

VKA Board Meeting April 10, 2023

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

Kurt Bogerman

Bill McCornack

Scott Nagel

Jim Kammueler

Skip Owen

Louie Figone

Lynn Haddock

Deo Curts

Bob Barthelemy

Board Members Absent:

Joe Swantek

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill

President's Report:

President Copeland spring is upon us, and the weather forecast for Barnesville doesn't look that promising at the moment, but all we can do is keep our fingers crossed.

The transition over to the new website management company is complete. A few cosmetic changes/improvements have taken place and are all valuable improvements. He has identified some issues with people logging in and updating their membership and has corrected those.

J Copeland advised the board he has received the last 3 yrs of check registers and will be working on getting that information entered into Quickens, so a better overview of the VKA expenses can be identified for future forecasting and strategic planning.

L Haddock asked if the issues with the website forum is being addressed?

J Copeland asked if the issues with the forum drove everyone away, and L Haddock advised that if the kinks can be worked out, it could be a great tool, but right now it is frustrating. J Copeland advised he will have Keith investigate that as well and make it user friendly.

J Kammueler advised that he had seen a lot of comments in the surveys that if the forum would work, people would use it, so there is interest in it.

Vice President Report:

L Figone advised VKCA to hold a meet in Bakersfield, this Friday and Saturday and he is unable to go.

He advised he knows there's a lot of talk about getting the forum updated, but he has also heard people miss the magazine and would like to see it in print again. Is there any option of getting that back?

J Copeland advised the first challenge is the expense, as it is expensive to print and mail.

B McCornack advised the other issue, is there was no one who wanted to take the editor position to put the magazine together.

Discussion took place among the board regarding getting photos and pictures of the events in a timely manner.

The March 2023 Minutes were approved by the board via email vote.

Secretary's Report:

J Kammuller advised he and B McCornack have been in touch with J Donovan trying to decide who in the future will handle the non-profit paperwork for the organization.

B McCornack advised he will be working with J Donovan on getting everything completed and filed. Discussion took place among the board regarding the proper storage and keeping of VKA business records.

Membership report:

Deo advised she is working on resolving a computer issue and has about 5 memberships on hold until she can get her computer issue resolved.

She has reached out to J Swantek on issuing a refund to a member.

The Updated Membership list will be sent out to B Barthelemy for the Barnesville event.

She is planning on going to the Springfield event, but not racing.

L Figone asked if Deo has received the Riverside information/ renewal package he sent? Deo advised she had received the package and it has been processed.

R Hill thanked Deo for the hard work in getting the mailing/postage together for the survey, that was a big help.

Treasurer's report:

J Copeland advised the treasurers report was approved by the board via email vote.

Website:

R Hill advised that he did go to the website the other day and it is looking good.

The new web manager seems to be very responsive, as he had sent some flyers to be posted on the site and they were up in a timely manner.

Event Directors:

B McCornack advised he currently holding some certificates for future events that are a little way out in the future. He doesn't want to mail to too soon in fear of them getting misplaced.

Enduro Report:

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

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock advised he currently does not have anything for Rules and Guidelines, but does have an items for new business.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman advised he currently does not have anything for Judging and Shows at the moment.

B McCornack asked K Bogerman his thoughts on creating a check list, that may help the judges at the shows score the karts presented. Maybe like a score card, where they can assign 5 points if the kart has everything in place, etc. Just a tool, quick bullet points for guidance to help the judges. K Bogerman and J Copeland advised it was a good idea.

K Bogerman advised he has some ideas, and will reach out to a few people he knows has also judged in the past and get their input.

Regional Reports:

B McCornack advised he is sending some red duct tape to B Barthelemy for the Yamaha Piston Port light class. The red tape will be used on the back bumper to identify the lightweight class running in that group.

S Owen advised not much going on in the Northeast.

B Barthelemy advised he has ten advanced entries and a good many people who have called to reserve spots. He is looking for 85 entries and hopes to get more than that. The weather forecast looks like Friday may be wet but hoping it will change. He has a contingency plan and can run under the lights if needed.

L Figone advised B Hanna has showed some interest in wanting to put on a race in Oregon, but the problem lies, that the track has a rental kart business and would need to do some research in seeing if he could pull enough karts for a race to make up for the rental kart income.

S Nagel advised he does not currently have anything to add at the moment, just survey results when it comes that time to report.

Old Business:

J Copeland asked the Survey Committee for a survey update:

K Bogerman advised that the surveys are still coming in, although a bit slower than before, and are still in the process of waiting for responses as the 14th was the deadline, and are waiting for those postmarked the 14th to come in. Then hopefully all the information will be added to the form by the survey committee on the 21st. The shared form/ spreadsheet is broken out by region and then also a combined spreadsheet.

B McCornack asked how many surveys were mailed out? 667 surveys were mailed out and currently 228 have been input onto the spreadsheet.

R Hill advised they are going to do one more tease on Wednesday on Facebook to see if they can remind people to send them in.

J Copeland advised the next item under old business is the 2023 VKA T-shirt. He advised he had spoken to K Windom and he is going to have some suggestions for his this week and will send those out to the board when he receives them. J Copeland asked the board for suggestions for T Shirt design if anyone has them.

B McCornack advised he can go back through some old magazine covers and send them out to everyone for review. B McCornack asked about colored shirts, such as a dark navy blue, other than black and white. J Copeland advised the fewer colors in the screen print, the cheaper they are, and more likely they are to sell. The more colors in the screen printing the more costly they become.

New Business:

Lifetime memberships- D Curts advised that she had received an email regarding a request for a lifetime membership for a current member. J Kammueler gave a little background on the nominated member to the board and discussion took place.

Motion made by D Curts to Terry Pastor, member # 64 to become a lifetime member.

Seconded by J Kammueler

J Copeland called for vote: All in favor Motion carries

D Curts advised she will update his membership status and send him a note notifying him.

J Copeland advised the next item to review is the McCulloch three piece crankshaft and asked L Haddock to present item.

L Haddock advised the board he had received an email from M Burg asking if he was to produce a three piece McCulloch crankshaft would be approved? Haddock advised he did not get into all the specifics with him on if it would be a full circle or p-crank. He was just asking would the board approve a crankshaft if the produced one? L Haddock advised basically an aftermarket crankshaft.

Discussion took place among the board. After the discussion took place, J Copeland asked if anyone had any objections. No objections were made.

J Copeland asked L Haddock if he would advise M Berg, he is good to go. L Haddock advised that he would notify him, and also let him know there are already rules and regulations in place as far as capacity goes and would still be in place no matter what crank is made.

J Copeland advised next item is Classic Body work.

L Haddock advised we are in the era where people are coming to the track with modified plastic side body work. These karts came out in the 90's and will be eligible for the classic division shortly. The rule book states the kart should have a minimum of four number panels and he would like to see policing of that rule. But it's about to get out of control if it's not controlled now.

Discussion took place among the board on placement of number panels. The flat 7x9 number panels.

L Haddock advised it's not something that needs to be voted on tonight, but wanted to make the board aware of the situation, and something they need to think about going forward, how to police the number panel rule with some of the plastic bodywork karts they may be seeing coming into vintage karting.

Item tabled for future discussion.

L Haddock advised then next item is the Sudam 125 engine, which is a reed valve engine. A few engines that were imported here were the 125 Parilla and the PCR. There were not that many brought into the US, but there are some that were imported here in 1995. The problem that VKA will have when they become eligible in 2025, all the other 125 engines will be obsoleted by the new engine, and will be at a and only a few people will be able to get them due to the limited number and they will have a distinct advantage over everyone else. People are already trying to find them and gather them up because of how good they are. The Sudam 125 engine was never approved or homologated in the US. L Haddock wanted to make the board aware in order to make a decision on if it will be allowed. Discussion took place among the board and discussion will be continued at a later date.

Meeting adjourned 9:23pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier