

VKA Board Meeting – October 9, 2022

Call to Order: President John Copeland called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 pm EDT.

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland
Deo Curts
Jim KammueLLer
Skip Owen

Kurt Bogerman
Bob Barthelemy

Board Members Absent:

Bill McCornack

Lynn Haddock
Louie Figone
Joe Swantek

Guest Present:

Len Emanuelson
Rolf Hill

President's Report:

President Copeland advised that the past month has been busy with events at Delmar and Whiteland. The Rules Committee is at work on Guideline changes for 2023.

Whiteland has announced a major track expansion that will begin yet this year. President Copeland has not yet spoken with Andy O'Gara regarding the anticipated construction completion date for next season. Details are at www.racewrp.com. Something new occurred at Whiteland this year - a silent auction that raised over \$300 to specifically support the Junior Class entry fee program.

A phone call is expected with EVK within the next week or so regarding the proposed merger with VKA.

VP Report:

Louie Figone was not on the call.

September Minutes: President Copeland advised the September minutes were approved via email votes.

Secretary's Report:

Jim KammueLLer advised he was working on the Delmar event write-up that will be completed this week.

Membership report:

Deo Curts advised that, as of completion of the recent Whiteland event, there were now 544 active VKA members this year vs 515 the same time last year. Juniors have accounted for most of the membership increase. The total names in the data base include 828 this year vs 750 this time last year.

Treasurer's report:

President Copeland advised the treasurer's report was sent to the board members prior to the call for review, and was approved via email vote.

Public Relations:

Gary Wlodarsky advised that the Batavia track restoration work was behind schedule but should be completed by August 2023. Gary and Mary Jo McCornack handled 50/50 raffles at Whiteland and both raised \$1,000.

Website:

L Emanuelson advised he is waiting for some additional information on certain write-ups. Nothing has yet been received on Camden or Bakersfield.

Event Directors Report:

Bill McCornack was not on the call.

Enduro Report:

President Copeland advised he had nothing to report as he had not yet received the Pittsburg event report.

Rule and Guidelines:

Lynn Haddock was not on the call.

Judging and Shows:

Kurt Bogerman advised he currently has nothing new to report on judging and shows, but he did attend days 2 and 3 at Sandy Hook.

Regional Reports:

Louie and Bill were absent.

Skip Owen attended Day 1 at Sandy Hook and Kurt Bogerman attended Days 2 and 3. Skip deferred to Kurt for comments on Sandy Hook. Skip indicated he has been in touch with Rick Keller of the EVKA regarding a possible merger with VKA. If a merger occurs both organizations could attend all events held by them in the NE Region. However, that would then be a total of 9 events in the NE area (5 VKA & 4 EVKA) which may be too many. Therefore, by mutual agreement, 5 events are proposed. EVKA could continue to utilize their existing points scoring system.

Bob Barthelemy indicated that Jacksonville should be kept on the VKA schedule for 2023.

Old Business:

President Copeland indicated that he would follow-up with Bill McCornack regarding an updated VKA marketing agreement.

New Business:

Jim Kammueler requested that the SASW Class (Class # 15) be left as a stand-alone class for the 2023 season in order to give him some time to promote it and hopefully increase participation. President Copeland indicated participation numbers had been too low (2.73 entries/race in 2021 and 1.86/race in 2022).

Remarks for the Good of the Organization:

President Copeland indicated he was pleased with the 2022 season as participation, membership and income had all increased.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:50PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by: Jim Kammueler