

VKA Board Meeting March 10, 2024

Call To Order: President John Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:05pm

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland

Marty Westen

Jim Kammueler

Sal Palatucci

Kurt Bogerman

Louie Figone

Scott Nagel

Bob Barthelemy

Bill McCornack

Skip Owen

Board Members Absent:

Joe Swantek

Lynn Haddock

President's Report:

President Copeland stated that the 2024 season is underway and mother nature has complicated some things.

Joe Swantek has been traveling and has not been able to get the treasurers report out, prior to the meeting, and J Copeland has not been able to update the cash flow report but should be back on schedule by next months meeting.

J Copeland updated the board that he has not been able to get any further on the setting up the zoom calls and hopes to have that worked out by the April meeting and will let everyone know how that is coming along.

Vice President Report:

L Figone advised there is a VKCA event coming up the end of March.

President Copeland advised the February 2024 meeting minutes we approved via email vote.

Secretary's Report:

J Kammueler advised he currently does not have anything to report at this time.

Membership report:

M Westen advised it's been a pretty busy month, with currently 23 membership renewals. Member count is currently 498 as of Dec. 2023.

President Copeland advised that approx. 400 renewal post cards went out this last week.

Treasurer's report:

J Swantek is currently not on the call.

Public Relations:

S Owen Advised he had spoken with two TV stations in Jacksonville and they were not interested in promoting the events. He will reach out to B Barthelemy regarding the upcoming Barnesville event. Discussion took place among the board regarding some ways to promote the upcoming events.

B Barthelemy advised he will work on getting some contact information for some outlets in the Georgia area for S Owen

M Westin suggested not only trying to promote karting, but also promote a personal interest story when reaching out to the local news media outlets.

Website:

K Shampine is currently not on call.

National Event Directors:

S Nagel update the board that the first event of 2024, took place in Jacksonville last week and sounded like it was a bit wet, but B Barthelemy was able to get the event in.

S Nagle advised that he will be keeping the participation spreadsheet for 2024, that will track the participation in each class at the events.

S Nagel complimented J Copeland for doing a great job getting the VKA T-shirts headed up for 2024. Hopefully the shirts will be completed in time for the Barnesville event, and he will take them down there, and then coordinate getting the shirts out to everyone for their events.

S Nagel also stated he has been working with K Shampine to keep the most current upcoming event information available and posted, and K Shampine has been doing a good job keeping it up to date.

Enduro Report:

J Copeland advised he currently has nothing to report at this time.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock is currently not on the call at the moment.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman advised he has been continuing the work on the show certificates and has been sending drafts back and forth to B Barthelemy and will hopefully get them in the mail this week for the Barnesville event.

Regional Reports:

Midwest-

B McCornack stated he has been in touch with T Trader and would like to keep the date open in case the sale of the track falls through in April, and the tearing up of the asphalt is just a rumor.

B McCornack advised he would like to put an article up on the website, that he had completed in 2020 titled "The Glory Years", which is a four part series with pictures, that he would like to send to K Shampine and asked the board for their thoughts. The board agreed they would like it on the website.

B McCornack also advised he has sent his Brodhead flyer to K Shampine on Friday to put up on the website.

B McCornack stated he is working on the tire poll for the Yamaha Masters class, he has been able to reach 3 of the seven drivers so far and will continue to reach out.

Northeast-

S Palatucci advised he had posted on the Facebook page the regional competition between B McCornack's group and his group. It's a fun competition between the groups.

They are waiting for their first event and looking forward to a good fun year.

Southern-

B Barthelemy advised Barnesville is about three weeks away. He provided the update on Jacksonville, stating the event looked wet going into it. Thursday was dry, Friday was questionable, and Saturday was going to be wet. After a discussion with the drivers, they decided to do heat races Thursday night under

the lights, and then the rest of the event in on Friday. The event had 43 entries, the weather forecast played a part in the entry numbers and provided a detailed report on the event.

B Barthelemy advised he spoke to NFKC about the possibility of the track shutting down, and they advised that there is no indication of it going anywhere. The city invested in a new lighting system and canopy over the pit area, so no indication it's going anywhere, as the track has been there since the 60s. B Barthelemy provided an update on Barnesville which is scheduled for April 4th-6th, he currently has 4-5 advanced entries, and now with Jacksonville being complete, usually more entries will come in. This will be the second Dick Wilson Memorial event.

West-

L Figone advised that the upcoming VKCA event is in Dixon and is memorial event for Ernie Fisher, and he will be in attendance.

Old Business:

President Copeland asked if everyone received the proposed T-Shirt design that was sent out earlier today? The design will go on the back of the shirt and the front will have a pocket and VKA logo. B McCornack asked if he could have the image sent to him again and J Copeland forwarded it. J Copeland advised that S Nagel, analyzed what was purchased last year, and what is currently available and suggested to adjust the order numbers accordingly.

Motion made by M Westin to accept the submitted T-shirt design with the adjustment that the VKA logo made smaller.

Seconded by S Palatucci

Discussion took place among the board members.

Call for vote: All in favor Motion passes.

New Business:

J Copeland asked B McCornack to provide an update on the tire survey.

B McCornack advised he is going to be keeping a running total in the Yamaha Master class, and he can share it after every event so people can see the direction that it's going in.

J Kammuller made the motion to do a survey in Yamaha Master to review the possibility of a future tire change.

Seconded by S Nagel.

Discussion took place among the board and J Copeland wanted to point out that this does not commit VKA to make a change, and this is an agreement that we are going to.

poll the members who participate and only the members that participate in this class.

J Copeland advised the board that he has spoken to L Haddock and he does not approve, and will be casting a vote to that if a vote is called for.

Call for vote: 2 nay votes Motion passes.

S Owen wanted to bring to the attention of the board the situation with Facebook and approving membership/ access to the VKA page. He asked for those approving access to the page to check the person's profile page requesting access. The page has been receiving a lot of spam, and reviewing the requestors page can possibly weed out some of the fake profiles or spam profiles wanting to only sell items.

J Copeland wanted to take a moment to recognize the amazing technological achievement that is Daylight saving time. Who could imagine that you could cut a foot off one end of the board and nailing it to the other making it longer, and with that President Copeland adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier