

## **VKA Board Meeting November 10, 2024**

Call To Order: Vice President Louie Figone called the meeting to order at 8:09pm

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

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

John Copeland	Louie Figone
Jim KammueLLer	Scott Nagel
Kurt Bogerman	Bob Barthelemy
Bill McCornack	Sal Palatucci
Marty Westen	Joe Swantek
Lynn Haddock	Skip Owen

### **Board Members Absent:**

### **Guest:**

Rolf Hill

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

John Copeland advised he just gotten back from being out of the country from Australia and New Zealand. He was able to visit several kart tracks while over there. One of the tracks he visited has a buddy to the track day, where the buddy just has to purchase a pit pass, and there are several karts for them to be able to use. That reminded him, that one of the priorities he has is to try to grow the membership and he would like to put together a small group to brainstorm soliciting new members in 2025. He will be happy to be part of the effort and would like someone to lead that group.

The next item is setting up elections for the December meeting. If anyone is thinking about stepping down from the board he would like to know, or if you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the board he asked if they would send out a group email.

B McCornack suggested taking a poll of those on the call to see if they plan on staying for 2025:

Jim KammueLLer- looking for a replacement and will stay until one is found

Kurt Bogerman- yes

Bill McCornack - yes

Marty Westen- yes

Lynn Haddock- yes

Louie Figone- has reservations, and will let him know by the end of the month

Scott Nagel- yes

S. Owen – yes, but would like his role and responsibilities defined

Bob Barthelemy- yes

Sal Palatucci- yes

Joe Swantek – no, he is happy to stay on until someone trained and get them up and running and trained and the 501c is filed.

President Copeland advised that he believes everyone has seen the email from A Scoggins with her request to withdraw her offer to become secretary when J KammueLLer retires at the end of the year. President Copeland thanked B McCornack for responding to the email on behalf of the board.

President Copeland asked if anyone had any questions regarding the incident that took place at Whiteland as he is happy to discuss it.

S. Palatucci asked if there was a short version of it, as he is not too sure what it is about. J Copeland advised that there was a guidelines infraction that involved M Westen and was protested by A. Scoggins. J Copeland advised that he disqualified the kart in the heats that it ran, and A Scoggins appears to be not satisfied in the response. J Copeland advised that he holds the board members to the same standard as everyone else, nothing more and nothing less, and he handled the incident at the track and considered it a closed matter.

L Haddock stated that everyone needs to understand is M Westen was the owner of the kart, but the infraction goes back to the entrant, and not the kart owner. To do something to the kart owner is not within the guidelines as the infraction goes back to the driver/ entrant.

J Kammer asked for clarification, that the infraction goes back to the entrant/driver.

L Haddock advised, yes. The entrant is responsible for their kart, their crew, the drivers' actions on the track. L Haddock provided the following example: If an entrant's kart owner, punches another participant at the track, the driver/entrant is responsible for his crews' actions, or if the engine is too big or the chassis is wrong, it's up to the entrant to make sure he is in compliance.

Discussion took place among the board regarding surrogate drivers, and karts owners and again how it is the entrants responsibility to ensure kart compliance.

President Copeland thanked J KammueLLer for his willingness to stay on as secretary until his replacement is found.

#### **Vice President Report:**

L Figone advised on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the West Coast group is having an event, and he is planning on going to it at the Kinsman Kart club.

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

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

J KammueLLer advised he has been working and is planning on filing the Non-Profit report in the State of Nevada, and there is a \$60 new filing fee for the new Agent and a \$50 fee for filing the Non-Profit report and wanted to make the board aware of the expense.

#### **Membership report:**

M Westin advised October was a quiet month with 3 renewals in November.

5 renewals occurred in October. December renewal postcards have been sent out and January's will be sent out on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Total memberships as of Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, is 494

NE – 81

South- 83

Midwest- 267

West- 63

M Westen advised that he has received a 100 bumper stickers from K Windham that he had on hand from the last printing, and was sold to the VKA at a lesser amount and he took advantage of that. M Westen advised the board of the price quotes he received regarding the quantity breakdown.

M Westen advised that he has left a message from K Shampine regarding the website needing to be updated. D Curts is still listed as the membership director and that needs to be updated, as well as the new membership prices that will be in effect next year, as well as a few other items that need to be updated.

J Copeland advised he will reach out to K Shampine and get him in touch with M Westin regarding the issues he sees with the website.

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

J Copeland asked if everyone had received and reviewed the treasurer's report sent out prior to the meeting. There was not enough email approvals received prior to the start of the meeting so a vote will need to take place.

All in favor of approving the Treasurers report: 10      L Figone abstains as he has not received it  
Treasurers' report is approved

J Copeland asked if everyone has a chance to review the cash flow sheet that was sent out today for October.

J Swantek advised he currently does not have anything additional to add, and thanked everyone for approving the treasurer's report.

#### **National Event Directors:**

S Nagal advised he is waiting on a few more confirmations to come in for 2025, in order to get the final schedule done.

R Hill has been working on the FirstTurn magazine and wanted to thank him for doing that again.

S Nagal advised he and B McCornack are working on a driver meeting agenda, that hopefully can be used to the events, on topics to address during the drivers' meetings, and asked if anyone has anything that feel should be added to please let him or Bill know.

S Nagal advised that he has been working on the design cost for the medallions for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, for first, second and third place.

Meeting ended and started over at a new call.

#### **Rules and Guidelines:**

L. Haddock plans to have the 2025 changes to the VKA Guidelines available to post on our web site very soon.

Discussion took place as to whether the motion that was passed at the October 14 Board meeting requiring drivers weighing less than 150 pounds to add weight to their karts, included all rear engine karts or just the Junior and Historic Classes. Further discussion was tabled for new business.

#### **Judging and Shows:**

K. Bogerman is waiting on a final schedule of events for 2025 so he can finish the kart show certificates.

#### **Regional Reports:**

**Midwest Region - B. McCornack:** Bill is working on the details for the Norway event and will have information to Rolf for inclusion in the FirstTurn, as soon as possible.

**East Region - S. Palatucci:** Sal is working to finalize a date for Batavia.

**South Region - B. Barthelemy:** Bob is working on his event schedule. The 4-cycle entries at Barnesville may be divided into three (3) weight groups, 320, 345 and 370 pounds.

**West Region - L. Figone:** Louie had no report (see his V. President report above).

**Old Business:**

**25th Anniversary Progress - R. Hill:**

- 25th anniversary commemorative stickers and patches will be provided to all VKA members.
- Let Rolf know of any people you feel should be included in his "Best of VKA" information.
- John has signed five (5) letters to send to helmet manufacturers requesting a donation of one helmet each.
- Work is continuing on the 25th anniversary Trifold brochure.
- Best of VKA photos will be posted on VKA Facebook.

**New Business:**

**Applicability of 150 pound weight rule to rear engine karts:**

J. Kammuller made a motion to exclude drivers of rear engine karts from the 150 pound weight addition rule. A roll call vote is held with the following results:

Call for Vote: Roll Call:

J. Copeland: No	B McCornack: No
L Figone: No	S Owen: No
J Kammuller: Yes	K Bogerman: Yes
S Palatucci: Yes	S Nagel: No
L Haddock: No	B Barthelemy: Yes
M Westin: Abstain	J. Swantek: Abstain

All in Favor: 4    Opposed 6    Abstain: 2    Motion Fails

Discussion was held confirming that event promoters still had the option to exclude drivers of rear engine karts from having to add weight.

**Rolf Hill's 2025 VKA Calendar:**

A motion passed to give Rolf \$500 for VKA advertising in his Karting Event Planning Calendar. 2025 is the final year for publication of this calendar.

Meeting adjourned 10:03pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier