

VKA Board Meeting April 12, 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

Bill McCornack

Marty Westen

Steve Mox

Jack Hoegerl

Joe Swantek

Gene Lang

Kurt Bogerman

Skip Owen

Bob Barthelemy

Scott Nagel

Lynn Haddock

Board Members Absent:

Sal Palatucci

Guest Present:

Cheryl Furtch

President's Report:

President Copeland advised the board, the new race season seems to be well underway, and he's seen several positive comments on Facebook about Barnesville, so he's anxious to hear about all that from B Barthelemy in his report. Broadhead, Wisconsin, has new ownership. as we really aren't looking for another venue in the Midwest, it's nice to see and ask B McCornack to reach out to the new owners and kind of take their temperature about holding a VKA event there in the future.

J Copeland advised he checked the website today, and flyers for all the VKA events through the end of July are posted with the exception of Norway and Lafayette. He asked Gene, how are you coming on Norway's flyer? And Gene advised his daughter should have it completed and he will get it out to everyone.

C Furtch advised she will check with S Palatucci on the status of the Norway flyer.

J Copeland asked on the status of the newsletter and mailing out the Member Get a Member campaign starting May 1st. Communication among the board members is the Newsletter is almost complete and will get them printed and over to M Westin. M Westin is ready to get everything in the mail once he receives the newsletters.

Vice President Report:

S Mox asked for clarity on the start date so the Member Get a Member campaign, because he had the forms at Barnesville and already had a few people take advantage of it. Discussion took place amount the board and it was decided that it was ok, since they were ready to accept the applications at that time, they just haven't been mailed to everyone else yet, so they were shooting for May 1 start date.

S Mox advised the hats went over very well in Barnesville. Each color hat sold very well, there was no favorite color. 36 hats and 15 shirts were sold at the event.

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

Secretary's Report:

S Owen advised the February and March minutes are posted on the website. The officer's list has been filed with the Nevada Secretary.

S Owen discussed possibly switching over to hosting the meetings on Zoom versus the current recording company being used, so everyone can see who is speaking or who wants to speak. This may eliminate the speaking over each other that happens from time to time, where S Mox was volunteering to be the second person on the bank account, and no one could hear him as he was being spoken over. G Lang advised he would be happy to give that over to S Mox if he is still willing.

Zoom offers a free version for meetings under 40 minutes. Meetings over 40 minutes, a paid version would be needed which is approx. \$168/yr.

J Copeland asked to circle back around to the Bank account for a moment and asked S Mox if he would be a second on the account and S Mox advised he would.

J Swantek advised he has some items he needs to send to S Owen and advised he will be FedExing those items over in a few days.

Membership report:

M Westin provided the following membership report for March:

VKA had 14 12-month individual renewals. One 12-month family individual renewals, one 36-month family renewal. New memberships: seven 12-month new individual and one 36-month individual new membership.

Total membership at the end of March 31st was 491, made up of the following:

Northeast- 72

South- 94

Midwest- 281

West- 44

May renewal cards where postcards were mailed out April 1st, and the June renewal postcards were ready to be mailed

Treasurer's report:

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

S Nagel advised they have pretty much discussed everything at this moment. The importance of having at least two people on the account, which has now been resolved with the bank accounts, as long as the checks come in within the next few days.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock is currently not on the call.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman advised he has finished up the Springfield Award certificates this week and will be getting them printed and hopefully sent out to Ken by the end of this week and then move on to the next one. He also updated the board and advised B McCornack sent the MyLaps transponders for the Northeast events for the raffles, and they did arrive at his house on Wednesday, so he has them for the upcoming events in the Northeast.

Regional Reports:

National-

B McCornack wanted to respond to a question that was asked in email. Does Del Mar have to offer pre-entries? And B McCornack advised no they do not.

B McCornack asked the board to direct event questions to him, to ensure all promoters are receiving the same guidance. He and his wife are working on the promoter's package. So, until that document comes out, he is talking directly to the promoters for each event that they have questions for. He asks to try to have these people contact him directly so it's less confusing. Different answers come out of different people on the board, and then that confuses the promoters. So that's why he's asking, direct them to him if it's possible.

West-

J Swantek advised the he made contact with Spring Mountain Motor Resort Country Club. They have a nice go-kart track there that's about four hours outside of Los Angeles in Nevada, about an hour west of Las Vegas. He is to do a test day on Monday the 4th of May and see what the track looks like. While there he plans to see what the interest, what the temperature is, and what his tolerance is as far as participation for an event and what we can pay as far as renting the track. That would be a nice venue for us. And hope to have something to report for the May Board meeting.

Northeast-

S. Palatucci is currently not on the call.

C Furtch advised she is aware Sal's been working on some things for Batavia such as different announcements and flyers. Sam's got the flyer done for Avon and believes he posted it on Facebook, and it might be on the VKA site as well. She stated she is going to try to go to the Lafayette track this week and just say hello to the guys and kind of remind them that we have an event scheduled for July and see if we can get that flyer underway.

South-

B Barthelemy advised the board that he feels the Barnesville event went well about the smoothest event they have run. 107 total entries. He does have some membership forms to get in the mail to M Westin along with the check for the memberships and the 50-50 raffle. Jason (Seay) did quite a bit of interviews and filmed various things at the event, So if you're on Facebook check out his site, Blowing Smoke. Randy (Kugler) was there Thursday and Friday and inducted three into the Karting Hall of Fame. Dick Wilson/Richard Wilson, who built the track. (Dicky) Wilson accepted, and most of his (family) was there for the event also. Tony the Toe Cirillo was inducted. Tony announced most of Friday's heat races, but had to leave Friday evening. Denise Johnson was the third inductee to the Karting Hall of Fame, who is very well decorated champion, winning championship after championship for 10-12 yrs. The weather was beautiful each day. The weather forecast leading up to the event seemed to help the turnout..

Midwest-

G Lang stated they are starting to get busy, as Springfield is in about three weeks.

B McCornack advised he will help get Gene up to speed.

Member At Large:

J Hoegerl just wanted to mention that he did attend the Barnesville race as a spectator, and it went well, the entries were good, and the weather was beautiful all three days.

Old Business:

B McCornack started the conversation regarding a hat reorder since it's about a month lead time to reorder hats. Based on what has already been sold, He would need approval to place an order for 100 to have in time for the Springfield event.

Motion made by M Westin to approve an order for 100 hats

Seconded by G Lang

Call for vote: All In Favor Motion carries

L Haddock joined the call

New Business:

J Copeland advised the next item for discussion is the requirement to be a VKA membership when running combined events. J Copeland asked L Haddock to lead the conversation since this was his topic on the agenda.

L Haddock stated there has been a lot of discussion w/ Christy at Biloxi and referred her to McCornack for guidance.

Discussion took place among the board on the way the events could be set up to include both modern and vintage karts at the same event when some of these tracks are needing to run a combined event.

L Haddock asked B McCornack if the promoter package addresses whether Thursday practice is a sperate fee? Discussion also took place in what fees are covered in the promoter's package, such as what is covered under the entry fee. Does the entry fee cover all three days of an event or just the race and then the promoters charge separately for practice.

J Copeland asked B McCornack to put together some language to present to the board to cover the above items.

J Copeland asked B McCornack to provide an update on the Horstman box Mufflers

B McCornack advised the board he's gathered most of the tooling from L Fagoni and has ordered castings, aiming to fast-track production so mufflers could be ready in about six weeks, depending on foundry timing. The urgency comes from noise issues at several Midwest tracks, where current open box headers are causing problems. While we may not be able to mandate it, there's a push to replace McCullough's and West Bends mufflers with Horstman box mufflers to address the noise concerns.

K Bogerman asked if there was anyone repairing ones that have broken castings?

B McCornack advised he could possibly sell them a header casting if they wanted, but then they would need the can and usually those are so bad off, it's better to buy a whole new muffler.

J Copeland advised the next item is Pre Entries and refund policy and asked G Lang to take the lead on that as it's his topic.

G Lang stated he has spoken to several track asking about the pre entries and refund policy, and maybe some recommendation can be made to assist the tracks?

B McCornack advised the short answer is that each track may have their own policy and doesn't know it's the VKA policy or guideline that the organization can really dictate.

J Copeland recommended that B McCornack, when he's talking to the promoters, ask the promoters as they put their flyers together to have some verbiage on there about what their refund policy is for pre-entries. And that can be different at every track. It just needs to be on the flyer if we're going to encourage people to pre-enter.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier