

## **VKA Board Meeting – August 21, 2022**

Call To Order: President John Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:07pm

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

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

John Copeland

Lynn Haddock

Bill McCornack

Deo Curts

Jim Kammueler

Louie Figone

Kurt Bogerman

Bob Barthelemy

Joe Swantek

Skip Owen

### **Board Members Absent:**

Gary Wlodarsky

### **Guest Present:**

Len Emanuelson

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

President Copeland advised he had attended the events at Broadhead and Quincy, support at both events were strong. Broadhead attendance was up from 93 last year to 119 this year and the Quincy event was down slightly from 75 to 67.

The one thing he is hearing from participants, is trying find some kind of weight parity, and that will be discussed during the upcoming rule committee meeting. He also gets asked about the number of classes. He understands that some events there is a good number in a class and the next event there are few entries in that class. He encouraged the board members to encourage participants to go to more races and more events.

### **VP Report:**

L. Figone asked if he could have a separate meeting with B McCornack and J Copeland to discuss a conversation he had with a promoter to see what the VKA can offer them before scheduling a meeting with the organization. Discussion took place among the board members on how to approach the meeting.

President Copeland advised the July minutes were approved via email votes.

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

J. Kammueler stated they are seeing good interest and participation for class 4 A&B from both Broadhead and Quincy, and he is awaiting some information from Jeff to do the write up for Quincy and he will reach back out to him to request the needed information.

J. Kammueler also advised he has sent some information to both B McCornack and L Haddock for some proposed guidelines for 2023 regrading weight changes and would like to speak to them about that when the time comes. J. Copeland asked if he could also receive a copy of the proposed changes so when time comes it can be presented to the Rules Committee.

J. Kammueler wanted to verify the picture size for the Website needs. L Emanuelson advised that they can work with photos starting at 500k, for website posting purposes. Its when someone wants to print the photo from the website that's really when the quality/resolution of the picture comes into play.

### **Membership report:**

D. Curts advised the most up to date report membership report, is the Quincey race report which has 536 active members as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. She has six memberships in PayPal and one mailed in application to process since she is now back in town.

D Curts was advised there was a Facebook message that a member had not received his membership packet, she researched and showed the membership packet had been originally mailed in on July 20<sup>th</sup> and has sent another one out as a courtesy.

She will be sending out the membership list shortly to Jeff for the Camden event. J Copeland also asked to be included on that email as he will be there.

B McCornack advised he has spoken to Jeff regarding selling the VKA memberships at the upcoming event and has mailed a packet of information to him which includes membership applications and instructions on how to mail them back after the event.

D Curts did order some VKA membership cards and has spoken to B McCornack regarding ordering more patches. More patches have been ordered and will take about 5 weeks to come in.

VKA stickers need to be reordered and ask the board what stickers do we want to reorder, just the original stickers?

And is there a minimum number that needs to be placed? S Owen stated he would check and get an answer back to her, possibly by the end of the meeting.

B McCornack asked if she knew how many bumper stickers we had on hand? D Curts believes we have approx. 100 bumper stickers on hand.

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

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

J Swantek advised everything went well once the PayPal reporting was sorted out.

The outstanding invoice to West Valley has been sorted out as well.

D Curts advised she will reach out to the business card company for the invoice and get it over to Joe as soon as she receives it.

### **Public Relations:**

G Wlodarsky currently not on the call.

### **Website:**

L Emanuelson is currently waiting on information from New Castle to get that coverage up on the website. J Brown just sent him 20 pages of results prior to the call and hopefully will be able get that information and the pictures sorted out shortly for the article.

B McCornack advised he knows he is late getting the information to Len for Broadhead and he will work on getting that to him this week.

L Haddock stated that at some point we may need to express to the promoters that we need to get more information from them other than a pile of papers and a few pictures from them in order to create a story and provide coverage for their event at the expense of VKA. The promoters should have to provide some more structured information in order for VKA to run coverage for their event.

Discussion took place among the board on ideas on how to obtain information from the promoters in order to support their events but not put the burden on the VKA to create the coverage material.

Suggestion was made that the Promoters Package needs to be updated regarding this topic.

L Emanuelson advised Crystal is out this week, and when she gets back from vacation, they will clean up some things and get caught up on New Castle.

L Emanuelson asked if there will be any enduro coverage this year. J Copeland apologized that he has not had anyone do any coverage for the VKA this year for the enduro events. He will reach out to AKRA and see if he can obtain some information from them.

#### **Event Directors Report:**

B McCornack stated that he is a promoter for events and it is a tough job to get all the information together before and after the event, but the Promoters still need to get the information to VKA for their event in order to provide coverage and for a good article to be produced. He feels that the promoters are not reading the promoters package and discussion took place on how to change that, so they benefit from the support that VKA can provide.

B McCornack advised that he will be at Delmar and Whiteland events.

#### **Enduro Report:**

J. Copeland advised is relatively short. There seems to be continued support from AKRA for the vintage classes and seems to have a pretty solid following within AKRA.

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

L Haddock advised currently does not have anything at this time. He has only had one letter come in regarding suggested items to discuss rule changes for next year. His thought is to have L Emanuelson make a post on the website advising that if anyone has anything they would like discussed at the rules meeting to invite them to send in their suggestions.

B McCornack advised he does have a few items from promoters that he needs to forward to L Haddock for the meeting.

L Haddock stated at one time it was discussed about having unified award at the VKA events and asked where we stand on that in regard to sourcing awards, in order to be able to buy in volume and help the promoters on that cost savings. B McCornack advised he had taken responsibility on that and will continue to look into it and get some pricing.

L Haddock is getting the results from B McCornack the results from past events and is complaining it on a spreadsheet in order to get a snapshot of the year of entries per class.

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

K Bogerman advised he currently does not have anything on a national level. He was not able to attend Lafayette but was able to attend Avon and had a pizza party around the kart show that had 50 entries. 38 were rear engine karts, 2 minibikes and 10 side-winders.

L Haddock asked if there were some problems at that event were non-VKA members were able to race in the event? K Bogerman shared the conversation that he had with G Wlodarsky during the event with the board and the decision that was made at the track. B McCornack also shared his knowledge of the issue with the board and discussion continued how to keep this from happening again in the future.

#### **Regional Reports:**

Northeast- S. Owen gave a quick rundown of Avon which was a 3-day event- It rained Thursday, but the next two days were full of karting. There were 60 entries spread over 11 classes including 37 rear engine

karts. The check for the half and half has been sent to D Curts for deposit. A donation of 10 Redline gift cards were given to VKA which were also raffled off.

S. Owen advised that Kent just got back to him regarding the stickers- a minimum order of 100 and just let Kent know how many. D Curts advised she would like to order 300 original oval VKA stickers, and she is ok on bumper stickers.

Midwest- B. McCornack- advised he covered his section under his Event Directors report.

South- B Barthelemy advised he does not have anything at this time, just to ask L Emanuelson if he was able to take off the Bushnell event off the website. L Emanuelson advised he will double check.

B Barthelemy advised that will reach out to them and see if they are still interested in doing an event next year.

L Emanuelson provided an update, that they did not take down the Bushnell event info, but just updated it that it had been cancelled.

L Haddock advised that there was a post on the tracks/promoters website/Facebook that they will not be running a VKA event there next year.

West- L. Figone received a call that VKCA will be doing a similar magazine like VKA.

L Figone also advised that he received a call from a track that would like to have a VKA event next year and will be working on those details.

#### **Old Business:**

J Copeland advised that the board had already touched on this earlier in the meeting in regard to promoters not checking VKA memberships and wanted to update the board that New Castle had sent a copy of their entry sheets to him and he asked D Curts to cross check those with the current membership list and of the 19 entries that indicated nonmembers at time of entry- 16 of those joined at the track. He feels the three left over should be a non-issue at this point.

#### **New Business:**

None currently

President Copeland advised that he is continually humbled by the time, effort and contribution each of the board members makes and understands that it is a substantial contribution, and each appreciates everyone.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:22 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier