

VKA Board Meeting April 14, 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	Joe Swantek
Scott Nagel	Lynn Haddock
Bill McCornack	

Board Members Absent:

Louie Figone
Bob Barthelemy
Skip Owen

President's Report:

President Copeland advised that things are certainly changing, and the new owners of Broadhead will not be hosting a VKA event this year. J Copeland asked B McCornack

To provide an update in his segment. Discussion among the board took place regarding the as to the concerns that were brought forward by the track and will be addressed by the VKA.

J Copeland asked B McCornack to reach out to K Shampine to have the entry form removed off the VKA website. B McCornack advised he will reach out to him again.

J Copeland advised that the board may have seen some rumblings on FB regarding the cost for some of the VKA upcoming events and the cost that the tracks are charging for their entry fees, and reminded the board that VKA is not responsible for the prices the tracks want to charge for hosting an event. Discussion took place among the board as to the expenses that the track has to incur for corner workers, insurance etc. J Copeland agreed, and advised the board that VKA can not get into the discussion of what the tracks choose to set their entry fees at.

J. Copeland advised that he is still working out the transition to moving the meetings to zoom.

J. Copeland advised the board of the passing of D. Oakley, longtime companion of R. Gilmore last week.

Vice President Report:

L Figone is currently not on the call at this time.

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

Secretary's Report:

J Kammueler advised that an insurance statement is coming in June or July, and has not received it yet, but will pass it on when received.

Membership report:

M Westen advised in March there were 21- 1 yr renewals, 5- 3 yr renewals, 6- 1 yr family renewals, 2- 3 yr family renewals and three new memberships and was a pretty active month.

M Westen provided an update on the postcards sent out by J Copeland to inactive members, and he is seeing some return on those.

B McCornack, advised that a lot of people wait to renew their memberships at the track at their first event of the year, and will probably see those renewals start to come in as well.

J Copeland advised that the VKA may want to enlist some help at New Castle in assisting with the new memberships and renewing memberships at the registration desk, ensuring those are captured. L Haddock advised Cincinnati may need some assistance as well. Discussion took place among the board as the best way to assist and ensure those entered have an active VKA membership as required.

B McCornack asked L Haddock if he knew how many pre-entries had been received by Cincinnati for their event. L Haddock believes he was told 10 at this point and there is a \$30 pre-entry discount. B McCornack advised that even with pre-entries, registration needs to ensure that the entrant has an active membership.

Discussion took place among the board regarding enforcing and ensuring that entrants have active memberships and enforcing the promoters package agreement.

Treasurer's report:

J Copeland advised the treasurer report was approved via email vote prior to the call.

J Swantek advised he has something interesting to share, he and his brother went to the VKCA event and ran into a lot of old friends and were happy to see them. A conversation took place regarding Mussleman Honda Circuit in Arizona, and there is someone there at the track who is interested in having a vintage karting event at their track, there is nothing to put on the calendar yet, but will keep the board informed as the conversations progresses in having dual event race.

Discussion took place among the board on some issues that may need to be addressed in advance to make the event happen smoothly.

J Copeland advised that he did send out the cashflow analysis from Jan to March prior to the call, so some people may not have had an opportunity to review it yet.

There will be a pretty big expense showing up, which will be the new T-Shirts. J Copeland asked S Nagel what he thought of the shirts as he has seen them in person, and S Nagel advised he thought they looked great.

Public Relations:

S Owen currently not on the call

Website:

K Shampine is currently not on call.

National Event Directors:

S Nagel advised he is waiting on information from B Barthelemy for the last two events. B Barthelemy was in the process of moving and hasn't been able to get the information over yet.

S Nagel advised since B Barthelemy is currently not on the call he can give an event report for Barnesville since he was there. They had 77 entries, it was 65 degrees and sunny all weekend, it was a good event, and everyone had fun. He thanked K Boger for the kart show awards, everyone liked the new additions to the awards.

Enduro Report:

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

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock advised he had tech committee meeting regarding the Billet engines, one of the concerns is, there is a person offering the whole engine, there is also some chatter regarding another person reproducing the McCulloch block. Haddock feels the general feeling is the fact we are considering recommending these Billet engines to not be used. The concern is not so much with the crank case, but the cylinder and head which can have a huge influence on the performance versus all the engines in the field right now. The main concern is this type of engine can totally make anything currently out there obsolete and would affect 100cc open, 150 and 300 open classes. The general consensus is to do more research on this foreign engine side and the McCulloch side and come back to the next meeting and make a motion on whether to allow it or outlaw it.

B McCornack advised he will be reaching out to two people regarding this issue and will report back to L Haddock with his findings.

A long discussion took place among the board members regarding the allowance of reproduction engines.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman is currently not on the call

Regional Reports:

Midwest-

B McCornack advised that Broadhead had been discussed earlier regarding canceling the event. The replacement event for Broadhead is going to be in Norway, IL at Concept Haulers track. The date will be July 18-20th.

Ken is running into a problem, as there are no hotels available at that time, so Ken is talking to Gene to maybe switch the Norway and Springfield events. B McCornack is in touch with both Ken and Gene and will update the board on the status of the events and will work with K Shampine on updating the website.

L Haddock asked for clarification on two Springfield dates. B McCornack advised it was at the request of the track to hold the two events this year and it is a one-time situation at this point.

M Westin asked B McCornack, asked if we are going to replace the April Springfield date? B McCornack advised that with Norway coming on, there is no need trying to fill the April date, because the Midwest will have 7 dates.

Northeast-

S Palatucci advised that everything is going good. Avon has not been sold at this time and is planning on that event. He keeps in touch with Batavia, so far so good.

Southern-

B Barthelemy currently not on the call

West-

L Figone currently not on the call

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

President Copeland advised that he would get something written up and posting on the website and Facebook regarding the requirement of being a member.

The meeting adjourned 9:25pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier