals racing at the event are members of VKA, per the guidelines as well as racing in the correct class according to age. President Copeland advised he was open to suggestions as how to monitor these items at check in/ registration.

B McCornack advised that he will step up and take responsibility as he is the Event Director and will reach out to the promoters to make sure they are aware of the requirements and are monitoring and enforcing the guidelines.

R Hill presented to the board a recommendation that had been brought up in the past and that is the possibility of having a weekend pass, versus requiring a full VKA membership.

Discussion took place among the board on holding the promoters responsible for checking for memberships and adhering to the guidelines.

Another issue that has come up is not splitting of classes when there is a fairly large amount of entries in a class.

B. McCornack advised that he had run into this in the past as the promoter didn't want to add time to the timeline to split classes and had provided a few options to the promoter on not adding time to the timeline and was taken in consideration as the promoter did not want to change the timeline.

L Haddock asked what the appropriate number/ weight would be, if the promoter where to split the class. One comment was made that, that may just depend on the track size.

Discussion continued among the board on the weight split as well. When splitting a class should it be a set weight or if 14 people are in the class do you take the top 7 heaviest in one class and the lightest 7 in another?

J. Copeland advised that this is a topic that does needs to be discussed closer to the rules meeting in the fall, and asked for the board to think about the items discussed and would love to have everyone's input.

VP Report:

L. Figone currently not on the call.

President Copeland advised the June minutes were approved via email vote.

Secretary's Report:

J. Kammueler advised he had put a commercial in on the VKA Facebook page for class 3 and 4 and had a good response on class 4

Membership report:

D. Curts is currently not on the call.

Treasurer's report:

J. Copeland advised the treasurers report for July was sent out to the board for review prior to the call and was approved via email vote.

J. Swantek thanked G. Wlodarsky for the great work he has been doing as far as selling the VKA T-shirts.

Public Relations:

G. Wlodarsky advised that he enjoys selling the shirts and some of the prices for the larger Tshirts will be increasing.

G. Wlodarsky advised that he did go to Lafayette, mostly to sell T shirts. He did stop a Batavia to take a peek at the track and the owner was actually there and they drove the track. A lot has already been done and there are still some work that needs to be done, such as working on repairing the track. G. Wlodarsky did invite them to the Avon event.

B McCornack asked for Gary's opinion as to if he thinks there may be a possibility for an event next year. Gary advised that a lot has been done, but again some things still need to be completed such as repairs to the track and he hopes the timeframe works out. He feels the owners are committed to getting the track repaired and done properly.

R Hill advised he will pull his kart out of storage in order to attend the Batavia event.

Website:

L Emanuelson advised he is a little behind on updating the website and he is currently working on the Chesterfield event.

L. Emanuelson is waiting on getting some information from Jeff on the New Castle event.

L Emanuelson asked for feedback from Springfield captions and the website. There are pictures up without captions, and the promoter advised Len he currently didn't have time to caption the photos.

R Hill, asked if L Emanuelson had received the Camden flyer. L. Emanuelson advised that he has not seen that email, but he will go back and look to make sure he and Crystal received it and will get it up shortly on the website.

Event Directors Report:

B McCornack advised he will make a follow-up call to Jeff regarding the upcoming Camden event to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Next Midwest event is at Broadhead, and he will announce the next event after that which will be Quincy in order to promote that event as well. G. Wlodarsky advised he will be at Broadhead but will not be able to be there until Friday.

Enduro Report:

J. Copeland advised while the VKA was at New Castle, AKRA and Dart Kart had their event at Mid-Ohio with 700+ entries, 42 vintage entries, with 11 in vintage piston port each day, 9 each day in vintage open and 2 in vintage twin. Vintage open only raced one day.

The next ARKA event is at Nelsons Ledges.

L. Emanuelson asked if there is a picture of M. Schlager? J. Copeland advised he will reach out to their Mike or the photographer for a photo.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock advised he currently does not have anything at this time.

J. Copeland asked when the rules committee starts to meet. L. Haddock advised it usually starts meeting Mid September in hopes to have everything approved by November for the next years rules and guidelines. He likes to have everything compiled and updated in the Rules and Guidelines to be presented and voted on in the December Board Meeting.

Judging and Shows:

K. Bogerman advised he currently does not have anything at this time.

Regional Reports:

S. Owen is currently not on the call. He provided the following report via email to the board members prior to the call:

Layfayette was a 2 day event with lots of practice on Friday morning and early afternoon followed by 1 heat.

There were 29 entries spread out among the 5 classes.

Historic- 7 entries

Sportsman rear- 8 entries

Yamaha limited- 8 entries

4 cycle- 4 entries

6.1 foreign- 2 entries

There were 22 kart show entries.

Saturday morning we had 2 rounds of practice. Typically, at Layfayette we run 2 different track configurations. Short course for the rears and longer configuration for the sidewinders. During the first round of practice, rear engine karts had an opportunity to run the long course. Reviews were mixed with most preferring the short course.

We started the final 2 heats early to avoid the hot temperatures expected in the afternoon.

There were no on track incidents.

Rolf, feel free to add anything that I may have overlooked.

Midwest:

B. McCornack- Advised that he has been asked for the numbers/entries for the races and he will start working on that again after the Broadhead event. He has begun working in it and some of the information that the promoters send is almost coded and he must decipher their information, but he will begin working on that after Broadhead, as well as the tire pole.

Old Business:

J. Copeland the only old business is the unauthorized VKA T shirt sales and he has reached out to the person who had posted or forwarded some of that information regarding the VKA Shirts to website and was advised that he will be more vigilant as to what is posted in regards to the VKA.

New Business:

J Copeland advised he only had a question regarding the rule committee meetings and that was already answered earlier.

B McCornack advised he had a question about the weights and that has also been addressed earlier and he will wait for additional information for additional review/ discussion.

J. Kammueler asked L. Haddock when does he want questions to the rules committee and in what format do you want them in?

L. Haddock advised questions can be sent at any time and he will compile them and send them to the rules committee, but they will not go out to them until mid-September once the committee is formed.

L Haddock wanted to make a comment regarding rules and classes. He advised that it is very important for him to get the results of the races, but the sooner he receives the stuff the sooner he can start making suggestions on what he feels should happen and he makes his decisions and opinions regarding trends based on numbers and that's a good place to start and the sooner he can get the numbers the sooner he can reviewing and sending out suggestions such as consolidating classes.

President Copeland believes a lot of ground was covered tonight and appreciates everyone's input as it is extremely valuable to the organization and thanked everyone for contributing to the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:08pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier