

VKA Board Meeting August 20, 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

Deo Curts

Bill McCornack

Lynn Haddock

Joe Swantek

Skip Owen

Board Members Absent:

Louie Figone

Bob Barthelemy

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill

Keith Shampine

Sal Palatucci

President's Report:

President Copeland advised the board that the VKA is in the thick of things for the year 2023 and currently participation seems to be up. The board should have received the participation spread sheet sent out for their review.

President Copeland addressed the board that some may know that S Owen has been asked to be relieved of his role as the regional coordinator and has asked Sal to take over that position, S Owen will continue his role on the board as the Public Relations Coordinator that has been vacant.

President Copeland asked for discussion among the board prior to voting for the change. After a brief discussion.

Motion made by J Copeland to vote Sal Palatucci as Regional coordination of the Northeast effective immediately. Vote: All in Favor No one opposed Motion Passes.

Vice President Report:

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

Secretary's Report:

J KammueLLer advised he currently does not have anything new to add at this moment.

Membership report:

Deo advised that she had sent out a number report prior to the call for everyone to review at their leisure.

She is currently working on four Paypal transactions for the Camden race.

Deo advised the USPS mail is currently slow, but Paypal account is busy at this time and she is working on those.

R Hill asked if the two-month membership extensions have been updated? J Copeland advised that after speaking with Deo, they agreed to do a two-month extension at the time of their membership renewal and a statement was posted on the Facebook page.

R Hill thanks Deo for doing the membership extensions.

Treasurer's report:

J Swantek is currently not on the call.

J Copeland advised he had sent out a current cashflow statement out to the board for review.

Public Relations:

President Copeland advised that S Owen had agreed to take on the responsibility.

S Owen advised he has nothing to add this time, but he does have a few ideas in mind on increasing visibility.

Website:

President Copeland asked K Shampine to update the board on the website.

K Shampine advised the site is performing well. His one concern is the VKA logo currently on the website is a little pixelated and asked if anyone has a better quality/ higher end logo they could send to him, such as a vector file?

Discussion took place among the board on the benefits of a vector file being created if no one has one they can forward to Keith. L Haddock asked if anyone opposed J Copeland approving to have a vector file created if no one has one (after doing some research to find one). Everyone agreed it would be a good idea to have one, if one cannot be located.

K Shampine advised it been a busy month, and he has expanded the latest news section from four articles to six, since there has been a lot of updates lately. He is also in the process for creating categories for the events such as upcoming a past events, so people can see what's upcoming and look for past events.

K Shampine advised he has been receiving race reports in PDF format. If possible, he would like to receive them in word document as a single column as its easier to upload into the editor formatter he uses.

K Shampine has been able to access his Dropbox and has been able to clean that out, so photographers Can now utilize that for the photo downloads.

K Shampine also updated the board on the forum: he has cleaned it up and removed some spam accounts, and it is currently slow, as not a lot of participation at this time.

L Haddock wanted to bring to everyone's attention that the officers and board of directors need to be updated on the website and possibly make the contact information a little bit easier to find, as it is buried on the website. K Shampine advised he will make that change, as he agrees it is buried and make it a link on the main menu page.

National Event Director:

B McCornack advised he does not have a lot under this section, but will have a few items to report on under the MidWest regional section. He did want to advise that he will be passing off the Regional Event Direction role to S Nagel at the end of the year.

Enduro Report:

President Copeland advised he currently does not have anything for Enduro report.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock advised he has sent out his rules and guidelines information to be reviewed to the board. He advised that now is not the time to vote on the edits but would like for everyone to take a moment to review for upcoming meetings.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman advised he had sent out emails to several people trying to get some ideas on how to refresh the kart show a little. A few weeks ago, he had attended a kart show in Avon and assisted in judging the show and it was a more scaled down show and is wondering if maybe that is the way that VKA goes, because some people have a hard time deciding what category their kart should go in.

J Copeland asked if there has been any progress with revising the grading rubric. K Bogerman advised he had not but will continue to work on it.

B McCornack advised he would like to help and work with K Bogerman on some ideas.

Regional Reports:

Midwest- B McCornack advised it's been a busy year with training some new promoters this year.

The Quincy event had 107 entries for their event.

B McCornack advised that maybe 2024 will be his last year as Midwest Coordinator and will work with his replaced for 2025.

Northeast- J Copeland asked if S Palatucci can provide some information as to what is on the horizon for the Northeast. S Palatucci advised that next year they will be returning to the Northeast to support the membership and will be returning to five tracks and advised the board of those potential tracks and looks forward to working with those tracks again.

Discussion took place on Batavia, and the progress they are making on restoring the track and the possibility of being able to host an event in 2024.

S Owen advised that he would like for the board to look at the four cycle rules. Batavia has a rich history with the four strokers and would like for the VKA to look at the rules for four cycle and as a way to incorporate them into the event.

Old Business:

President Copeland asked if L Haddock has any updates on the plastic body work and the Sudam engine.

L Haddock advised he does not have anything to add at the moment, he had brought up the topics to start conversations, if anyone had any opinions or questions, they may have prior to the rules meeting.

L Haddock asked when they want to have the rules meeting? October should be the drop-dead date to allow for rules and guidelines editing. J Copeland asked if L Haddock could have everything ready for the meeting in September, and in case something happens and they can't review it all, they can complete it in October.

B McCornack asked if the rules committee has been assembled. And L Haddock advised he has a group of five guys and will be sending out a request for a meeting soon. B McCornack advised that he has a few items to send over to L Haddock that needs to be addressed and L Haddock asked if he could please send those over to him.

J Copeland advised the next item for old business is membership fees and increasing membership dues by \$5 and asked for discussion and if a vote was ready to be made.

A long discussion took place among the board members.

L Haddock asked if this could be tabled until next month, item has been tabled until September meeting.

President Copeland advised the next item is distribution method for the executive summary of the member survey findings and asked if K Bogerman can lead that discussion.

K Bogerman advised that where they left off last time, they were trying to decide when and where it was going to be released and a decision does need to be made as a lot of people are expecting it.

A long discussion took place among the board on the appropriate information to share. K Boger advised R Hill had sent out an email regarding the survey.

R Hill advised he had sent out a four-page document/ draft for review as to what could be posted and shared to the website regarding the findings. J Copeland asked if R Hill can please resend the document to the board. R Hill advised he will send it back out, and asked everyone to reply advising what they feel could not be shared publicly.

New Business:

J Copeland advised the first topic under new business is approved engines for 2024.

L Haddock advised he went through the tech book and brought forward the 30 year engines that could be added to the classic division. L haddock advised he will add those engines to the list of items to vote on for the rules and guideline changes for 2024.

J Copeland advised the next topic is dealing with karts that do not comply with VKA guidelines. J Copeland stated this is an ongoing problem and should be addressed. There were a couple of karts to Quincy that were not within the guidelines, and he had spoken to one participant, and they agreed not to bring the kart back in that condition.

L Haddock asked if there was verbiage in the promoters' package or documents they sign, that it is the promoter's responsibility to enforce the VKA guidelines? J Copeland advised to make sure that the promoter's package and marketing agreement both include verbiage to ensure that verbiage is included, that it is the promoter's responsibility to enforce the rules and guidelines of VKA.

J Copeland advised that everyone should have received a copy of the letter from Hoosier tire requesting that we approve their R60B compound for use in the modern tire group. J Copeland advised that he had requested a set be sent for testing and Hoosier advised them that they already had. L. Haddock advised the board that he had ordered A's and were sent B's in error and they kept the set for testing at that time and the test came back as inconclusive.

A long discussion took place among the board.

L Haddock advised he will get testing lined up and will report back his findings to the board.

J Copeland advised neck collars are the next topic for discussion.

L Haddock advised the board on his research regarding what he found out in searching other national organizations and the FIA requirements.

J Copeland asked that the board members reach out to some of their tracks and see what their requirements are regarding neck collars. He would hate to make a decision that they are no longer required for VKA and show up at a track without one, where the track requires it.

This item is tabled until the next meeting in order to do more research.

President Copeland advised the last topic is registration fees for demonstration events.

L Haddock advised has spoken to a few promoters regarding a suggested registration scenario, especially during the bigger races.

Pre-entries will be accepted prior to the event, a deadline will be set. The cost if you pre-enter would be about 10% less than the posted entry fee.

On Thursday the posted entry fee will be accepted until 5:00pm, the classes would be set and the order of racing would be set and posted by 8:00am on Friday.

Anyone who enters on Friday would pay a 30% higher entry and will be put at the end of the class entered. Their entry will not affect the class order/ combinations done the night before.

J Copeland stated he wasn't aware this was an issue, and B McCornack advised it is and it isn't, It has been at some of the bigger events and feels that this should be an option at any event. L Haddock advised that this is not mandatory and an option to give promoters. J Copeland stated that he does not see this as a value as having this as part of the national policy. McCornack and Haddock advised that this is not mandatory, but it can be used as an option to elevate a potential headache for some of the bigger events.

Discussion took place among the board on if it should be included in the promoters' package as an example or suggestions.

J Copeland asked if anyone has any other new business? No one replied.

J Copeland thank ed everyone for their time.

Meeting adjourned 10:14pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier