

VKA Board Meeting – February 19, 2023

Call To Order: President John Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:04pm

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland

Bill McCornack

Lynn Haddock

Joe Swantek

Jim Kammuller

Joe Swantek

Kurt Bogerman

Scott Nagel

Skip Owen

Bob Barthelemy

Louie Figone

Board Members Absent:

Deo Curts

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill

President's Report:

President Copeland thanked everyone for joining the meeting and thanked the working group that was set up last month for their tireless efforts.

Copeland stated it has become clearer each day, that the VKA needs someone to take the lead regarding the public relation efforts. He has reached out to Romero Llamas and will help post content on Instagram. He feels there is a need to increase the presence on Facebook and Instagram and creating content. He appreciates the work that R Hill has been able provide, but would also like to ask the board to see what skills they may have to help contribute to this need and can review this next month.

Vice President Report:

L Figone advised Riverside went off great, weather was fantastic, but turnout was light. Pre-entry numbers were higher than last year, but not a lot of walk ups. Yamaha class had good turnout. People are putting together some great kart to come out and race. VKA picked up 12 memberships and he will send those to Deo for processing. There were 54 entries for the event.

B McCornack advised L Figone that he had sent him the form for EMT reimbursement to complete and send back when he has time.

B McCornack also confirmed that there were 4 entries in class six- 8.4 rear? L Figone did confirm that there were four entries in that class.

J. Swantek advised that there was a good turnout for the kart show. No accidents or incidents, which was nice. Good turn out in Yamaha class. L Figone had a good turn out at the social event.

L Figone advised he has the results of the event and will send them over to Crystal for posting.

The January minutes were approved via email vote.

Secretary's Report:

J Kammueler advise he currently does not have anything at this moment but has something for new business, when discussing the survey results.

Membership report:

Deo currently not on the call.

Treasurer's report:

J Copeland advised treasurer report was approved via email vote.

J Swantek advised he currently does not have anything to report at this time, and thanked everyone for reviewing the report and approving.

Website:

L Emanuelson is currently not on the call.

Event Directors:

B McCornack stated he is currently compiling the information and mailings for the upcoming events for the promoter's packages.

K Bogerman will be sending out B Barthelemy's awards for his upcoming two events directly to him.

B McCornack has put up two event flyers and has been reaching out to other promoters to get their event information, in order to get it up on the website and social media accounts.

B McCornack advised the board that the program that was in place for 2022 season, regarding the Jr Class and EMT support is still in place for 2023.

R Hill advised the board that Facebook has changed the way user can upload and add documents to the platform. They used to allow PDF's and now it seems they will only accept them in JPEG, so if the promoters could send the flyers over in JPEG, that would be extremely helpful.

Enduro Report:

J Copeland advised he currently has no information for the endro report.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock advised he currently has nothing at this time.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman advised he received the awards back from the printers and will be sending them out shortly to Bill, other than B Barthelemy's which he will be sending out on Monday.

K Bogerman asked who would like to receive the Bakersfield's package? J Swantek advised it can be sent to him.

J Swantek advised he does not have anything for Kurt, but forgot to add that quite a few shirts were sold at Riverside. 23 or 24 shirts were sold.

J Copeland advised that the booth at OVKA went well. G Wlodarsky and S Nagel manned the booth. Scott brought a twin-engine kart to put in the booth, which generated a lot of interest. J Copeland advised that he sent a few membership applications and T Shirt money to Deo.

S Nagel advised next year he would like to take an information sheet to hand out regarding the VKA, who they are and what they do. R Hill also advised passing out or including the event schedule.

Regional Reports:

B McCornack-advised that only 2 of the 8 Midwest events has flyers up on line.

B Barthelemy has his flyers complete for the Southeast events. He will be mailing out the packages to the eight Midwest promoters shortly.

B Barthlemy- advised he has received six advance entries forms in for the Jacksonville event and has more advance parking request. Workers are in place for the event and are good to go, and will be having a BBQ meal., and other than a few last minutes things they are ready for the event.

S Owen advised there is a date change for the Nicolson event from the first weekend in May to June 15-16th weekend. J Copeland asked if S Owen had received his email regarding notifying him if Nicholson would be willing to change their date, as it falls on the same weekend as New Castle. S Owen advised he may have overlooked it.

L Figone- advised he currently does not have anything to report at the time

Old Business:

President Copeland advised the first item he has under old business was the summary of participation sent out to the board and whether those numbers should be posted for the members to also review. Some discussion had taken place before and if this should be something to share with the members of should remain an internal document.

B McCornack asked if this information would be posted region by region? J Copeland advised it would be region by region.

Discussion took place among the board regarding the pros and cons for posting this information.

Motion made by J KammueLLer for the VKA to share the participation number on the VKA website and social media sites.

Seconded by L Haddock

Call for vote: Motion passes- all in favor

The other old item business to review is the save the date flyer posted on Facebook and whether it should be amended? B McCornack advised he feels that is should be left as is and should not be amended. Brief discussion took place among the board and no amendments will be done at this time.

New Business:

J Copeland touched base with the board regarding the management of the VKA website, as a proposal had come in to the board to review, and had asked if everyone had a chance to review it? Discussion took place among the board when reviewing the proposal.

Motion made by B McCornack to change web providers from the current provider to a new source upon future investigation of the new source/ provider.

Seconded by J KammueLLer

Call for vote: All in favor Motion carries

J Copeland advised that he feels that it's time to review the price of the membership dues and asked for the thought of the board. B McCornack advised that the last time the membership cost increased was maybe nine years ago. Most memberships renew in Dec and Jan.

L Haddock advised that maybe an announcement can be made to let the membership know of the price adjustment in case they want to take advantage of the current price.

J Copeland advised that discussion should continue on this topic once he has an opportunity to speak with Deo on the best course of action.

J Copeland advised he has received a call from K Windham asking if VKA was going to do a new T-shirt design for 2023 and asked for input from the board and asked for ideas. J Copeland advised he had received some positive comments on the synthetic t-shirt fabric. He advised he will reach back out to Kent and ask for some design ideas and circle back around with the board. One question posed was if VKA ever did hats? J Copeland advised he will reach back out to Kent and let the board know in the next few weeks.

J Copeland advised he is turning the next part of the meeting over to S Nagel, R Hill, J Kammuller, K Bogerman regarding the final survey. K Bogerman asked if the board had the opportunity to review the latest version of the survey, and if anyone had any question.

B McCornack asked about question # 6 and asking if a "both block" can be added. R Hill advised he can add the verbiage "check all that apply".

J Copeland thanked everyone involved as it was a tremendous undertaking.

Discussion took place among the board as to who the surveys will go to: Current members

To be mailed out via mail, to be returned back to the board members as return envelopes will be provided. Surveys will be returned evenly to the board members as not to overwhelm one person.

Motion made by K Bogerman to mail out survey to current VKA members.

Seconded by L Haddock.

Call for vote: All in favor Motion carries

R Hill asked if a return by date of 30 days should be noted as well on the survey? The board agreed of a return date of 30 days in order to tally the results.

Meeting adjourned 9:23pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier