

## VKA Board Meeting March 08, 2026

Call To Order: President Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:05pm

Roll Call: S. Owen called the roll with the following results:

### Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland

Kurt Bogerman

Bill McCornack

Skip Owen

Marty Westen

Sal Palatucci

Steve Mox

Bob Barthelemy

Jack Hoegerl

Scott Nagel

Lynn Haddock

Joe Swantek

Gene Lang

### Board Members Absent:

### Guest Present:

Cheryl Furtch

### President's Report:

President Copeland stated he's sure everyone's heard the turn out at Jacksonville was disappointing and not sure why, as the weather was outstanding. It's a nice facility and would have thought the vintage karters in the south would have been champing at the bit to get on track. Nonetheless the numbers were not good, and we are going to need to drill down to see how we can improve participation since that's our annual kickoff in the south.

President Copeland advised he is writing a short piece for posting on the websites and social media, stressing the value of pre-entering VKA events

The last thing he wanted to touch on is, since they decided to forego the EMT reimbursements moving forward along with the voluntary promoter's contribution, those two things tended to cancel each other out. They are now dependent solely on the 50-50 raffles to supplement the revenue. Every event must have a dedicated person to sell 50-50 tickets whether that person is supplied by the promoter or by someone from VKA. It seems that having a VKA person sell 50-50 tickets is a more reliable way to make sure we get this important function taken care of, but it means that we'll all have to take an active role in making that happen.

### Vice President Report:

S Mox states he's not sure why the VKA does not charge a fee to use the name as most motorsports series that he has been involved with does and he feels they are missing the boat on that.

S Owen also stated that he had a few comments to add. With the next several events the VKA should be pushing the pre-entries for the upcoming events, especially with the cost of gas at this time. Also, with the low vintage kart count in the south, maybe it's time to look and start exploring the option of running modern karts with vintage karts.

Discussion took place among the board, and B McCornack advised these are some of the items he has on the agenda to discuss under his section.

J Copland advised the February meeting minutes were approved via email vote.

**Secretary's Report:**

S Owen stated he has cleared some of the archived recorded meeting minutes to free up some space on the recording service.

After being told last month he had to wait till the end of March to file the new Nevada filings for the officers. He just got the email that says it's time to file, so he will be taking care of that within the next 24 to 48 hours.

**Membership report:**

M Westin provided the following membership report:

We had nine 12 month individual renewals, one 12 month family renewal, three 36 month individual renewal and one 36 month family renewal. There were no new memberships in February

Total membership as of the 28th of February was 494 made up of the following:

Northeast- 73

South- 94

Midwest- 281

West- 46

April renewal postcards were mailed out March 2nd, and May are ready to go.

J Copeland asked if everything in place for the member get a member campaign starting May 1<sup>st</sup>?

M Westin replied that it is he just got to finish up on an Excel spreadsheet to track who is joining and who was the recruiter or refer is, so we can keep track of all of that. The membership forms are printed out and ready to be mailed with the newsletter to be mailed. So, the last step is just getting the tracking excel spreadsheet finished up.

Cheryl advised she has received the information to post on the VKA Facebook page for the member get a member promotion but asked when the appropriate time to post the announcement would be? After a quick conversation among the board, April was decided on, since the promotion will start in May.

**Treasurer's report:**

J Copeland advised the treasurer's report was approved via votes online

S Nagel provided an update on the transition of responsibilities. He wanted to make the board aware that when speaking with the bank, they recommended having another person on the account in addition to him, in case of an emergency and if anything was to happen to him, and the account would not get held up in probate. J Swantek stated he would stay on the account as he is currently listed, and G Lang stated he could be a third.

**Rule and Guidelines:**

L Haddock advised he does not have anything additional to add at this time.

J Copeland stated he has seen a few posts on Facebook about people who are who are putting together some West Bend, so hopefully the changes there will spur some more participation in that.

### **Judging and Shows:**

K Bogerman advised he does not have anything to report particularly. The next event that he needs to have certificates for is over a month out and has his eyes on that, but he doesn't have anything new to report.

### **Regional Reports:**

National-

B McCornack stated he has a lot to cover.

Hats- S Nagel is in possession of a hundred hats and they going to Bob and Scott and see how many hats Steve will want to bring to Barnesville to sell. A hundred were ordered there's 25 of each style color; Steve is nice enough to bring them down to the event.

Her will be placing an order for another 100 in order to provide enough lead time to have for the events after Barnesville.

Newsletter- B McCornack and S Nagal provided an update on the newsletter, stating it is about ready to go out. S Nagel stated a few more items to review. J Hoegerl already has the mailing envelopes addressed, so once J Hoegerl gets them they will be ready to be mailed along with the new membership form.

Promoters event package- B McCornack stated that this was touched on a little the Vice Presidents report, but he is proposing not saying you have to do this, but if you want to incorporate some modern classes at the event for those events that are upside down with money. It's an option they would be okay with that as a club in the events that are struggling for events because he hates to hear it cost promoters money out of their own pockets and this is a way to achieve that not having enough entry shows up to cover those costs. This would be an option for those events who have a low kart count. The way it would work is the modern karts that showed up at the co-event to make it financially viable. They don't have to be a VKA member, but all the vintage entries must be as usual, the membership in place for practice and a kart show winner, so nothing changes there with these co-events. The promoter would need to let the VKA know that it is their intention to have modern karters there to help supplement the event, as there would need to be a limit on the modern karters at a vintage event.

Discussion took place among the board, everyone agreed that it is a viable option to explore with the promoters.

West-

J Swantek stated he has dropped a check in the mail to M Westin for the T-shirts sold and he has about 8 remaining. He can bring them to the New Castle event or mail them back.

The Spring Hill or Spring Mountain Motorsports working on going either at the end of this month or the first part of April to test on a Monday to see if the track is suitable for the organization events, as that is the best day for them. They do not have their own transponders

but J Swantek has a contact and is getting that taken care of if needed. Once the testing has been done, he will report back.

Northeast-

S. Palatucci reported they had their luncheon in Gettysburg and 16 members showed up. It was a lot of fun.

S Palatucci advised he has been working with Cheryl on the Member Get a member in the coordination of the mailings and social media postings.

South-

B Barthelemy stated he feels they are about ready for Barnesville. S Mox is bringing hats a Randy Kugler is going to be in attendance to do a couple of Inductees, Richard Wilson and Tony Cirillo, who will be calling a few of the races.

Midwest-

G Lang stated he doesn't have much at this time. S Nagel is helping him, guiding him through the procedures of the races and what happens afterwards.

Member At Large:

J Hoegerl stated that those in the Midwest are looking forward to the Springfield event.

**Old Business:**

J Copeland asked if there was any old business to address?

Hearing none he moved to new business.

**New Business:**

J Copeland stated he would like to propose amending the promoter's packet to include verbiage about making sure that promoters connect their events to speed hive, race monitor or some similar platform. All the regional coordinators need to impress on the promoters in their areas how important it is to the success of the event to have the Live timing and scoring on one of those platforms you know anybody with a cell phone can follow the event that way and The and then you and then I want to encourage you to reach out to the promoters as the event gets closer to make sure they've got that handled ahead of time, as this is something they will need to set up with their scoring and timing team ahead of the event.

S Palatucci advised that Mylaps Speedhive has training courses online and he will send out an email to everyone to provide that information.

Meeting adjourned 9:01 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier