

## **VKA Board Meeting July 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

Joe Swantek

Kurt Bogerman

Bob Barthelemy

Bill McCornack

Lynn Haddock

### **Board Members Absent:**

Sal Palatucci

Skip Owen

Louie Figone

Scott Nagel

### **Guest:**

Rolf Hill

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

President Copeland stated its ben a busy month since last meeting. The New Castle event was a great event. The second NE event is this weekend in Lafayette will be looking forward to that report. Next year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VKA and would like to start gathering ideas and working on ways to promote that milestone. He would like to get a few people together to form a committee to gather some ideas on how to promote this. J Copeland asked if there were any volunteers to form the committee. R Hill advised he can help. K Bogerman stated he can help as well as B McCornack.

### **Vice President Report:**

L Figone is currently not on the call.

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

J Kammueler stated the J Swantek is ready to send out the check for the insurance premium.

J Copeland advised the June meeting minutes were approved via email vote.

### **Membership report:**

M Westen updated the board on the membership renewals he received for June 2024. Total memberships for June were 492 and provided a breakdown of memberships per region. Renewal notices for August have been mailed out and he has Septembers ready to go. M Westen advised he needs first class stamps, and asked for approval, J Copeland provided approval to purchase.

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

J Swantek advised the Treasurers report went out last night for everyone to review and approve.

The insurance premium is going to be mailed out tomorrow.

J Swantek did ask the board that any monies received for memberships, raffles, T shirts, to please send to M Westen as they have a process in place to handle that.

J Copeland apologized for not having the June Cashflow spreadsheet updated, and he will get that put together and out to everyone hopefully by next weekend.

### **Public Relations:**

J Copeland reminded everyone that the public relations spot is currently vacant. He requested opinion from the board on reaching out to the membership via email and social media, to see if they can find anyone who has interest in creating a public relations program for the VKA. The program would consist of social media outreach as well as regular media outreach to expose the VKA to the public.

B McCornack asked if this will be a board position? J Copeland advised, not at this time.

### **Website:**

K Shampine is currently not on call.

### **National Event Directors:**

S Nagel currently not on the call

### **Judging and Shows:**

K Bogerman advised he has nothing new to report at this time regarding Judging and shows.

### **Regional Reports:**

West-

L Figone is currently not on the call.

J Swantek advised there is a signed contract, for the Musselman Honda event in Tuson which is 16-18<sup>th</sup> of January 2025. He is working on getting the flyer together and posting on Facebook.

J Swantek is working on getting a date for Santa Marie, more on that to come.

J Swantek did send out an email to the board, that the date for Bakersfield had changed and needs to make sure that gets updated on the website, and he will reach out to K Shampine to make sure he is aware of the change and update needed.

Northeast-

K Bogerman advised that the Lafayette event was good and extremely hot. The turnout was not as great as they hoped with approx. 30 registrations with a good turnout of Yamahas. He believes there were approx. 20-25 karts in the show. The response to the vent was positive even though the registrations weren't what they had hoped for and was a lot of conflicting plans with some core members that were not in attendance.

K Bogerman advised that it was his understanding that S Palatucci was going to put something together regarding the event and send it out to the board.

South-

B Barthelemy advised that he is working on getting another date lined up for 2025. He advised that he has reached out to another promoter about hosting an event at CMP and would be willing to help the promoter but cannot promote it by himself. Discussion took place about what would be needed to make an event at CMP happen, such as entry numbers, and having volunteers to help in the south with events.

Midwest-

B McCornack provided an update on the New Castle event, there were 206 entries, which he believes was a record. J Swantek thanks B McCornack for helping in tech.

B McCornack stated it was a great event and he was happy to be there and help out. He will not be racing at the Norway event but plans to be there to help out.

### **Rule and Guidelines:**

J Copeland advised he would like to discuss the billet engine in old business and asked L Haddock if he had anything else to discuss under Rule and Guidelines?

L Haddock advised he currently does not have anything new to address.

### **Old Business:**

J Copeland asked L Haddock to provide an update on what he has learned regarding the Billet engines. L Haddock advised that the research he was asked to do regarding materials. The material called A356, which is popular material that is used in castings, and 60-61 which is what the Billet is being made of does not transfer the heat as well as A356, which is true. However, the engines both now and back then are not made from A356, the material they use currently for the shifter kart engines is a European alloy that is comparable to A356, and 60-61 does dump the heat better than the material being used. So, the take home message is from material standpoint the 60-61 gets rid of heat better than the cast material being used.

J Copeland stated the other element was asking the vintage sportscar people were doing, and J Copeland advised he spoke to two people in a vintage race car group. He was advised in the event that parts that are no longer available like cylinder head and crank cases or whatever, they require any replacement parts to be manufactured to the same specifications as the original part. Such as if the part was originally cast, the replacement also must be cast, and the same alloy used. The supplier would then send a sample of the proposed replacement part for testing and approval.

L Haddock advised that, it was his understanding that per the last meeting, a discussion was going to take place among the participants in the classes that this may affect. He was not able to attend New Castle and asked if anyone had spoken to the participant? B McCornack advised he believes that S Nagel may have spoken to some of the people at New Castle but he is currently not on the call.

L Haddock advised that we just had the most participated event in a while, and would it be possible to look at the entry sheets and pole those who were at the event?

After a long discussion among the board. J Copeland advised he liked the idea of reaching out to the entrants at the New Castle event, he believes there were 15-18 entrants, and is happy to make phone calls and will report back to board. And he would like to come back next month and finally make a decision.

J Copeland advised to table this topic until next month, as additional information is to be gathered.

### **New Business:**

B McCornack advised he will be putting a proposal out after the Norway event, regarding the weight situation, and will get it sent out to the board.

J Swantek provided some information on a simple way they will be addressing the situation they have and just an example for B McCornack.

Meeting adjourned 8:59pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier