

VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2012

President Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM EDT

Roll call by Secretary Figone:

Board Members in attendance:

Jeff Campbell	President
Carl Billington	Vice President
Louie Figone	Secretary
Bob Lapke	Treasurer
Jim Thompson	
Dick Teal	
Jack Murray	
Dean Kossaras	
Ernie Shores	
Lake Speed	
Bill McCornack	
Carl Weakley	Past President



Board Members absent:

Brad Fultz

Guests Present:

Tom Thorin
Rolf Hill

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:

President Campbell: It seems people are reading the guidelines as we are getting some feedback, there have been some questions on the historic class as far as engines. We need to make it clear that this is a entry level class and the engines are not equal and this class is not about being competitive, its about having fun and showing off the early equipment. We will always be looking at the engines in this class and making adjustments. I want to allow time for us to get into the show guidelines later on in the meeting so with that lets move on.

SECRETARYS REPORT:

Director Figone: The minutes went out two weeks ago, are their any corrections or revisions to be made, I had one revision by Ernie that I had to make.
President Campbell: I make a motion to accept the minutes as submitted.

Director Lapke: I second the motion.

President Campbell: All in favor of accepting the minutes as submitted say aye, all opposed say nay. The ayes are unanimous, the motion passes.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Director Lapke: The opening balance as of Jan 31, 2012 was \$12,507.32. For February we had a check for \$30.00 that had been returned void, someone thought that they had overpaid but it wasn't so they paid their \$30.00, Jacksonville 50/50 drawing of \$100.00, Riverside event donation of \$200.00, and 38 membership checks for \$1430.00 for a total income of \$1760.00. For expenses we had Postage for National Schedule of \$390.82, International postage for the magazine of \$7.28, General postage for the magazine of \$225.00, Envelopes for the magazine of \$5.60, Postage for membership mailing of \$15.48, we had a bad check returned by the bank for \$40.00 and a bad check fee by the bank for \$12.00 for a total expense for February of \$696.18 which leaves us with a balance of \$13,571.14. All in our checking account.

Director Billington: Is Frank Weir a member yet? Does he get all our magazines and newsletters?

Director McCornack: I don't have the list in front of me so I can't answer that now. I want to make a quick comment to Bob; Mary Jo has a good size pack of membership checks that will be on there way to you tomorrow.

Carl, I do have a Frank Weir in the UK is that who you mean? Yes, he covers many of our events and he should be on our mailing list.

Director Lapke: His articles appear in the British and Italian Karting magazines along with National Kart News.

Director McCornack: Carl and Jeff: would you like us to add him to our mailing list?

President Campbell: We talked about this thing before about media work. Frank probably writes more vintage articles than anyone else.

Director McCornack: I will have Mary Jo add him to our mailing list.

Director Lapke: That's it for my report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Director Thompson: Brad is not on the call; Bill has the latest member list.

Director McCornack: As of today we are showing 219 members, including 10 life members, 30 associate members for a total of 249 members.

Director Teal: Does that include the members that you are going to send to Bob?

Director McCornack: That does reflect the members that are going out to Bob tomorrow.

Director Figone: Since we went to the 12 month membership have you noticed how the memberships are coming in.

Director McCornack: We noticed a jump in the membership late in the year as they knew they would have a 12 month membership.

WEBSITE REPORT:

President Campbell: We have been keeping up with the events. We have some really nice shots of Riverside from Jerry Imboden of Kart Art. He does excellent photo work. I have a video of the event of Riverside that I will be posting on the website.

SAFETY REPORT:

Director Kossaras: I know there were some questions on the internet, I did get some letters on the guidelines and I responded to each one. I talked about the incident where the hub bolts broke on a rear wheel at Jacksonville. Foreign bolts are not the same as the ones made here. I will mention this in the next newsletter

Director Teal: When at Deere we found that the foreign companies, specifically Asia, do not understand what hydrogen imbrittlement is so Dean, anything that you can do in the next newsletter to get that issue across would be good.

Director Kossaras: I will do that.

Director Lapke: I found that flange nuts will cut into the aluminum wheel so I would use a good flat washer with a lock nut, I would red locktite the bolt into the hub nice and solid and use the nylon lock nut, it works very well and does not undercut into the wheel.

Director Kossaras: I will write something about that for the newsletter.

JUDGING REPORT:

Director Murray: I think we will discuss the show guidelines survey and let Tom Thorin give his report on the survey. Has everyone received the report by Jeff on the survey?

President Campbell: I want us to leave the meeting with what direction the committee should be going in.

Director Murray: Tom, do you want to go over what we went over.

Tom Thorin: Is there a problem, I have not been privy to the emails so tell me where the problem is.

President Campbell: I would not say there is a problem, people came back and they liked what was there, it was excellent work. My question is do we want to expand the number of classes and have more awards and fewer karts in each class.

Tom Thorin: We expanded the classes at Riverside, we had a sidewinder class and it worked out really well.

Director Murray: We did it at Jacksonville also.

Director McCornack: Let me understand where we are at right now, in the rear we have un-restored, restored original and modified, and the same with the sidewinder, so that is six and then peoples choice, that makes seven classes, I think that is enough. I think what the emails have been that you have not been included in Tom is the previous winners are not allowed in the show, and having a division for the past winners go to compete.

President Campbell: What I am trying to understand is what's keeping those people that were participating before. By not allowing past winners from competing it keeps a lot of karts from coming and being on display. Why not have a separate champion class for previous winners only and have a points schedule similar as we do in the races and then we could have a national show champion. Those karts would be published in our magazine and other media to push the sport.

Director McCornack: Other than the really high profile winners I see we are getting repeat entries of previous winners on a small basis.

Director Murray: One of the things the members said is why bring their karts when the same people win.

President Campbell: We need to have a place for that guy to put his kart that is why I would like a single class for champions only.

Director Murray: What would their kart be based on? 99.9 % that get judged are wrong anyhow, are we going to give a super award to someone who has not correctly restored his kart because he has shown it a couple of times?

President Campbell: No Jack, these karts are ones that have won their class before!

Director Murray: I understand that, but most of these karts have been un-correctly restored to begin with, so unless someone is going to every event to keep an eye on each kart that's winning how do we decide which is the best kart in the group?

Director McCormack: Don't the three Judges that do the judging at each event judge on the kart at the track that is closest to correct at that event.

Director Murray: Yes, the closest to correct.

President Campbell: I think you are mixing up two issues, I think the idea of a champion class makes sense to me. We have a problem pursuing that because we have a problem with our judging, that's a separate issue and we need to take care of that.

Director Murray: How is this super winner going to be decided, what is it based on? If you are talking about points and stuff, we do not have the time. How are we going to choose the grand winner at the end of the year?

President Campbell: We use a point system at each event that they show as we do for heat races. It's their show position.

Director Murray: But we are not allowing them to show as they have already won, so is it based on how many times they bring their kart to an event?

Director Shores: Or is that a separate class?

President Campbell: It's a separate class for the guys that have already won before.

Director Murray: Here is my question, are all the karts that won before be at that event? There are people on the east coast that are not going to bring it to the west coast for the show and vice versa.

President Campbell: If you want to win the Grand National kart show award you are going to have to have some incentive to bring your kart to a number of events.

Director McCormack: What Jeff is saying at any given event if you have past show winners let them compete in the past winners class and those guys go head to head at that event for the trophy for that event, no national points. It gets those past winners out of the regular classes.

President Campbell: The way I see the Grand National show award given is you earn points where you place in that champion class and maybe we take the best four or five places and then at the end of the year whoever has the highest points for that class you get the certificate as the Grand National winner.

Director Murray: OK, let's take somebody wins with a fairly decent kart, not really all that great but makes all the events, they win the Grand National award with a kart that may not be all that dissevering.

President Campbell: I think we should only be scoring the four best places. It's not a contest who can come to the most events.

Director Speed: Let's try it for a year and see how it works, if it works you have a full year to work it out. The idea is to get all the past winners separated from the non winners to give the non winners incentive to come back and also the winners to come back by adding the winners only status.

Director Murray: I don't have a problem with that Lake if you are going to help me out here because I can't make every single event.

Director McCornack: What Lake is saying is you don't need an overall Grand National winner for 2012; this would be for next year, 2013.

Director Lapke: Maybe what are missing are the real stellar karts that we all know are out there. We need a full page article to give them more recognition on the individual karts that are out there. Back when Mark Havery was doing the magazine he did some coverage on some real stellar karts.

President Campbell: One of the ideas I threw out is on the entry form for the champion class, they need to supply more information on where they got the kart, what they went through to restore it, maybe some photos to use in the article.

Director Murray: Most people do not want to even fill out the entry form. I don't have a problem with doing articles in our magazine on these karts.

Director Lapke: If the committee deems a kart should be a centerfold then we could contact them for more information.

President Campbell: We need to move on, this has been a good conversation and we need to work on it. Tom, are you still on, do you want to revise your proposal?

Tom Thorin: I think we should go with what Lake proposed, let's see how it goes this year and then keep a look out for this Grand National champion.

President Campbell: I think if you add one more class, the Grand National Champion class and we go with that.

Director McCornack: What is the policy, do we offer certificates at all events or is it the option of the promoter if he wants to supply a plaque or trophy?

President Campbell: I would like to see certificates offered at all events, if the promoter wants to spend the money for trophies then it's his choice.

Director McCornack: Then we send the seven or eight certificates to the promoters of each event at a certain time before the event. I will put that in your hands Jack to take care sending the show certificates.

Tom Thorin: I would like to see how to incorporate the champion class in the class guidelines; I would like to circulate it to all the board members for feedback.

President Campbell: Yes, that would be fine. OK, it's getting late; I would like to end the meeting now unless we have anything pressing.

Director Weakley: I have nothing, I would like to see that the passing of Mark Havery last month is noted in the minutes and that it gets into the newsletter and magazine.

Director McCornack: I have nothing right now.

Director Teal: Mary Jo has the newsletter ready to go and the magazine for April is going out on time.

Director Thompson: I had a call from Brad about T-Shirts, Is the VKA interested in doing T-Shirts.

Rolf Hill: Brad brought this up and he is talking about Polo shirts.

Director Thompson: We can discuss this later.

President Campbell adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM EDT

Submitted by Secretary Figone