

VKA Board Meeting March 09,2025

Call To Order: President Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:03pm

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland

Kurt Bogerman

Bill McCornack

Marty Westen

Sal Palatucci

Skip Owen

Joe Swantek

Louie Figone

Steve Mox

Lynn Haddock

Bob Barthelemy

Board Members Absent:

Scott Nagel

Guest:

Rolf Hill

President's Report:

President Copeland advised that the turnout at Jacksonville was disappointing. The entry count was 25, down from 40 entries the previous year. President Copeland wanted to thank S. Mox and L Haddock for stepping up when B Barthelemy was unable to attend on Thursday. As for the attendance, they need to investigate it and see what the problem may have been as Jacksonville is a great venue and see about moving that event in a good direction.

President Copeland advised that the CES Enduro series has folded. They had some vintage following and this will leave a hole in the vintage enduro racing in the Midwest.

The VKA promotion video has been posted on several social media channels, and he has received some positive feedback on it, and he will continue to look for more websites and social media pages to post it on.

President Copeland asked the board to start looking around for some new board members, as he knows J Swantek would like to step down as treasurer and J Copeland advised at some point he would like to step down from his position as well, and a new influx of new board members will not only help with that but also the VKA continuing.

M Westen advised that there is an option on the VKA membership application to mark if someone is interested in joining the board. M Westen advised he is going to add a column to the database and start tracking those who have shown interest in being part of the board.

B McCornack advised he plans on staying on board until 2026.

Vice President Report:

L Figone updated the board on his attempt to reach out to Prairie City regarding hosting a VKA event, he has attempted several times and has been unsuccessful. L Figone will be in Dixon next weekend and will see if someone has another form of contact for him.

B McCornack asked where Prairie City is? L Figone advised above Sacramento, CA. and half an hour north of Sacramento.

J Copeland and other board members asked if there was anything that he could do to help, as they would like to see another event out that way.

L Haddock asked about Santa Maria, and L Figone advised Santa Maria, maybe another option.

J Copeland advised that he would like to request a motion be made to approve the February, 2025 VKA minutes, as only 5 approvals were received via email vote.

S Owen made a motion to approve the February 2025 VKA minutes

Seconded by L Figone

Call for Vote: All In Favor No one opposed Motion carries

Secretary's Report:

S Owen advised he had the Nevada secretary report ready to be mailed, but he could not find who to make the check out to. J Donovan advised it is easier to complete the form and make payment via credit card online, so S Owen will be doing that the next day or two.

Membership report:

M Westin updated the board regarding the membership applications received in February.

Total membership as of February 28, 2025: 465 with the following breakdown:

Northeast- 76

Midwest- 253

South- 83

West- 53

The April membership renewal notices were mailed out March 1st. May renewal postcards are ready to be mailed out on the first of April.

The 25th Anniversary patches were mailed out on February 26th.

J Copeland advised that he would look into how auto renewal memberships may work and how other organizations do that to see if that maybe something the organization can offer their members.

Treasurer's report:

J Swantek reminded the board that if anyone collects money from Tshirts sales, membership applications and any other event related items, to forward that to M Westen for record keeping and input.

J Copeland stated on that note, K Windham is in the process of printing the 25th anniversary shirts, and they should arrive in time for the Barnesville event. S Mox sold out the Tshirts he had received to take to Jacksonville.

J Copeland asked for a motion to accept the treasures report that was sent out in advance of the call.

Motion made by L Haddock to accept/ approve the treasures report.

M Westen seconded

Call for vote: No One opposed All in favor Motion carries.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock advised he has nothing to report at this time.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman advised he has nothing to report at this time.

Regional Reports:

National-

B McCornack advised he will take his section over until S Nagel returns.

B McCornack advised he would like to create handout sheets for entrants to receive information that they need to know, at the event such as housekeeping, safety and procedural things. This will be given to them when they sign up at the events.

Midwest-

B McCornack advised he has been helping out with the Norway event brochure. He advised he is happy to help any promoter that may have questions or needs help with their events.

J Copeland advised that R Hill has been a big help to him regarding the Whiteland event and updating the flyer as he had received information regarding that event.

B McCornack asked J Copeland if he could update the board regarding Sarah and Andy's track at Whiteland track. J Copeland advised the board that it is his understanding that the Whiteland track is being leased to K1 and is working through some items regarding garage rentals and day to day operations being run by M. Burpo and J Copeland has confirmed that the VKA date is solid.

Northeast-

S. Palatucci advised that the core dates are all lined up and two flyers have been put together and they are working on the other two. S Palatucci advised there was a lot of buzz regarding Batavia event.

L Haddock asked how many events were in the Northeast? S Palatucci advised there are 4 events put on by the VKA. Other organizations have 6 vintage events scheduled, totaling 10 vintage events in the NE this year.

South-

B Barthelemy advised he has mailed a check to M Weston regarding the 50/50 raffle at Jacksonville and an email regarding the 3 membership forms. M Weston advised that he did receive the memberships.

The weather was good with a good forecast for the weekend and not sure what happened to the entries.

B Barthelemy advised that Barnesville is looking good and hopes it will be a good turnout.

West-

L Figone advised he does not have anything additional to report.

Old Business:

None at this time.

New Business:

Sal Palatucci, NE Regional Coordinator, petitioned the Board to approve promotional use of the money that had already been allocated for EMT service at three of the four NE Region events this year, as those three tracks would not be claiming the EMT reimbursements. It was made clear that this was not a request for new funds, but was a request to reallocate the existing funds in order to elevate awareness of, and interest in, all four VKA events in the NE this year.

A lengthy debate took place, and it was decided that those funds could be reallocated for promotional expenses intended to increase attendance at the VKA events in the NE Region. The discussion made clear that this approval would not create a new policy, but is a response to the unique competition for track time and attendance that exists in the NE Region.

Sal presented his request in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Lynn Haddock. The motion passed without opposition.

Meeting adjourned 8:54pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier