

VKA Board Meeting February 16,2025

Call To Order: President Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:04pm

Roll Call: Skip Owen called the roll with the following results:

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland	Sal Palatucci
Kurt Bogerman	Skip Owen
Bill McCornack	Steve Mox
Marty Westen	Lynn Haddock

Board Members Absent:

Joe Swantek	Bob Barthelemy
Scott Nagel	Louie Figone

Guest:

Rolf Hill
Sam Polito

President's Report:

President Copeland stated the 2025 season is upon us as Tucson is already in the books with 50 entries and at least that many kart show entries, which is great and hopes the bodes well in the future. Jacksonville is right around the corner, and he talked to Bob late last week, as Bob has been working on that event.

President Copeland advised they have been working on promotion and Membership. On Feb 1st, the VKA had a booth at the OVKA Swap Meet, the event was very well attended. S Mox manned the booth and brought a vintage kart, a promotional video was shown, FirstTurn magazines were passed out and two new members signed up, and the VKA got a lot of visibility out of it.

Also at the VKA booth, R Neal displayed a clock made from a Westend Block. R Neal and R Chapman have offered to recognize entrants in the Historic Class at Barnesville and the Mid West events in 2025, to stir up more interest in that class. They will provide the clocks and handle all the entrants. The criteria for winning the clock may be different at each event, it may be the oldest kart, the oldest entrant, longest distant traveled, etc. This is no additional cost to the VKA with hopes it will draw more interest to that class.

On January 30th J Copeland mailed out membership promotion email, to 118 clubs, tracks and karting organizations and has received a few responses back

M Nagel is sending the 2024 shirts and half and half tickets to S Mox, and S Mox will handle Shirts sales and 50/50 raffle in Jacksonville.

B McCornack advised that there was a video out there on Youtube, from the Norway, IL event and J Copeland is interviewed in it. J Copeland advised it was produced by Cars and Cameras.

B McCornack advised that the VKA is promoted really well in the video and J Copeland did a great job with the interview.

L Haddock asked if B McCornack could provide a link to the video, and he will post it on the Facebook page. B McCornack advised that he will email that to L Haddock.

S Polito wanted to advise the board that in New York State that 50/50 raffles are allowed unless you have a certificate to do so, as they are considered gambling in that State and some NY venues will not allow it.

B McCornack advised the board that they had run into a similar issue several years ago in Wisconsin and provided an idea of possible work around which they were able to find.

J Copeland also pulled up some information on the internet that states, raffles are allowed by an authorized charitable organization, and he will continue to look into it more.

Vice President Report:

L Figone is currently not on the call

President Copeland advised the January 2025 minutes were approved via email vote.

Secretary's Report:

S Owen advised he has the information for the Nevada filing, and he will be working on getting that information submitted prior to March deadline.

Membership report:

M Westin provided a break down of the membership renewals he had received for January.

Total Membership through January is: 471

Midwest: 253 Northeast: 78 South: 81 West: 59

March renewal reminders were mailed out Feb. 23rd.

April's renewal postcards are ready to go out.

February renewal numbers seem to be picking up.

The 25th Anniversary emblems should be at his house soon and they are about ¾ of the way complete, when the emblems come in. He will be needing postage to mail those out along with some additional envelopes.

Treasurer's report:

J Swantek is currently not on the call.

President Copeland advised that the treasurer's report was approved via email vote.

President Copeland advised that the January cashflow spreadsheet had been sent out, with not a whole lot of information on it so far, but there are a few anticipated expenses coming up for February such as web domain hosting but will level out over the next few months.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock advised he has a few updates and some typos to correct.

B McCornack is doing some testing on the ignition box that they would like to allow for use on the Yamaha, and he is verifying that it will not create any problems.

L Haddock advised that the revision would not come out until after Jacksonville. L Haddock advised that if anyone has noticed any typos that need to be fixed to pass that information along to him, so it can be included in the revision.

L Haddock also advised that B Barthelemy needs to have a good bathroom scale at Jacksonville for those drivers that need to be weighed. J Copeland advised he will remind B Barthelemy.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman advised he sent B Barthelemy the award certificates for both of his events.

He is continuing to work on other awards for upcoming events in batches.

Regional Reports:

National-

B McCornack updated the board that there are 15 events scheduled for this year. The first one already having been run at Tucson. The next event is Feb. 27th- March 1st in Jacksonville.

B McCornack advised that he took a look at the schedule on the Website and the following flyers are currently up: Jacksonville FL, Barnesville, GA, Springfield, IL and Batavia, NY. The others are not up yet and he will be sending out reminders, as he likes to get those up several months in advance, for planning purposes for the karters.

Midwest-

B McCornack advised that he is waiting for the Midwest events to start up and will be reminding his promoters to get those flyers created, so they can be posted.

B McCornack provided an update on the Quincy transponders that may have been available for purchase. He had checked into it, and Quincy ended up having a buyer for the whole system which included the transponders.

Northeast-

S. Palatucci advised he has the Batavia flyer up and working with the other tracks to get theirs together. The lunch in Gettysburg was a lot of fun with 16 people in attendance and everyone is excited for this upcoming year, and a lot for great conversation took place.

South-

B Barthelemy currently not on the call

West-

L Figone currently not on the call

Old Business:

J Copeland advised that the first draft of the video has been sent out to review and provide some feedback. J Copeland had passed along that feed back to K Bogerman to pass along and asked K Bogerman if he knew when the first revision may be ready?

K Bogerman advised that he did receive 2 revisions late this week and will be sending those out to the board to review the suggested changes.

R Hill asked what the reaction was to his suggestion about having a notable voice over onto the video as some of those voices are available for free online. J Copeland advised he did pass that information on, and he is not sure if that is the direction that they want to go, and did not hear any feedback on the current voice actor they had, but he did pass that on.

J Copleand advised next is T-shirts- J Copeland advised that he has passed on the T-shirt design for the 25th Anniversary to K Windham and has given back proposals along with the rendering of what the shirts will look like to the board for review. J Copeland did receive feedback regarding changing the size of the logo on the back of the shirt and is awaiting a reply.

J Copeland advised that there are 4 proposals out there for the shirts ranging in price and quantity and a decision needs to be made on which T-shirt style to order and how many.

Motion made by L Haddock to order Beefy T with the pocket, the Cadillac of the shirts offered, and increase the quantity of the order by 10-15% for the 25th anniversary T design.

Motion Seconded by B McCornack

Discussion took place among the board regarding the cost of the shirts and difference in the shirts being offered.

J Copeland asked for a call for vote: All in favor motion passes

Motion made by B McCornack: retail price for the 25th Anniversary T shirt to be \$35

Seconded by: L Haddock

Discussion took place among the Board: S Polito asked the board for clarification on shipping and distribution on the shirts between events.

J Copeland asked for a call for a vote for the pricing of the 25th Anniversary T Shirt.

L Haddock asked the board if the T shirt is going to include a decal with it to help offset the increased T-shirt price. Conversation took place among the board and they agreed this would be a good idea.

J Copeland asked for a call for a vote for the pricing of the 25th Anniversary T Shirt \$35.

All in favor motion passes

New Business:

J Copeland advised that B McCornack has a motion to present.

B McCornack advised that this is a motion that has been done in the past and asked the board to consider it again.

Motion made by B McCornack: that \$1600, \$400 for each of the (4) Regions, be available to the Regional Coordinators to use for promotion, advertising & helping Promoters with their VKA events. The Regional Coordinator shall provide an accounting of these expenditures to the National Events Director.

Seconded by: S Owen

Discussion took place among the board: S Polito asked for clarification of how this money would be spent, and if this is separate from the EMT reimbursements. B McCornack advised this is different from that.

J Copeland called for a vote: All in Favor Motion Passes

J Copeland advised that L Haddock had on the agenda to discuss the Vintage Kart Museum and asked if that could be tabled until next month. L Haddock advised it could, and asked the board to think about how a vintage kart museum can be formed and asked everyone to start thinking about that.

Meeting adjourned 8:58pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier