

VKA Board Meeting January 14, 2024

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

Bill McCornack

Jim KammueLLer

Marty Westen

Kurt Bogerman

Sal Palatucci

Scott Nagel

Board Members Absent:

Louie Figone

Bob Barthelemy

Joe Swantek

Skip Owen

Lynn Haddock

Guest:

Rolf Hill

President's Report:

President Copeland advised he does not have a lot to report one at this time, but he would like to discuss the 2024 T shirt designs. S Nagel advised that he does have a box of last years T-shirts. J Copeland advised he would like to speak with J Swantek to see if he would like them at his upcoming event. President Copeland asked for design ideas for new shirts, as he would like to get some ordered intime for the Springfield event.

S Nagel asked about the possibility of getting hats in addition to VKA shirts.

J Copeland asked B McCornack about the possibility of the company that creates the VKA patches, if they could embroider the logo on hats? B McCornack advised he will check into it and report back.

R Hill asked about obtaining some information on the different types of hats they may offer, such as a bucket hat, instead of your traditional baseball hat.

President Copeland gave the board an update on his injury that he received at Daytona Kartweek and he is happy to be on the call.

Vice President Report:

L Figone is currently not on the call.

President Copeland advised the December 2023 meeting minutes we approved via email vote.

Secretary's Report:

J KammueLLer advised he does have an item to discuss under new business.

Membership report:

M Westen advised he is catching up to speed and has processed some new memberships and renewals. He received the membership renewal list in late December and worked with Deo to get the January and February membership renewals notifications sent out. He will be working with Deo to get the membership list available for the Riverside event.

M Westen advised he will be speaking with J Swantek about obtaining access to the bank account to be able to do remote deposits, due to the distance to the closest bank from him.

B McCornack asked M Westen about the status of his inventory on the VKA membership patches. M Westen advised he just opened another box and when he returns home, he will do an actual count and let him know how many he has on hand.

M Westen advised that he has a contact at a local printing and embroidery company, if VKA would ever like to obtain complete pricing on shirts, patches, etc. J Copeland advised M Westen that he has his go ahead, to obtain that information, since he already has a patch, he can provide as an example.

Treasurer's report:

J Swantek is currently not on the call.

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

J Copeland asked if anyone has any questions regarding the cash flow analysis that was sent out?

M Westen did have one question for clarification.

Public Relations:

S Owen is currently not on the call.

Website:

K Shampine is currently not on call.

National Event Directors:

S Nagel advised he is learning the position and what is required. B McCornack and R Hill are finishing up the edits on the promoters' contracts and packages that will be sent out shortly.

S Nagel advised he will be reaching out to the staff and promoters that will be running the events to introduce himself to keep the list of contacts and classes up to date.

He and B McCornack have reached out to a couple of tracks to see who needs VKA banners to put up at the events, and it looks like he has 3-4 tracks right now that need some and asked who needs to be notified that some may need to be ordered.

Enduro Report:

J Copeland advised the overall turnout at Daytona was somewhere between 700-800 entries with only 16 of those being vintage entries, split between several classes. J Copeland advised that the vintage enduro entries have not grown and asked the board for any ideas and suggestions on how to grow and encourage more vintage enduro participation and if anyone has any suggestions or ideas to please text or email him.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock is currently not on the call.

President Copeland advised that he and several others on the board, but wanted to make everyone aware he received a message from L Haddock after the last SKUSA event regarding the new MG and Evinco tires being much faster than the old variety of tires of the same designation, because the old tires are going to be phased out there will be some pressure to adopt new tires. A detailed discussion took place among the board on whether to open up and invite other tire manufacturers the option to send tires to VKA for testing, if new tires will need to be selected going forward for competition, as the current approved tires will be fading out and harder to get. John thanked everyone for their input and advised that this item will be discussed further in the future on how to move forward.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman advised he has the award certificates ready for Riverside. He is waiting for a quote from the printer on some other documents, they have been turning items around almost same day, and should have them ready to mail Wed or Thursday to California.

K Bogerman advised he has been working with B Barthelemy on getting some information and images for his upcoming event.

B McCornack asked if all eight Midwest packets can be shipped to him, and he will handle it from there.

Regional Reports:

Midwest-

B McCornack advised that he believes he will only be able to go to five of the eight events in the Midwest this year. Other than that it's pretty quiet around there in January

Northeast-

S Palatucci provided the board with a following Northeast report prior to the call for review:

1) Batavia continues to inform us that they plan on having all the track & facility upgrades ready for a traditional VKA 3 event - 3 Heat weekend on September 4, 5, 6.

The track also responded favorably for us to publish a rain date the following weekend.

2) Nicholson Speedway requested we move our May date one week later. The new date will be the weekend of May 31 – June 1.

3) Avon & Lafayette remain unchanged

4) Our first issue of VKA Northeast has now been published and posted on Facebook and VKAKarting.com. It is a noble regional follow-up to what Rolf produced for the VKA for all those years; and he's still helping with this season's work. (Thanks Rolf).

5) Our work group will have our 3rd Zoom meeting in February.

J Copeland asked S Palatucci if he has been able to get with K Shampine to update the event date for Nicholson on the website. S Palatucci advised he had not but will reach out to him tomorrow.

Southern-

B Barthelemy is currently not on the call

West-

L Figone is currently not on the call

Old Business:

Currently no old business to review at this time

New Business:

J Kammuller advised that the guidelines currently contain procedures for inspecting the Yamaha piston port and limited class engines and L Haddock will be putting in inspection procedures for the Stock 49 engines in the 2024 guidelines. J Kammuller was wondering if there should also be procedures for

inspecting the West bend engines as well since there are some newer engines out there, to check the bore stroke and carburetor to make sure they meet the requirements of classes 3 and 18.

B McCornack advised that the guidelines are already in place for the West bend as the guidelines already have bore and stroke parameters in place.

Discussion took place among the board, as to what should happen is someone feels that an engine should be teched or possibly disputed as it may not meet the guidelines. Agreement among the board it the competitor should speak with the promoter as to their concerns. M Westen advised that it is already knowledge that if there is an issue with a competitor driving, race format, etc., that you speak with the promoter.

M Westen advised he had received a letter that the owner of 61 Kartway passed away prior to Thanksgiving. M Westen received an email from C Hughes and read the email to the board members on the call. M Westen advised the board that he would like to memorialize Sherill at the upcoming event and ask the board for ideas and approval. B McCornack advised he can help M Westen with some of those requested changes for the event.

J Copeland stated he feels it is important for each promoter to decide how to make each of their events special and memorable, encouraging M Westen to move forward to making his event special.

R Hill advised that 2025 is VKA's silver anniversary and wanted to bring to the board's attention to be able to start thinking and planning for something special such as hat or patch. J Copeland agrees with R Hill that they should make a big deal for the 25th anniversary and would like the board to have some ideas on how to celebrate the 25th anniversary at the next meeting in February.

Meeting adjourned 8:57pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier