

## **VKA Board Meeting May 19, 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

Bill McCornack

Jim Kammueler

Marty Westen

Kurt Bogerman

Bob Barthelemy

Scott Nagel

Joe Swantek

### Board Members Absent:

Louie Figone

Lynn Haddock

Skip Owen

Sal Palatucci

### Guest:

Rolf Hill

### **President's Report:**

President Copeland updated the board that he paid a visit to Broadhead the other week and met with Trevor and update the board on how that meeting went regarding future events and partnerships.

President Copeland asked is B Barthelmeay can get with S Nagel regarding the breakdown of the check the VKA received for the Barnesville event, such as T-Shirts, Memberships, etc.

President Copeland asked if M Westin has received anything from Springfield? M Westin advised as of today, he had not seen anything from that event.

### **Vice President Report:**

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

President Copeland advised the April 2024 meeting minutes were approved via email vote.

### **Secretary's Report:**

J Kammueler advised his term as secretary ends this year, December 31, 2024 and would like to step aside, but will remain on until a replacement is found. He advised that there is a candidate interested, A Scoggins, and she is interested in serving on the board.

J Copeland asked if she should be invited as a guest for one of the upcoming meetings, so she gets an idea of the meeting flow. J Kammueler advised he will contact her a provide the information to call into a meeting.

### **Membership report:**

M Westen provided the board with a March activity update, 35 memberships.

Total members to date are 492.

Renewal postcards went out May 1<sup>st</sup>.

B McCornack advised he had a problem printing the membership report. S Nagal advised that he was able to print it, and discussion took place regarding the print settings as it's sent in Excel. M Westin advised he will try to send the next one in pdf format, to B McCornack.

### **Treasurer's report:**

J Copeland advised treasurers report was approved via email vote.

J Swantek advised he has received something from Springfield in regard to a check and will be depositing that tomorrow.

J Swantek advised that he a T Ives will be promoting an event at Musselman Honda Circuit in Jan 2025. Information will be forthcoming as the event gets closer.

**Public Relations:**

S Owen currently not on the call.

**Website:**

K Shampine is currently not on call.

**National Event Directors:**

S Nagel advised the weather has been kind of chaotic with the last few events.

There will be several date changes next year for some of the events. Discussion took place among the board on some tracks who would like to change dates and a few tracks that want to keep their current date.

S Nagal advised he sold quit a few T shirts this weekend and they are very well received

Copeland asked the board if could help find someone to cover a membership table, especially on Thursday, at New Castle. This would be the first stop prior to going to the registration table to ensure everyone's membership is valid. S Nagel advised he will see if he can find someone.

J Copeland advised that Whiteland's reservation system does not allow you to register for a pit spot unless you are entered. J Copeland advised that he will be manually handling the pit space reservations for this event, so if you know anyone planning on coming to Whiteland, they will need to reach out to him.

**Enduro Report:**

J Copeland suggested that since he is no longer participating in the enduro racing, and no one else on the board currently is actively involved, to remove this section from the meeting until they have some to fill the spot. Discussion took place among the board, and everyone agreed.

**Rule and Guidelines:**

L Haddock is currently not on the call.

**Judging and Shows:**

K Bogerman advised he has a few more show packages to put together. He has received some positive feedback on the awards certificates from the Barnesville event. B McCornack stated that the certificates look great, and the color seems to be more vivid.

**Regional Reports:**

Midwest-

B McCornack provided an update from the Cincinnati event. The weather was partly cloudy on Thursday with a full day of practice and did not run a heat race Thursday. Friday it stopped raining at 11, but the day was cancelled because it appeared it may have been a wash out. Saturday the participants were given an option to run three heat races and 95% of them wanted to run three heat races. There was no kart show on Friday due to a lot of people leaving the track after the heats were cancelled, and Saturday

was a full day of racing. S Bayliff was great to work with, getting the classes lined up, calculating heat points, etc. S Bayliff expressed interest he would like having the event back next year in October.

Northeast-

S Palatucci is currently not on the call, but provided the following update via email to the board regarding the Northeast:

1) Everything seems to be on track for our 4 NE events; the first one , **Nicholson** is in two weeks;

2) **Lafayette** is also still on the schedule; 2nd weekend in July;

3) **Avon** has been purchased. The new owner is a long-time club member who wants to keep it going as a go karting business. Our August 1-2-3 date is secure.

4) **Batavia's** track rehab is scheduled for the end of May; the owner remains enthusiast about the VKA being his first official go kart weekend. We can show up on Wednesday Sept.4, to set up. Drive Thursday - Saturday. Sunday is a built-in rain date.

**Saturday morning** is the target time for the 2 MW vs NE team races: YamahaLTD and Sportsman Rear.

5) Our two go kart games are being polished: 3 Lap Monte & the Regional Champion Challenge. Hopefully our members will be enthused.

Southern-

B Barthelemy advised he doesn't have much to report at this time, he will follow up with Marty to give him the breakdown of the event information needed.

J Copeland asked if there was any luck trying to recruit someone to have an event at Kershaw? B Barthelemy advised he will reach out to Mickie, J Copeland asked for his contact information as well.

West-

L Figone is currently not on the call

#### **Old Business:**

J Copeland advised the only thing he has listed under old business is the status of Billet engine parts and asked B McCornack to give an update.

B McCornack advised that he had reached out via email to T Taft who is possibly remanufacturing the McCulloch engine, and he has not heard back from him. The email given to him was the only form of contact had.

J Copeland advised table this topic until the June meeting but will need to be ready for a vote in June.

#### **New Business:**

J Copeland advised he has PayPal usage by members listed under new business and asked for M Westin to take the lead on this topic.

M Westin advised that he has received information for renewals, but last names are not matching, family members are not listed on the family renewals and he's not sure how to match up the memberships etc. He asked if there is any way to adjust the PayPal application, so that additional information can be added to distinguish who the memberships are for? The information that he receives only

indicates what type of membership was purchased, but he cannot see the membership form itself to see who the order was for?

J Copeland asked if J Swantek or S Owen was still on the call?

J Copeland recommended M Westin reaching S Owen to see if there was a way to get this information or access to this information that is needed.

B McCornack wanted to clarify the rules as to what a family membership is and who qualifies under the family membership. M Westin advised that the membership does state that information.

Meeting adjourned 9:11pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier