

VKA Board Meeting – January 08, 2023

Call To Order: President John Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:09pm

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland

Joe Swantek

Bill McCornack

Jim Kammueler

Lynn Haddock

Kurt Bogerman

Deo Curts

Scott Nagel

Skip Owen

Bob Barthelemy

Board Members Absent:

Louie Figone

Joe Swantek

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill

President's Report:

President Copeland advised the board that he has several things he would like to address.

He welcomed Scott Nagel to the board and is excited to have his perspective moving into 2023. He also wanted to thank Marty Westin for his interest in serving on the board, even though he did not receive as many votes as Scott, he should expect the VKA will be reaching out to him and will find a way to take advantage of his willingness to serve on the board.

President Copeland advised that everyone should be received the email from Kurt, and he would like to address some of the issues regarding some of the questions asked such as: Why do people belong to the VKA, How the VKA defines itself and why belonging to the VKA is important.

He proposed forming a small action committee to dive into these questions and come up with some action steps for the entire board to review at a future meeting. J Kammueler, K Bogerman, R Hill all volunteered. Copeland asked for all three to meet independently.

President Copeland addressed the open letter pinned by Tony regarding vintage karting races at Lafayette, and has a meeting scheduled with him to address that the VKA is still there to support him and address any issues he may have. As far as the schedule in the Northeast is concerned, the scheduled agreed to needs to proceed, and understands some are not on board with it, and he is open to discussion with promoters in the Northeast.

B McCornack- advised he sent out a email to some members of the board, but he feels that members needs to speak up to both organizations.

R Hill asked J Copeland if he had received the email he sent today? Explaining his thoughts regarding the tracks in the Northeast as being financial and a business decision. J Copeland advised he had and asked him to give his thoughts to the board. R Hill gave two suggestions on how to possibly improve the financial help the VKA can provide. Long discussion took place among the board.

Vice President Report:

L Figone is currently not on the call.

President Copeland advised December meeting minutes was approved via email vote.

Secretary's Report:

J Kammueler advise he has something for new Business

B McCornack advised J Kammueler may need to reach out to D Kossaras regarding the liability contract for the board's expiration date to ensure it doesn't expire.

Membership report:

Deo advised she had sent some membership numbers out to the board for their review.

The expired members that were discussed in the previous meeting, were sent self-addressed stamped envelopes, membership application and 2023 schedule.

Deo advised the board of the numbers of active members in each region.

Treasurer's report:

J Swantek is currently not on the call.

President Copeland advised Treasurers report was approved via email vote.

Website:

L Emanuelson is currently not on the call.

Event Directors:

B McCornack- advised that he is sending out VKA contracts out to the Midwest promoters.

And is organizing with K Bogerman, sending out show certificates for the first two events to ensure they get there on time.

B Barthelemy asked if he will need to complete a new contract for 2023? B McCornack advised he already has them.

Enduro Report:

President Copeland advised vintage turn out at Daytona was less than expected and not sure why.

There were 11 piston ports, 2 duals and only 1 vintage open.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock advised he has sent out 5 points that need to be updated, and would like to have them completed and updated after this meeting.

President Copeland asked if anyone has any comments regarding the changes?

L Haddock advised since no one has any issues, he will work with L Emanuelson on making those updates.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman advised he has been in contact with the printer for the show certificates and putting the graphic on the Cincinnati event. K Bogerman asked if there is a title that needs to be placed on the certificate. L Haddock advised that he will reach out to the promoter regarding a title. B McCornack asked to please let Kurt know the name of the event once he finds out.

Regional Reports:

B McCornack- Advised he feels he covered his part for the Midwest in the Event Directors segment, not much else to report at this time.

S Owen advised he does not have anything additional to add for his region at this time.

B Barthlemey- advised he doesn't have anything of major at this time, and feels he is pretty much good to go.

L Figone- not on the call.

Old Business:

President Copeland- addressed the board regarding appointment of new board members.

A secret ballot was conducted via email mail. The two Candidates Scott Nagel and Marty Westin and Scott received more votes than Marty and this is the official appointment of Scott Nagel to the VKA board.

The next item on the agenda is notification to membership of class participation and low-class entries. J Copeland advised he has sent out participation numbers from last year, and understands some people are concerned about sharing this information publicly. He posed the question to the board: How would they feel about excluding the race-by-race details but sharing the net changes from year to year in the form of percentages. The goal is to provide the members with some data to support the combining of classes.

B McCornack advised he is ok with releasing percentages but may need to be done by region. As the classes vary from region to region. J Copeland advised he will investigate the possibility of breaking it out by region.

L Haddock asked if we are a national event organization and we make our decision based on national information, why do we need to look at the information by region? B McCornack addressed by providing an examples of the classes that are favorable in some regions and may not be favorable in others, if you take a national average you maybe watering down the numbers.

New Business:

Deo advised she read an article regrading Art Ingles in a Rose Bowl parade. And asked if VKA will be making a new T shirt design this year? B McCornack advised the current VKA shirts are still selling what the VKA has. J Copeland advised there is a really cool picture of Art in a vintage kart and that would be a cool picture for a shirt and will reach out to Gary on designing a new shirt.

Deo felt the article had some interesting facts. L Haddock expressed this is why it is important to have an archive section on the website.

R Hill advised he has a lot of stuff on the International Go Kart month face book page as he has some interesting articles on there.

B McCornack advised maybe we can get a link put up on the webpage to the Facebook page.

Discussion took place among the board on the need of a karting museum, to preserve some of this information that everyone has, before it gets thrown out or disregarded. But it's a big undertaking and would require a lot of work and maybe at some time a committee can be put together.

President Copeland advised he is really interested in finding out, what motivates those who do not drive vintage karting to be part of the VKA and how do we make that experience better?
Discussion took place among the board on questions to ask in order to obtain some of this information.

Motion to adjourn made by B McCornack
Seconded by J Kammueler
Meeting adjourned 9:45pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier