

VKA Board Meeting – May 14, 2023 Minutes

Call to Order: President John Copeland called the meeting to order at approximately 8:07 pm EDT.

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland
Deo Curts
Jim KammueLLer
Kurt Bogerman
Skip Owen

Joe Swantek
Bill McCornack

Board Members Absent:

Lynn Haddock
Louie Figone
Bob Barthelemy

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill

President's Report:

President Copeland advised that Whiteland had their first event at new facility -minor hiccups that will be addressed. President Copeland also distributed an income & expense statement for 2022 and is working on one for 2023. These should help us make decisions going forward

VP Report:

Louie Figone was not on the call.

April Minutes:

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

Secretary's Report:

Jim KammueLLer recommended that the date for the Springfield, IL. VKA event be returned to the later May date as has been done in the past. April weather in central IL. can be dicey at times. Bill McCornack advised he is going to address this.

Membership report:

Deo Curts advised that 65 VKA members had not yet renewed their 2023 memberships. Postcards are ready to be sent but Deo needs to know if the membership fees will remain the same for 2024. President Copeland advised a decision will be made regarding any fee increase at the June Board meeting.

Treasurer's report:

President Copeland advised the treasurer's report was sent to the board members prior to the call for review, and was approved via email vote.

Public Relations: (position vacant)

Website: (new website manager was not on call)

Event Directors Report:

Bill McCornack reported that he and Ken Wooldridge were working with the Cincinnati track owner regarding the May VKA event on issues including attendance/revenue. Bill also reported that the light and heavy piston port classes were working well.

Enduro Report:

President Copeland advised he had nothing to report.

Rule and Guidelines:

Lynn Haddock was not on the call.

Judging and Shows:

Kurt Bogerman reported that he had a conversation with another board member who had been approached by two VKA members expressing interest to compete in categories that were not represented by the normal certificates, including dual engine sidewinders and engine displays. Kurt reminded the Board that, in the current awards packets, there is a certificate for "Best _____", and suggested that that certificate could be used in such instances. Several Board members suggested that other kinds of displays, including kart parts sculptures, technical displays, etc., could also be shown. Kurt foreshadowed the discussion of the Survey (see below) by mentioning that similar suggestions had been seen in the Survey responses. President Copeland encouraged Kurt to look ahead to 2024 and brainstorm about how VKA can reimagine the Kart Show.

Regional Reports:

Louie and Bob were absent and Skip had no events to report on. Bill reported that the Springfield event was excellent as the rain danced around the event dates and there were 72 entries.

Old Business:

Website: President Copeland indicated that we should send articles, ads, etc. to the new website manager for posting on the site to help generate increased use. The site looks very good and there is no longer a charge for our email service. President Copeland recently posted an article regarding the need for buyers of vintage karting equipment to be aware of scammers, unscrupulous vendors, sellers, etc. as this can happen in our sport as well.

Financial statements: As noted above, President Copeland is working on these for 2022 and 2023.

T-shirts: President Copeland requested a motion to proceed with the proposed T-shirt design and have the shirts ready in time for New Castle. Sizes to be offered will be carefully addressed as some sizes such as 4X do not sell well. Scott Nagel made the motion to proceed and J. KammueLLer seconded it. Motion passed.

New Business:

Member survey findings: Kurt Bogerman recapped the processes by which the Survey Committee created the Survey and captured the Responses. Kurt itemized the types of documents that were supplied to the Board prior to the meeting, and discussed the remarkable response rate, which was 44%, nationally. Kurt mentioned that we should identify actionable areas in the survey data and set goals based on that. Discussion was brief, however, given the volume of information, and the fact that Board members who were not on the Survey Committee had only received the documentation a few days before the meeting. Everyone was encouraged to review the survey results in preparation for more discussion at future meetings. Kurt emphasized that the survey results clearly indicate that our members want to be heard and we, as Board members, need to be responsive.

Increase in meeting transcription fee: President Copeland felt the \$25 increase in fee for this service were warranted (fees will now be \$175) and he requested a motion to approve this. J. KammueLLer made the motion and Scott Nagel seconded it. Motion passed.

Springfield event date: (see Secretary Report above)

Remarks for the Good of the Organization:

(None)

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:07 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by: Jim KammueLLer