

VKA Board Meeting October 8, 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

Lynn Haddock

Bill McCornack

Skip Owen

Sal Palatucci

Deo Curts

Louie Figone

Board Members Absent:

Joe Swantek

Bob Barthelemy

Guest:

R. Hill

President's Report:

President Copeland stated that the 2023 season is close to an end and the next event is Bakersfield is next weekend. Participation is up 23%. We have surveyed our members and have responded to their input and appears to be happy with the progress being made and happy to come to our events.

President Copeland thanks the board for their continued hard work and effort to get the VKA where it is today, but the most urgent challenge is how to replace the membership director position. J Copeland thanked Deo for all her hard work owe her a big debt of gratitude, and it will be hard to fill her shoes.

Vice President Report:

L Figone advised Bakersfield is coming up and asked J Copeland for clarification on the participation numbers. If that was the same number of tracks or fewer. J Copeland advised fewer, but he adjusted for not running in the Northeast this year. L Figone indicated that he has seen a decline in participation in his area, and discussion took place among the board regarding the cost of fuel, track rental and lodging having do with some of that, as it is costlier in his area.

B McCornack asked L Figone for clarification on who Deo should send the membership list to for the upcoming Bakersfield event. L Figone advised it should be sent to J Swantek.

Secretary's Report:

President Copeland advised the September 2023 board meeting minutes were approved via email vote. J KammueLLer advised he does not have anything additional to add at this moment.

Membership report:

Deo advised B McCornack that she is reviewing and sorting out the information that was sent from the Whiteland event. Deo advised 155 postcard reminders were mailed out to members reminding them of their membership renewals.

Treasurer's report:

President Copeland advised that the treasurers report was distributed to the board members prior to the call and approved via email votes.

J Copeland advised he had also sent out an up to date income and expense statement to show where the VKA stands financially. L Haddock asked if there will be a discussion regarding some of the items moving into next year. J Copeland advised that he had sent out some suggestions, such as reviewing the

Jr class entry fee reimbursements. J Copeland asked the board to review the expenses and see what has some value, and would like to discuss next month in detail.

Public Relations:

S. Owen advised he doesn't have anything major since last month, he will be working with a friend who works in Media and will be working with him to see what it takes to get exposure from a TV station, such as pre-event exposure to bring people to the track.

Website:

K Shampine is currently not on the call.

J Copelan advised he is impressed with how quickly Keith has been putting content up on the website as soon as he has access to it.

National Event Directors:

B McCornack advised at the Whiteland event, there were 161 entries with 20 entries in the Fox kart class and 8 entries in the Sidewinder American wet clutch class. Two meals provided, 11 memberships and 12 T shirts sold. The flagman at the event was quite a showman.

J Copeland advised he spoke with Andy after the event and he stated how much he enjoyed having VKA there and hopes to have a date for next year by next week. J Copeland stated that SIRA, WKA , Route 66 and North American Cup Karts were there and none of them had 161 entries. The event was fun and the track staff was great to work with and was a great time.

B McCornack advised he is still on his post until S Nagel takes over on Jan.1st, 2024 but will start working on:

- rewriting the promoter's contract and wording
- instruction sheet/ how to sheet for promoters, on tips for before, during and after the event, instructions on class combining.
- guidance on other event fees, parking, meals etc.

Enduro Report:

J Copeland stated participation in AKRA, WKA and CES events appears to be small but stable and what he sees there are some new people venturing into karting at these events.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock advised the documents for review have been submitted to the board for review and asked if the board would like to continuing to review or if they would like a vote?

J Copeland asked to discuss the requirements for all kart numbers must be legible and also the requirement for transponders. He expressed that in Whiteland some karts numbers weren't legible and the track hand scored the karts without transponders. L Haddock advised that, that should be up to the track, if they have the staff to be able to hand score, some tracks do not have the staff. If karts want to be scored, then transponders should be on their karts and have legible numbers.

Discussion took place among the board that the requirements need and will be placed in the guidelines.

J Copeland asked B McCornack and L Haddock to provide a report on the tire test performed. B McCornack advised he took his tire durometer and tire temp with him and scuffed in a new set of MG Reds, and took a new pair of Hoosier 60B, also scuffed them in and they were noticeably holding the turns and were stickier than the Reds. He let both sets cool down to 70-72 degrees and took the

durometer reading and there was a 10 point durometer difference, 68 on the Hoosiers and 78 on the Reds, even though durometer testing isn't used anymore.

L Haddock advised he had already done a hardness test in his shop in a controlled environment before the time testing, so he didn't do a hardness test at the track. At the track there was over a second difference between the tires. After the test he gave the tires back to J Copeland after testing.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman advised he is awaiting the next year schedule before creating the new certificates and has been looking at some design software to create them, which is about \$120 a year for one user for the professional version. There is an option for 501c organizations to use it for free, and he will look into that.

B McCornacks advised he will work on getting the 2024 dates to K Bogerman and has also been discussing some ideas he has for the kart shows and shared some of his ideas with the group. J Copeland thanked McCornack for sharing his ideas and expressed that everyone should be thinking of new ways to attract new people to the events and organization.

Regional Reports:

Midwest-

B McCornack advised he has covered most of his items under National event directors report. The Midwest did have a record numbers in events this year, with triple digits in 5 of the 8 events.

West-

L Figone advised he currently has nothing new to report.

Southern-

B Barthelemy currently not on the call.

Northeast-

S Palatucci advised the board that he had reached out to some of the core members, and has created a committee and will be meeting to go over next years events to discuss event format/ layout of the events, and how to get some inactive members back involved.

Old Business:

J Copeland advised the only thing he currently has is L Haddock's recommended changes for the 2024 guidelines. J Copeland asked if anyone had any questions.

L Haddock advised just for clarification, they guidelines are just as they were this year with the exception of what was highlighted in yellow on the handout received.

Motion made by B McCornack to accept the 2024 guidelines as presented by L Haddock

Seconded by L Figone

Call for vote: All in Favor Motion Passes

J Copeland thanked L Haddock for all his hard work.

L Haddock asked when he board would like to get the document published? Discussion took place among the board and decided around the 1st of November would be best

New Business:

J Copeland asked R Hill if he received any more information on AI, and R Hill advised he did not.

B McCornack asked R Hill if we are going to pursue the FirstTurn December printing this year that is mailed out to current members, that includes the National Event Schedule? R Hill advised he's happy help with the December magazine. J Copeland advised that he believes it is a good idea to continue with Decembers FirstTurn mailing.

J Copeland advised that last year the VKA made a purchase for advertising to the calendar produced by R Hill and would entertain a motion to make the purchase again this year.

Motion made by S Palatucci to support the purchase for advertising in the Calendar.

Seconded by: J Kammuller

Call for Vote: All in favor Motion carries

B McCornack asked if the discussion was going to take place regarding the membership cost. Discussion took place among the board that this will be on the agenda for Novembers meeting.

R Hill thanked VKA for there support and advertising in the calendar again.

J Copeland thanked everyone for their continued contribution and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:13pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier