

VKA Board Meeting December 12, 2023

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

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland	Kurt Bogerman
Jim Kammueler	Scott Nagel
Lynn Haddock	Bill McCornack
Skip Owen	Louie Figone
Deo Curts	Joe Swantek
Bob Barthelemy	
Sal Palatucci	

Board Members Absent:

Guest:

Marty Westen
Rolf Hill

President's Report:

President Copeland welcomes Marty Westen to the call. M Westen is going to be the newest board member as of Jan 1 and also thanked D Curts for heroic time as the membership director.

President Copeland asked S Nagel if he and his family would be able to help out at the OVKA show again this year and S Nagel advised they were planning on it.

J Copeland stated, that as he was preparing for this meeting, he reviewed the bylaws and noted that the board member terms end Dec. 31st of each year and if the current board members would like to continue in those positions, do not need to reapply for those positions, but do need to reconfirm via voice vote. J Copeland advised that everyone has done a tremendous job in helping the VKA and growing the VKA and wanted to thank everyone.

J Copeland also state that the bylaws state, the President may only serve two consecutive terms and it's been a honor to serve as president for the last two years and with that being said there is more that he would like to accomplish and if the board will have him, he would like to continue to serve.

Motion made by J Swantek to reappoint J Copeland as President of the VKA

Seconded by S Palatucci

Discussion took place among the board and it was determined that the board members should be voted in prior to the president's vote. B McCornack advised he has a motion ready to cover both the President and board members.

Motion made by B McCornack effective January 1st, 2024 following board members and positions be voted in as follows:

J Copeland- President

L Figone- Vice President

J Kammueler- Secretary

J Swantek- Treasurer

M Westen- Membership director

K Bogerman- Shows

L Haddock- Guidelines

S Nagel- National Events Director

S Owen- Public Relations

Regional Coordinators:

B Barthlemey- South

S Palatucci- Northeast

L Figone- West

B McCornack- Midwest

Non-board members:

K Shampine- Website manager

K Frazier- Minutes recorder

Seconded by J Kammuller

Discussion took place among the board

Call for Vote: All in Favor Motion Passes

Vice President Report:

L Figone advised he is working on the Riverside event, J Swantek is taking care of the on-track logistics, and he is handling the sign ups. L Figone advised that there has been some discussion from the track about cutting it back to a two-day event versus a three day, due to cost/ expenses. L Figone advised that he feels that's not an option, and will continue discussion with the promoters. Discussion took place among the board on some potential cost savings.

Secretary's Report:

President Copeland advised the minutes from last months meeting were approved via email vote J Kammuller advised that he had noticed the meeting minutes for several months were not posted on the website and he has now forwarded those to K Shampine for posting. K Bogerman advised that it does appear the minutes are up to date on the website.

Membership report:

Deo advised she had sent out the membership report to the board prior to the meeting for review.

Deo advised that she ran a report for those that she feels a 2024 schedule should go out to, she pulled the report to include members that were active as of January 2022, and that is 746 members. Some of those memberships are currently expired, but feel that those should be kept in the loop. D Curts advised that she does have some postage left over, but will need to purchase some additional to get those mailed out.

D Curts advised that there are a few items in production, such as new membership card, and post cards, which will have M Westen contact information on them, and they are to be mailed to M Westen, once completed, so he will have them.

D Curts advised, she has given up trying to get into the vintage karting email, as it to many barriers and securities on it, and if someone will speak with K Shampine, and get M Westen access to it, in case he needs to trouble shoot a membership question.

D Curts advised that she hopes to get the mailings out after the first of the year, which is when the event schedules normally go out.

D Curts advised the board of a few housekeeping items that need to be cleaned up for the transfer of duties to M Westen. Discussion took place among the board of how to work on the transition.

B McCornack advised that he had spoken to West Valley about printing the order for the magazine a while back, and asked if she knew if the magazine was in the processing of being printed?

D Curts advised that she reviewed a few things that had been approved and found some errors and have gone back and forth a few times with them on getting those errors corrected on the schedule, membership application, and post cards. D Curts advised that everything has been sorted out now and is in production.

McCornack also advised he has spoken to K Shampine regarding the website and items that need to be updated with M Westen information. D Curts advised that she did look at the website and the information has been updated.

The board thanked D Curts for all her hard work in helping the VKA.

Treasurer's report:

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

President Copeland confirmed that everyone received the income statement that was sent out for review, and asked if anyone had any questions.

President Copeland asked if J Swantek had anything to add. J Swantek advised he was going to ask D Curts about M Westen and the transition, but that has already been discussed. He did find one mistake on the report but has already sent an email to correct that and feels everything is good.

Public Relations:

S. Owen advised that this position is a learning curve for him. And he will be in contact with J Swantek on the upcoming Adams event to see what news, radio and TV outlets are in the area to help promote the event. S Owens advised he is open to any ideas as well.

Website:

K Shampine is currently not on the call.

National Event Directors:

B McCornack advised the board that S Nagel will be transitioning into the position next month.

B McCornack is currently working on editing the promoters contract, and is also working with R Hill on updating the promoters package.

B McCornack he will reach out to S Nagel to get him up to date, but will be working with S Nagel throughout 2024 when needed.

Enduro Report:

J Copeland advised that WKA is expecting a significant number of vintage entries at Daytona and he will be down there for that event and will report back on the event in January.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock advised that he has seen some comments and complaints on the jackshaft ruling and would like to go back and reconsider it and maybe rewrite the guidelines to allow jackshafts but not with modern clutches. L Haddock he will write up the guideline and submit it to his committee for review and then submit it to the board for review/ approval. Discussion took place among the board on rewording of the guideline.

L Haddock also advised that he also has a revised set of guidelines, which contains some typos. He has been making the corrections as they have been pointed out to him, and would like to get those submitted after the first of the year.

J Copeland asked L Haddock, in the cases of older karts that have jackshafts, where the clutches mounted to the engine or mounted on the jackshaft. L Haddock advised: on the engine.

L Haddock also advised there has been some chatter on Facebook regarding the body work rule and some people are a little upset because they can't run some protection around the front bumper. L Haddock does not recommend any changes at this time to the rule. J Swantek advised he believes L Haddock has it is correct and provided the board with an example as to why the rule is in place and should remain.

Discussion took place among the board, that if a member or members feel strongly regarding a guideline, that it should be directed and discussed with VKA and not through social media channels. J Copeland advised he will write a statement to address this concern.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman updated the board regarding the Canva design software and VKA was approved to have a non-profit pro level account. He has been working with the software, updating some Kart Show award certificates. There is a way to share the software with the members and he is trying to figure out how to share that. Canva is a high-level software program, that will allow VKA to create a brand kit, to be able to share the VKA logo on Facebook, promotional materials and website postings etc.

K Bogerman shared some of his ideas for certificates for upcoming shows and shared those ideas, such as honoring and celebrating some individuals that have been instrumental in karting at those specific tracks. Several board members shared some suggestions on individuals and will reach out to the family to get permission.

K Bogerman, advised once approved, he will work with a local printing company to get those printed.

Regional Reports:

Midwest-

B McCornack advised it pretty quiet right now. There is a new promoter, S Mox in the Midwest and he will be working pretty closely with the Cincinnati crew on that event.

Southern-

B Barthelemy advised he has been speaking with K Kendal about a potential modern/vintage type event in the September/ October time frame. He has also been speaking with N Sellers and has left a message at CMP on an event at their venue.

B Barthelemy also advised he will be sending the flyer to K Shampine the first of the week, to get them posted on the website.

West-

L Figone currently does not have anything additional to report at this time.

Northeast-

S Palatucci advised he had sent out an email to the board for review prior to the call and currently does not have anything additional to add.

Old Business:

J Copeland advised there is no new business to discuss at this time

New Business:

J Copeland advised the new item to the agenda was a requested update on the Northeast region update. L Haddock advised he would like a little back ground as to why stars beside all the Northeast dates. S Palatucci advised that was simple, because they are the best VKA events and wanted them to stand out. S Palatucci advised in all seriousness, the starred dates are pending final confirmation, he feels pretty confident they will happen, but they are pending final confirmation and wanted them on the calendar in order for the members to save the dates.

J Copeland advised he will draft an email and respond to the request.

J Copeland advised he has received an email from a VKA member requesting the VKA list the Rock Island Grand Prix event on the VKA calendar. Discussion took place among the board that only VKA events have been listed on the VKA calendar and it has not been the practice of the VKA to list other organizations events on the VKA calendar.

B McCornack thanked everyone for their hard work this past year.

S Palatucci advised the board that 2025, will be the 25th Anniversary of the VKA. If anyone has any ideas on how to celebrate the anniversary to reach out to him or S Owen.

J Copeland thanked everyone for their time and contribution this year and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Meeting adjourned 9:16pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier