

VKA Board Meeting July 09, 2023

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

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland

Kurt Bogerman

Jim KammueLLer

Scott Nagel

Louie Figone

Lynn Haddock

Deo Curts

Joe Swantek

Board Members Absent:

Skip Owen

Bill McCornack

Bob Barthelemy

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill

President's Report:

President Copeland asked the board if anyone has had the opportunity to look at the participation numbers spreadsheet that B McCornack had sent out. President Copeland stated that everyone should be pleased with the level of participation from this time last year, understanding that there are still some issues with the promoters not adhering or complying with the VKA rules and guidelines and that can be addressed under L Haddocks section. Even though VKA is not the promoters or putting on the events, if there are issues then VKA is being held responsible.

In regard to the Promoters, in reviewing the Promoters package, he has not found that any promoter has made their voluntary contribution to VKA that is outlined in their package and would like to see them held to it.

President Copeland advised the board that he has spoken to T Ives regarding publications and communications to the members and karting community. T Ives had advised that at one time there had been some communication in regarding to doing a joint publication between the VKA and VKCA, but there never happened as the VKA was hostile to the idea. J Copeland advised he was not on the board at that time, and asked if any board members had any back history on that topic. R Hill advised as the editor of FirsTurn,he was not aware of any hostility towards the idea or being part of the conversation and as the editor at the time, he feels he would have been involved in those communications. Discussion continued among the board on finding out some more information regarding this topic and President Copeland will reach out to a few board members currently not on the call.

Discussion circled back around to the topic of the Promoters guidelines and contribution to be made to the VKA. President Copeland advised he will review the guidelines and marketing packet sent out to the promoters and make some suggested changes.

Vice President Report:

President Copeland advised the meeting minutes were approved via email vote.

Secretary's Report:

J KammueLLer updated the board on the new conference call program and call-in numbers.

President Copeland thanked Jim for getting it up and rolling.

Membership report:

D Curts advised she will be sending out the membership list to Broadhead on Tuesday. She was under the impression there maybe a new contact person there to send it to and will check with B McCornack to confirm.

Treasurer's report:

President Copeland advised the treasurer's report was approved via email vote prior to the call. J Swantek advised he has nothing additional to add at this time, as everything looks good. President Copeland advised he had sent out the snapshot of the incoming expense statement he had sent out. The web hosting expense for 2023 appears to be out of line as late invoices were submitted for 2022 services and paid in 2023.

Public Relations:

President Copeland advised that the Public relations position is currently open.

Website:

President Copeland advised that it has occurred to him that in the past there has been a representative on the line to discuss the website. He asked the Board if K Shampine should be invited to attend the meeting at least for this portion of the meeting. President Copeland asked if anyone has any objection to inviting him to the meeting if he is available. Discussion took place among the board and thought it is a good idea for him to be invited.

Event Directors:

B McCornack is currently not on the call.

Enduro Report:

President Copeland advised the Mid Ohio event had over 900 entries. 36 vintage, 11 piston port, 11 vintage open on Saturday and Sunday. The event was marred by a fatal accident on Sunday as long time Hall of Fame karter Dan Stowell passed away.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock advised he doesn't have anything to report. He is closely monitoring the class entries, in the hope to have some good data to discuss this fall. He does have a few items in old business to discuss.

Judging and Shows:

K Boger advised he does not have anything new to report. He is still working on the forms judging the kart shows on his radar and will continue to work with a few people on streamlining that process.

Regional Reports:

President Copeland advised no regional coordinators are currently on the call.

Old Business:

President Copeland advised the first item under new business was the McCulloch three-piece crankshaft.

L Haddock advised he has been approached by Mike Berg and if he produced a three-piece replacement crankshaft for the McCulloch crankshaft. He did reach back out to Mike Berg and advised that the board didn't see a problem with it and as of right now he hasn't heard anything back from him at this time.

R Hill asked if this is under the presumption that this is not for the stroker. L Haddock advised that there are already rules in place for the stroker and covered in the guidelines already.

President Copeland asked L Haddock if he would like to address the topic of plastic body work.

L Haddock advised he will have a proposal for the board to review next month and will send it out for everyone to review prior to the meeting.

President Copeland advised the next topic was the 125 Sudam. And asked if we are all in agreement that this should not be allowed? L Haddock advised that he needs to put it all down in a document for review, so the board has a full understanding of how it came about and get a better understanding of why it should not be allowed. President Copeland advised the topic will be tabled for future discussion.

President Copeland advised the next topic is Membership dues that would go into effect on Jan 1.

Deo advised that there are several people not on the call today that are key players on that topic.

Item table until next meeting.

President Copeland advised the last topic under old business is the executive summary.

R Hill advised that he is the one who typed up the draft and sent it out to everyone for review and requested comments and feedback. R Hill advised that he has received feedback and comments from several board members, and he will make the necessary changes to the document, to go back out to the board members for acceptance.

Discussion took place among the board about how to reach out to the members who took the time to fill out the survey, as a lot of useful information was received. And also, should this compiled information be made public on the website or available to those who participated in the survey?

Discussion took place among the board on the pros and cons of making the findings of the survey public or sharing it with the people who took the time to respond.

J Copeland asked the board to take another look at the executive summary and provide feedback and then be ready to approve it in the next meeting, to be sent out to the members who took the time to complete the survey, and be ready to vote on it in the August meeting.

New Business:

J Copeland advised the first topic as Promoters Conduct and Guideline enforcement.

He had received some feedback from several people regarding the guideline enforcement at New Castle.

Deo gave an example that the memberships were not being checked at registration, the membership book was not present at registration to check for expired memberships.

J Copeland advised he heard from several members was lack of tire enforcement and the competitor were told to "Police themselves" and that is unacceptable.

President Copeland asked the board what they think their options are for addressing the issues?

J Copeland provided another example of a track not enforcing the neck collar rule that VKA has, but the track did not require it.

L Haddock advised that the promoter's package does have section in it that addresses when a promoter wants to deviate from the VKA Guidelines, they must request permission to the deviation of the rule prior to the event and allow VKA to approve or deny the request. Such as the neck collar example. If the track does not require neck collars to be worn, and request for deviation should have been presented to VKA prior to the event, notifying VKA that the track does not require it, and ask for permission to not require neck collars.

Discussion took place among the board about how to address these issues with the promoters to ensure compliance of the guidelines. J Copeland advised that the regional coordinators need to reach out and make sure that the promoters are aware of the requirements of holding a VKA event, such as checking memberships and rule/guideline compliance.

J Copeland asked the board to think about the best way to approach this issue with the promoters.

J Kammuller asked if a blanket email/ letter can be sent out to the promoters as a reminder of the responsibilities? J Copeland advised that is a good idea but thinks that maybe one on one conversations may be better.

J Copeland advised he will speak with B McCornack at Broadhead on his thoughts on addressing the promoters and not following the guidelines.

J Copeland thanked everyone for their time and dedication.

Meeting adjourned 9:19pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier