

## **VKA Board Meeting September 10, 2023**

Call To Order: President John Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:07pm

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

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

John Copeland

Kurt Bogerman

Jim KammueLLer

Scott Nagel

Lynn Haddock

Bill McCornack

Joe Swantek

Sal Palatucci

Skip Owen

### **Board Members Absent:**

Deo Curts

Louie Figone

Bob Barthelemy

### **Guest Present:**

Rolf Hill

Karl Ginter

### **President's Report:**

President Copeland stated that he apologized for the length of last months meeting, he will try to keep the future meeting to a little over an hour. With that being said he does not have a lot to report on at this time other than the membership numbers continue to trend upwards which is good. The last few the events he has attended there is a lot of buzz regarding upcoming events in the Northeast.

### **Vice President Report:**

Louie is currently not on the call.

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

### **Secretary's Report:**

J KammueLLer advised he had sent instruction out to the board members on how to access the VKA recorded minutes. When accesses the account one day he had noticed that the program used does take donations, so he wasn't sure if that is something to be discussed at a future meeting.

J Copeland asked Jim if he has seen the email regarding having IA do the minutes. R Hill advised that he had sent the email, as he has a neighbor who believes ChatGPT could possibly transcribe the minutes in a few seconds, but is not sure if that is the format the board wants to go in. as it would transcribe the full minutes and not a summary. J Copeland advised this is an item the board will need to discuss.

J Swantek advised that Chat GPT is a transaction program, you up load the MP3 file into their database and it transcribes the recording. Discussion continued among the board on the possible process. J Copeland asked R Hill to find out more information and report back next meeting.

### **Membership report:**

D Curts currently not on the call.

President Copeland advise she had sent out her membership report to the board prior to the meeting for all to review.

### **Treasurer's report:**

President Copeland advised the treasures report was sent out via email to the board for review.

J Swantek stated he currently does not have anything additional to add.

**Public Relations:**

S Owen advised he currently does not have anything at this time. He has been working with someone who works in media and get in contact with some people who work in public interest to help him with that.

**Website:**

K Shampine is currently not on the call.

**National Event Directors:**

B McCornack advised that the promoter's contract may need to be reviewed as some promoters expressed concern regarding some of the language being used, and he will get in touch with some of the board members for review for 2024.

There are three events left for the 2023 season.

Safety at some of the events are concern and needs to be addressed at the drivers meeting and possibly harsher penalties, such as not being allowed to compete the rest of the day to address the rough driving. One suggestion was to have a pro-driver's class, but that maybe a little difficult to determine who can participate in that class and the equipment allowed.

J Kammuller asked if B McCornack wanted to speak on, track spotters on the course, as that was discussed at one time. B McCornack advised that is the track has personnel available to provide reliable information regarding incidents on the track, but the track would need to provide those spotters, and some but not all tracks have them and is also on the radar to speak with the tracks and promoters.

**Enduro Report:**

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

**Rule and Guidelines:**

L Haddock stated he had sent out a summary of the guideline meetings that everyone should have received.

Recommendations from the guideline committee:

1-- add the steering spec's from 130.13 into a new steering section at 119 -- also add spec's to allow the european system with tubular shaft and sheer bolt hub.

2-- testing is underway to balance the power of the Yamaha engine with the McCulloch engine in the Junior class -- currently the Mac has a large performance advantage -- (hopefully more before October)

3-- remove the WB3A carb designation at 135.7 and change to "carb to be stock appearing as supplied on the KT100S engine"

4-- add at 111.5 --> no jackshaft systems -- no belt drive systems

5-- recommendation is to not allow the Hoosier R60B tire since it is much softer than the current tires being used on the list at 125.4 -----no track testing is required since the hardness values are so much different (Evinco + MG = 72 Hoosier = 64

Also to change the stated hardness value at 125.4 to 70@70 degrees to better reflect tires currently being used.

6-- add at 103.2.1 Junior drivers who start the season at age 14 and age up during the year will have the option to remain in the junior class to finish the season, or to move up when they turn 15

7-- add at 120 -- #2 / Junior -- Chassis to be 1980 or older and must have a 1" axle

8-- class #4 -- 80cc Mac -- add Oregon 33-053 electronic ignition module is required -- no points or condenser allowed

9-- recommendation is to not allow the Parilla 125cc Sudam reed valve engine due to lack of availability and compatibility with currently approved engines

10-- class #9 -- 150cc Sidewinder -- add: modern tires allowed with a minimum hardness of 48 @70 degrees

Also at class #11 -- to add the hardness of 48 to be checked at 70 degrees

11-- Helmets @106.1 Update the current approved list based on the latest Snell and SFI spec's

12-- 107.7 Sprint bodywork

1 -- 7 x 9 flat front number panel mounted to the front bumper or above the steering shaft may be used.

2 -- Steering fairing mounted above the steering shaft may be used -- must be no wider than 13" -- must not extend above the top of

the steering wheel -- must not extend past the front axle -- must not be connected to the front bumper

3 -- Sides -- absolutely no bodywork allowed between the front and rear tires -- full length side protection bars may be used but only one 7 x 9 flat number panel may be attached per side.

4 -- Rear -- absolutely no rear bodywork of any type allowed including rear wings -- one 7 x 9 flat number panel may be used

These are the VKA bodywork spec's and must be followed no matter what the kart originally may have been factory supplied with

L Haddock asked if anyone to ask questions if they need any clarification.

L Haddock advised the board that an additional three items were discussed but no changes were recommended.

1-- adding the McCulloch 101 to class 18 / West Bend

2-- changing the tire spec for Class 16 / Yamaha Masters

3-- external fuel pumps, battery powered, pulse driven, axle driven

Discussion took place among the board regarding the upcoming tire testing at Whiteland.

### **Judging and Shows:**

K Bogerman advised he doesn't have anything particular to report. He has the rubric, to look at different originations to see what they talk about on their sites. And will work on getting an alternate for the awards certificates.

### **Regional Reports:**

Midwest-

B McCornack advised the board they have two events coming up in the Midwest, Delmar is in 4 days and two weeks later is Whiteland and is expecting a good turn out at Whiteland.

Northeast-

Sal Palatucci- advised spoke with Mike with Batavia, and will have the electronics working and plumbing next year and they are looking to having us there next year. There are few sections of the track that still need a little repair, but is ready to go September of next year.

J Copeland asked K Ginter to provide an update on the event this past weekend. K Ginter advised there was approx. 56 karts at the event and had a good turnout at the kart show.

### **Old Business:**

J Copeland asked L Haddock if he would please address the topic of neck collars.

L Haddock advised that after speaking to several organizations, he feels that the VKA should not enforce the use of neck collars, but if the individual track requires it, then that is a rule to be enforced by the track. J Copeland advised that this needs to be made very clear in the guidelines that some tracks may require them, then it's a track decision and not a VKA decision, he is okay with that.

L Haddock advised he will prepare a statement and send to the board for review.

J Copeland asked R Hill to speak to the board regarding the distribution of the Executive Summary.

R Hill advised that it is up to the board how they feel it should be distributed and there was previous discussion in if it should be posted to the website, Facebook etc. He advised he did make an edited version, due to some of the previous comments and concerns of information to be shared, such as proprietary information.

J Copeland confirmed with the board that they received the edited version R Hill sent out.

Motion made by L Haddock to and accept the Executive Summary as presented by R Hill and send to via mail or email to the people who participated in the survey by returning their survey back to VKA.

Seconded by J Kammuller.

Discussion took place among the board.

Call for vote: Motion carries- all in favor

J Copeland advised the board the next item on the agenda is karts not meeting VKA requirements. He has spoken to some participants at events where their karts don't meet the requirements and advised them they cannot bring the kart back to VKA events until they are in compliance.

J Copeland advised he has spoken to some promoters and advised them that is the participants can't work out the issue between them selves regarding non compliant karts, then it is the promoters responsibility to step in and resolve the issue.

### **New Business:**

L Haddock advised he would like to get approved the items submitted on the guidelines submitted via email sent out to the board prior to the call for review.

Motion made by L Haddock to approve everything on the email he sent out with the exception on number 2 and 5.

Seconded by J Kammuller

Call for Vote: Motion carries all in Favor

Comments for the good of the organization:

B McCornack wanted to thank L Haddock for all the hard work he puts into the rules and guidelines.

L Haddock thanked everyone for their help and input.

J Copeland, thanked everyone for their time and volunteering to help the organization.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier