

VKA Board Meeting – December 8, 2024 Minutes

Call to Order: President John Copeland called the meeting to order at approximately 8:07 pm EST.

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland
Louie Figone
Jim KammueLLer
Marty Westen
Joe Swantek
Skip Owen
Scott Nagel

Bill McCornack
Kurt Bogerman
Bob Barthelemy

Board Members Absent:

Lynn Haddock
Sal Palatucci

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill

President's Report:

President Copeland began by thanking all Board members for a job well done once again the past year. President Copeland felt that VKA Board members stood out from other karting organizations due to their experience and knowledge. He also advised that the wife of Greg Wright who owns Rapid racing had died today.

VP Report:

Vice President Louie Figone did not have a report, but advised he would remain on the Board for another year.

November Minutes:

President Copeland advised the November minutes were approved via email votes.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jim KammueLLer had no report. As noted below, Jim's three year term has expired and he will be leaving the Board at the end of this month. However, he will prepare the required annual VKA non-profit status paperwork for filing in the State of Nevada next month.

Membership report:

Marty Westen reported that current membership was 471 distributed within our 4 regions as follows:

Northeast 77

Midwest 250

South 82

West 62

Marty discussed problems with the current VKA web site member registration form that did not allow for entry of certain information including member skills and family information. Use of a new on line "Pro Form" was then discussed and President Copeland will review the use and cost of this form with web site manager Keith Shampine.

Treasurer's report:

President Copeland advised the treasurer's report was approved by email.

National Event Directors Report:

National Event Director Scott Nagel reported that all dates for our 2025 events were now set. Updates to the promoter's package are being finalized by both he and Midwest Coordinator Bill McCornack. It was pointed out that the event schedule recently posted on VKA Facebook contained some incorrect dates. This schedule will be taken down by Rolf Hill. It was also pointed out that the 2025 Guideline changes are now posted on the VKA web site.

Rule and Guidelines:

Rule and Guidelines Chairman Lynn Haddock was not on the call.

Judging and Shows:

Judging and Shows Director Kurt Bogerman reported that he will continue work on the 2025 show certificates now that all event dates were set. He'll start with certificates for the Tucson event.

Regional Reports:

NE Region: NE Region Coordinator Sal Palatucci was not on the call.

Midwest Region: Midwest Region Coordinator Bill McCornack reiterated that all 2025 event dates were now set and that the promoter's package updates were nearing completion.

South Region: South Region Coordinator Bob Barthelemy reported that event flyers for Barnesville and Jacksonville were in preparation. Bob plans to have three weight classes for the 4 cycle flatheads at Barnesville - 325, 350 and 375 pounds. Bob would like to add a 3rd event to the South Region schedule and is considering the kart track at Virginia International raceway, that is not located on the infield of the main race track.

West Region: West Region Coordinator Louie Figone had no report. There was some general discussion among Board members expressing disappointment that VKA presence/participation in California wasn't greater as karting had started there.

Old Business:

Update information from the 25th Anniversary Committee included the following:

- a. Bill McCornack is waiting on quotes for production of the 25th Anniversary patches.
- b. The Board agreed to purchase 1000 VKA bumper stickers (same design as in the past) at 76 cents each rather than 500 at 98 cents each from Kent Windham.
- c. Peewee's Pin Stripping is presently making the 25th Anniversary stickers.

New Business:

a. 25th Anniversary Membership Drive: Mart Westen made a motion to offer a 1 year \$25 membership for new members, and the same price for existing members who would like to extend their membership another year, during calendar year 2025 . Motion passed, seconded by Bill McCornack. A drop down menu can be added to the web site for this.

b. Honorary Lifetime Membership for Rolf Hill: Marty Westen made a motion to give Rolf this award for his service to VKA. Motion passed, seconded by Bill McCornack.

c. New Board Member: Steve Mox was motioned onto the Board as a member at large.

d. Retention of current Board Members: President Copeland requested a motion be made to retain all present Board members for another year. Bill McCornack made the motion that was seconded by Scott Nagel. Subsequent to this motion being passed, Skip Owen, who is presently a Board Member at Large, reported that he had recently spoken with President John Copeland and outgoing Secretary Jim Kammueler regarding possibly assuming the Secretary position. Bill then made an amended motion to have Skip replace Jim that was seconded by Marty Westen.

e. Two-Day VKA events: President Copeland reported that some members had expressed interest in having 2-day rather than 3-day events. Bill McCornack expressed concern that 2-day events might not work well in the Midwest Region where event attendance tended to be higher.

Remarks for the Good of the Organization:

a. Vintage Karting Museum: Lynn Haddock continues to consider what to do with his collection of karts and equipment.

b. News: February 1 is the date for the OVK swap fest in Ohio.

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:00 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Jim Kammueler