

Vintage Karting Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 10, 2008

Present

Board Members: Carl Weakley/Bob Lapke/Brad Fultz/Terry Ives/Mark Havery
Absent: Carl Billington/Jeff Campbell
Guests: Bill McCornack/Ernie Fisher/Tom Thorin

Call to Order

The regular, monthly, teleconference meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Carl Weakley, who acted as chairman and secretary of the meeting. Carl W welcomed all.

Secretary

Carl W asked if everyone had received the minutes of the prior meeting (which had been emailed to the board previously) and asked if there were any revisions/questions, and with no objection, the minutes were approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Lapke, Treasurer, reported that there were no receipts in the prior month. Spending included \$240 of banners, \$6.75 of postage and \$40 of membership stickers leaving a balance of \$11,312.98. Carl W asked if there were any revisions/questions and with no objection, the minutes were approved by the board.

Membership Report

Brad Fultz, Membership Director, reported that membership #310 had been issued. There are 248 paid members including 36 associates. Carl W said that for budget purposes, he was considering 250 members.

Newsletter

Mark Havery, Newsletter Editor, reports that the next issue is at the printer. He was able to get a \$100 credit on production costs.

Safety

Terry Ives, Safety Director, had nothing to report. Carl W reported a fatality at Road America in enduro situp TAGs.

Website

Carl W reported that everything is okay.

Old Business

Bill McCornack reported on Broadhead. There were more local karters but the MI group was absent. 56 karts were present versus 60 last year. Raffle was good and produced \$510 for the VKA. Bill gave a MC 91B1 for the raffle and there was a set of tires and other very nice items. Carl W announced that Broadhead was a great event and thanked Bill for having it. Bill recapped that Lansing had 21 entries and Springfield had 35

entries. Dousman and Quincy are coming up. Bill said that Daryl Stariatz, KMI, had GEM t-shirts printed and handed them out on Sunday.

Terry reported that Ed Sahajen reported trouble at Savannah. Woodburn is trying to get WKA to do a full blown vintage event. Carl W or somebody will call Ed and Woodburn to discuss.

Carl W reported that the Quincy track survived the floods.

Carl W revisited Tom Thorin's draft proposal to change the organization chart and create an Executive Director position. Bob read the description as proposed, and with no objection, the board unanimously approved the new executive director position. Carl W proposed Bill McCornack to be appointed to the new position immediately. Carl W asked if other candidates should be considered, none were offered and without objection Bill McCornack's appointment as Executive Director was unanimously approved by the board. Bill acknowledged he cannot do his job without the help of his wife.

Carl W asked that Tom Thorin's draft proposal to change the organization chart and create a President Emeritus position be tabled until further notice.

Carl W wanted to make sure the board understood that the upcoming December newsletter will be a double issue with double cost. The spending on the newsletter will likely be \$6,000 in 2008 which is up from \$4,600 in the prior year. Carl W remarked that Mark was putting out a great product. Everyone was reminded that Mark cannot do the newsletter next year and that we have to find a new Newsletter Editor.

Carl W indicated that he had not done any work on membership non-renewals.

Bill suggested that the \$25 membership be increased to \$30 or \$35. Carl W indicated that stalwart members would not have a problem and it is cheap compared to the WKA/IKF. \$5 more with 250 members means \$1,250 more for our \$10,000 budget. Bill said that \$10 more is not significant. Terry said that no one is lining their pockets, and the money is going for the club.

Carl W asked that the Treasurer keep an inventory of banners. A banner was assigned to Ernie Fisher. A banner needs to be sent to Terry and Mike Hartman. Bill and Carl acknowledge that they have banners. Bob needs to know who else has a banner.

Carl W advised that he had not received Tom Medley's agreement on the VKA logo. Terry to check with the attorney.

Carl W announced that Bill McCornack had arranged a Promoters Roundtable at Broadhead and a short meeting was held before dinner that weekend. The first issue is that Dousman cannot allow open headers. This needs to be communicated to the membership. The second issue is that the Midwest promoters are going to allow only box mufflers and dry clutches on rear engined karts in 2009. An extended discussion

followed. Carl W suggested that a VKA Rules Committee considered adopting this Sportsman/Sound rule in 2009. Discussion ensued as to how best to communicate this open header/dry clutch rule at Dousman. Mark will insert a notice in the next newsletter and Jeff will post on the website.

At the Promoters Roundtable tentative dates were set for the Midwest: Lansing in mid May, Springfield on Memorial Day, Dousman in mid June, Delmar in mid July, Broad head in Mid August and Quincy in Mid September. Terry will provide the West Coast schedule so that Bill can put together a National flyer to be distributed to the membership and at Kart Expo.

Carl discussed marketing briefly. Kart Expo will cost \$600 or so with the Midwest promoters funding half of this amount. Carl W proposed that we attend Kart Expo in 2009. Terry indicated it is the right direction. Carl W asked for approval of the expenditure at the next board meeting. Carl W would like to see the WKA Kartfest attended by VKA too. Bob suggested a local group do it. Ed Sahajen, Robbie Harper and Ben Flanders were suggested. Carl W has initiated spending \$25 for a one time insertion in the WKA tech manual. Terry will try to do the same in IKF. Carl W has contacted NKN with a 12 month business card costing \$475. Carl W will pursue a quarterly insertion for less cost. Terry suggested that NKN may give a break for a non-profit.

Carl W indicated that he has not pursued an RPM membership yet, but will.

Carl W has not been able to talk to anyone about filling the Archivist and Editor's positions but will pursue them.

Ernie Fisher reported about having a booth at IKF. Tom Thorin, Carl W and Terry helped make it happen. It was located between registration, the snack bar and the stands. Richard Kennedy's two wheel kart and a West Bend C Open Dart gave demonstrations. The IKF President spend a lot of time in the booth which was extraordinary. IKF wants to do something with the VKA next year, maybe, a demo event during a regular event. Ernie distributed membership applications. Ernie thought it was great exposure and was well received. Carl W expressed the board's appreciation for Ernie's effort and asked that everyone should do what we can in this regard, ie, be Ambassadors. Carl W will be at New Castle the end of September with a booth.

Carl W wants to establish three subcommittees (with volunteers indicated): Certification(Jack Murray and Charlie Groeteke), Rules (Bill and Terry) and Budget (Carl and Bob). Carl W commented that VKA basically operates on a \$10,000 budget and Bob has done a good job of building up cash. Carl W predicted that growth in the next couple of years may not be as good due to the economy.

New Business

No new business came before the board. The next meeting will be the second Sunday of the next month, 09/14/08, at the usual time, 5:00 PST.

The meeting was closed at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Weakley, President and Secretary Pro-Tem.