

## **VKA Board Meeting August 10,2025**

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

Roll Call: President Copeland called the roll with the following results:

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

John Copeland

Bill McCornack

Marty Westen

Sal Palatucci

Joe Swantek

Steve Mox

Lynn Haddock

Bob Barthelemy

Scott Nagel

Kurt Bogerman

Skip Owen

### **Board Members Absent:**

Louie Figone

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

President Copeland advised he attended the Norway event, which was a great event with 174 entries, beautiful weather and lots of happy people. He also heard great things about Delaware and Cuddebackville and looks forward to hearing about those reports coming up.

Copeland stated he has heard some talk regarding the new MGS2 tires that are a lot stickier than the MG Reds that have been approved before, and not sure if anyone has thoughts on those. S. Mox has agreed to test them against so Hoosiers' in Camden to see how they perform. He is not saying they are going to make any changes but need to address questions that are coming in. Camden is right around the corner, and he is busy getting ready for Whiteland.

J. Copeland advised that he met with K1 (who is now running Whiteland) a few weeks ago and they are excited to have the VKA event there and looking forward to seeing what vintage karting is about. The management had asked if the VKA has looked into having an event at their Winchester track? President Copeland asked if J Swantek was familiar with that track, and J Swantek advised that he was, but was concerned about the rental cost, but would look into if they would like. J Copeland advised he will reach out to the regional manager at K1 who recommended that track and discuss the cost. J Swantek, stated the track is a superior track. J Swatek stated he and several other people who are going to the track are all going to the track the first weekend in September to do a joint testing session. J Swantek stated he feels they are pretty steadfast on their rental pricing for the track from previous conversations he has had with them. Conversation took place about exploring the option to have an event there in the future.

### **Vice President Report:**

L Figone is currently not on the call.

President Copeland advised that the July 2025 meeting minutes have been approved via email vote.

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

S Owen advised he currently does not have anything to report at this time.

J Copeland stated he is doing a great job.

### **Membership report:**

M Westen provided a membership update for the month of July.

Membership total as of July 31st : 519. With the following breakdown of region:

Northeast- 77, South- 97, Midwest- 296 and West- 49

At the last meeting there was a question regarding what the membership looked like a year ago. As of July 31, 2024: Total membership was -503. With the following breakdown of region: Northeast- 63, South- 85, Midwest- 274 and West- 61

September renewal post cards were mailed out, July 30<sup>th</sup> with Octobers ready to go.

J Copeland stated he would like to set up a call with M. Westin about discussing and exploring some auto renewal opportunities, as he has found some possible options.

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

President Copeland advised the July treasure's report was approved via email votes.

J Swantek advised that other than the treasures report being approved, he no issues or irregularities and, everything is all good.

A question was asked regarding the insurance premium that was paid. J Copland and J Swantek both answered the question.

#### **Rule and Guidelines:**

L Haddock advised he has nothing to report at this time. L Haddock did advise the board, if they have any items they would like to review or discussed for the upcoming year, to please start submitting those items to him via email, in order to put a meeting together to start reviewing those items.

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

K Bogerman advised he has received an email on the status of the awards for Whiteland, they are in the process of being completed and the Camden awards will be completed this week as well.

#### **Regional Reports:**

National-

S Nagel advised they are moving through the season and have some great events coming up and will be attending Camden along with a few others and will help out with whatever needs to be done.

J Copeland asked if he had received the participation email from the Jacksonville event? S Nagal advised he had and will get the spreadsheet updated and sent out to everyone this week.

K Bogerman advised he has the box of Tshirts left over from the Cuddebackville event and asked if those need to be sent back for the upcoming events. S Nagel advised to hold onto them as they have enough Tshirts for the next event.

Midwest-

B McCornack advised there were 76 entries for the Delmar event, those entry numbers were on par for the last 5 years. He was in attendance for Friday only and helped run the kart show and drivers meeting with M Westin. The people we very nice, and the Nielson family were great hosts, lunch and dinner were provided, and it was a safe event and nice weather.

M Westin stated his family provided lunch and Jack and Sherri Hoegerl with High Jack racing provided the evening meal. Very safe event, no incidents to report. Delmar bricks have been awarded to the winning drivers of the class that had the most entries and Honorary bricks were given to the three

Nielsons' and their hospitality earned them the bricks. Update on the half and half, number of T-shirts and memberships sold, was provided.

B McCornack advised that Steve Welte was at the event, and B McCornack had the opportunity at Delmar to interview Felicity Kruger -22, Rylie Simler -13 and Gwen Glann – 13, on how they got started in karting and more. S Welte will be posting the interview up on YouTube shortly after some editing is completed.

S Mox and S Bayliff are currently working on the upcoming Cincinnati event and hopefully the flyer will be done this week.

B McCornack will also be reaching out to K Shampine to see how he wants pictures sent to him for the website.

Next up is Camden, OH August 21-23, September 11-13 is Whiteland and the Cincinnati event is October 9-11.

#### Northeast-

S. Palatucci advised rain was expected for the first three events of the year per the news forecast but it did not turn out that way and people just did not show up. They had a lot of fun at Cuddebackville, in spite of the turn out, the core group did show up and they drove, had a good time and went out to eat. They were not able to do the kart show or the 50/50 because there was no one there to participate. One more event to go in the NE.

The Nicolson event has ended up being the biggest event so far this year, due to the forecasted weather for the last events. S Palatucci suggested maybe moving the Batavia event back to September to not compete with Delmar, and it's also cheaper to get hotels rooms and staying at the casino is a lot of fun. S Palatucci stated he would like to step away from being on the board next year but has not been able to find a replacement yet, but will still work with the board and help organize with the tracks.

J Copeland asked for an update on Avon. S Palatucci advised not much more information can be provided other than what has already been discussed but he will keep trying to reach out to work with the track.

S Palatucci advised that weather just has not been on their side this year in the Northeast.

B McCornack asked S Palatucci the proximity of Cuddebackville to NY City and asked about the cost of hotels, as sometimes that plays a part in people attending if the hotels are excessive. S Palatucci advised he felt the hotel prices in the area were reasonable, but the forecast of heavy rain scared a lot of people away.

#### South-

B Barthelemy advised he doesn't have much going on in the south, instead of working towards the 2026 season schedule. B Barthelemy advised they are considering cutting Jacksonville to a two day event instead of a three day.

#### West-

L Figone currently is not on the call.

#### **New Business:**

J Copeland advised that there are four more events this year and about half the t-shirts for this year have been sold. A suggestion was made to sell via the Facebook page and other selling websites. J Copeland asked if anyone has had experience selling this way?

S Palatucci suggested selling them on the Facebook page or website. J Copeland advised that he will look into that avenue as well. Discussion took place among the board on researching avenues to sell them and pricing going forward. Discussion also took place among the board on discounting the shirts for the remainder of the year.

Motion made by S Nagel to reduce the 2025 t-shirts to \$25.00 for shirts sold at the events.

Seconded by B McCornack

Discussion continued among the board.

Call for vote: M Westin opposed Motion carries

J Copeland advised that he will make up a sign for the discounted rate for the shirts for the next few events. L Haddock suggested hanging up the shirts so people can see them.

J Copeland advised he will work on the signage for the upcoming events and also avenues for selling them online.

Remarks for the good of the organization:

B McCornack stated he feels they all work well together on the board, and he is proud to be on it.

J Copeland stated he agrees and is really thankful to have the group that they have and is really fortunate to work with them all.

Meeting adjourned 8:52 pm EST.

Respectfully submittedby: Kelly Frazier