

VKA Board Meeting June 14, 2026

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

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

Board Members in Attendance:

John Copeland	Sal Palatucci
Steve Mox	Jack Hoegerl
Skip Owen	Gene Lang
Scott Nagel	Bob Barthelemy
Marty Westen	Bill McCornack
Kurt Bogerman	

Board Members Absent:

Lynn Haddock	Joe Swantek
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Guest Present:

Cheryl Furtch

President's Report:

President Copeland stated the VKA is in the thick of a season now, and events are going to be coming one right after another. He's looking forward to hearing from S Palatucci about the report on Avon. And, of course, looking forward to seeing lots of folks at Newcastle. Then following month is Norway, Lafayette and Delmar.

Copeland advised he's made some casual inquiries when speaking to members about improving the outreach of VKA, either via the web site or social media and would like to gather some information on how many people are visiting the website and hits on social media. He would like to put together a small task force to come up with some new ideas and will be getting back to the board in a few weeks to put that group together.

Vice President Report:

S Mox advised he doesn't have anything to report. He was hoping the meeting would hit after Newcastle where he thinks they all would have plenty to talk about.

The only thing He needs to discuss is when we get on the tires with M Westen, he needs to relay what L Haddock asked him to relay for everybody's knowledge

Membership report:

M Westin reported the May activity had Twenty four 12-month individual renewals.

Two 12-month family renewals, three 36-month individual renewals, eleven 12-month new individual memberships.

Total membership as of May 31st was 464, made up of:

Northeast at 72

South at 78

Midwest at 273

West at 41

The July renewal postcards were mailed out June 1st, and August are ready to be mailed.

J Copeland stated he has been looking at auto-renew software, and he met with a guy a couple of weeks ago who thinks he has somebody who might be able to do that for us at an affordable price without all the other stuff that usually comes with those packages. He hasn't talked to the actual guy yet, so he doesn't have anything real solid to talk about, other than the fact that the guy he spoke to thought that it was a doable thing.

Secretary's Report:

S Owen advised the May minutes have been posted to the website and J Copeland advised they had been approved by the board via email vote.

Treasurer's report:

J Copeland advised the treasurer's report was approved via votes online and he likes the new format S Nagel has presented and makes it easier to understand.

S Nagel stated he's tried to include some of the things that people have always asked about and, he'll keep improving on it, to make changes and try and make it better.

Rule and Guidelines:

L Haddock is currently not on the call.

Judging and Shows:

K Bogerman advised he doesn't have anything particular to report. He's looking forward to making the next couple award certificates with Delmar being the next one to send out. Other than that, just watching the schedule and just staying on time.

Regional Reports:

West-

J Swantek is currently not on the call

Northeast-

S. Palatucci provided the board with the following update:

Our Avon event was different from the previous 16 VKA events. Hosted by the tracks new owner Steve Mitchell - who saved the track from becoming a storage facility when the previous long-time owner decided to sell it, we participated in some changes this time around.

Steve asked if we could help handle staffing for the weekend while he ran the tower & transponder system. And that turned out to be a positive, eye-open experience.

When members started showing up on Thursday, they paid \$100 via credit card at the booth and then short-walked to our VKA table and paid the additional \$40 in cash so we could pay the flagger, field marshal, medical person and buy pizza and pop on Friday.

We also checked membership, signed up 4 new members via the ongoing MEMBER GET A MEMBER drive.

Sold 12 of the VKA's new ball caps in 4 different colors, gave away the Mylaps transponder the Board purchased for all 14 2026 events. And ended up with enough leftover money to give it back to the members who showed up on Saturday. Each of which who got \$10 back. Plus donated \$100 to the VKA.

Steve has asked us to do that procedure again next year and we're looking forward to it. The more members who show up, the more money we can give away at the end of the event.

In an economy where traveling to outdoor events has become a cost concern, being able to share the proceeds with the “customers” paying to race at the tracks is a big fun plus.

PS: Big thanks to Sam Polito and Scott Kneisel who worked their butts off all 3 days!



LAFAYETTE July (9) 10-11

There has been some criticism that this date overlapped another local vintage date and a Midwest date. To that I would just say, it's become a crowded field on both sides, for the tracks and paying supporters these days.

It's difficult to coordinate our four event dates with multiple other NE events, popular Midwest MW VKA events and tracks that have developed new customers like motorcycles and modern kart business. I've organized about 30 of our NE events since 2018, and the days I would just call the track owners and asking: Can the VKA have this weekend or that one? Other VKA organizers are in the same boat.

The process we use with the NE region is to pick our first event date, traditionally in June, and then use a 30 day window for each of the remaining three NE dates.

It's now virtually impossible to know what everybody else is doing -or when they will even know, on top of whether-or-not we can get any track time at some of our events, so that's why this has happened - and has in the past as well.

Ultimately, the VKA is a business, and we have to abide by what the market demands, so to speak.

South-

B Barthelemy advised that Mark and Christy's modern and vintage event in Biloxi is the next one on the schedule. He has advised them from a previous experience in Barnesville—where advanced entries grew from 16 to a total of 106 he has been encouraged them to cancel or shut down the event due to low early registration numbers.

J Copeland advised he had been sent a news article from L Haddock that Birmingham, Alabama's city council has approved that the Barber Motorsports Park has been approved to build a state-of-the-art sprint track adjacent to the big car track and they should keep an eye on that for another venue/ event space.

Midwest-

G Lang provided the board with some of the logistics regarding his upcoming event regarding the track rental cost and wristband insurance coverage. They are still looking to hire a flagger for the event, as the one they had there last year no longer works for the track.

G Lang explained, the track uses Race Select as their registration program. So even if you show up that day and you have not signed up on Race Select, we're going to sign you up on Race Select. When you sign up with Race Select and you put what class you're going to be in, it automatically populates you right to your heats. The track will have a table there to help get everybody into the Race Select application, who hasn't pre-registered or if they don't have a phone, if they only have a flip phone or whatever, then we're going to have a computer there, and we'll get everybody through it. But it's a nice way to get everybody signed up.

G Lang advised Newcastle is coming up this week and are looking for a volunteer for somebody to help with the 50-50 raffle.

National-

B McCornack advised the board that right now in the Midwest, we've only run Springfield. That leaves five more to go. New Castle, Indiana, Norway, Illinois, Delmar, Iowa, Camden, Ohio, and Whiteland, Indiana.

B McCornack will be reaching out to J Brown regarding his upcoming event since he is running approximately 22 classes it can be a big undertaking for the promoter and staff regarding logistics and scoring and just wants to reach out and provide some assistance if needed.

G Lang stated that pre-entering on apps like Race Select can help ease some of that burden, if the tracks and promoters would go in that direction.

An Update was provided on the hats. 100 hats have come in a S Nagal will be bringing them to New Castle. B McCornack is unable to attend the New Castle event but plans on attending Norway, Delmar, Batavia and Whiteland.

Member At Large:

J Hoegerl advised he doesn't have anything to report at this moment for this section of the meeting.

Old Business:

M Westen and S Mox provided an update on the tire situation discussed last meeting. With 2027 being a new homologation year for tires, L Haddock would like to contact MG directly and see what changes are going to be made to the new tire this year, if any. He was not able to speak to them before this meeting but hopefully by next. They are currently looking at the situation and wants to make everyone aware.

S Mox stated He feels at Newcastle during the driver's meeting, it's only fair to the membership that we say, hey, we are looking at other tire things, only buy what you need to get through this year. That way, I don't think there's very many people buying cases, but by chance, if there is, at least it slows the roll down where they're not stuck with a whole bunch of tires in case the tire situation does end up changing and everyone is up to date.

Long discussion took place among the board.

J Copeland advised he called the Hooiser kart tire director when he was in Springfield, and the director point blank stated that they anticipated continuing to use and produce the R70 for the foreseeable future, so any speculation that the R70 may suddenly be unavailable is just a red herring.

M Westen advised that he's had a lot of conversations at the track and a lot of phone calls about people concerned about the current tire situation, the longevity, the grip, and wanted to make sure that the membership knew it was being taken seriously, and a lot of options are being considered, which requires L Haddock to have an opportunity to do his research in order to come to the best solution for the membership and hopefully that will be in August.

The tires are tabled until the August meeting to allow Haddock to do his research and be able to report back to the board his findings.

New Business:

J Hoegerl asked if there was a reason why after the new letter was mailed out, could it not be posted on the website? He went to pull up a rule update that was printed in the newsletter, he couldn't find his printed copy and thought he could find it online, and it wasn't on the Website.

J Copeland asked S Nagal if he had a digital copy he could send to K Shampine to be posted to the website. S Nagal advised that he would.

J Copeland asked B McCornack where he was with the Horstman mufflers. And B McCornack advised he was about 3-4 weeks out before delivery any, as he is in the middle of the process of the can right now with the supplier.

J Copeland thanked him for the update and is just concerned at every event the noise may be a concern.

Motion made by B McCornack to make available \$500 to each of the four regional coordinators for their regions for the calendar year of 2026.

Seconded by S Palatucci

Discussion took place among the board to clarify for the new board members how the money would be used and what they can put the money towards in their regions.

Call for Vote: All in Favor Motion Carries.

J Copeland thanked everyone for their time and looks forward to seeing those going at the New Castle event.

Meeting adjourned 9:04 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier