

Vintage Karting Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 19, 2008

Present

Board Members: Carl Weakley/Carl Billington/Brad Fultz/Terry Ives/Mark Havery/Bill McCornack
Absent: Bob Lapke/Jeff Campbell
Guests: Jack Murray

Call to Order

The postponed, regular, monthly, teleconference meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 pm PST 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, was unable to attend the meeting, but Carl W read his report previously emailed to the board. The month started with a balance of \$11,335.31 and \$515.00 was received from Medford's 50/50 raffle. Checks were issued for membership cards-\$31.74, website-\$11.95 and Kart Expo booth rental-\$625.00 leaving a balance of \$11,181.62. Carl W asked if there were any revisions/questions and with no objection, the treasurer's report was approved by the board.

Membership Report

Brad Fultz, Membership Director, reported that we are up to #321, 12 new members last month. 67 are non-paying members. Patches are on-hand. Brad proposed to purchase the credit card machine for \$1,200. The cost of production would reduce from \$2.60/card to \$.15/card. Carl W or Brad will circulate the proposal to the board for a vote at the Nov meeting. Brad further believes the machine would be good to give the membership card to the new member immediately. Terry was concerned that it would be trouble to carry around and sometimes would be a liability not a benefit. Terry also hauled a club's trailer around for years and suggested that we may need one, too.

Carl W then brought up the question as to when the 2009 membership begins. Historically, the VKA has renewed as of Jan 1, but last year, a member paying after the last race of the season got a membership for the next year. Brad said that a sticker would be issued to apply to existing credit cards. Terry suggested a fiscal Oct-Sep fiscal year for membership with a three month grace period. No action was taken.

Brad then discussed a membership fee increase. At our last meeting, a \$5 increase was considered to cover the cost of insurance next year. Bill mentioned that it has been 3 years since the last dues increase. Carl W offered that Bill, Terry and Tom have been

doing a great job at 50/50 raffles. Brad said that a beefier newsletter could be more expensive. Bill continued the thought noting postal rate and paper cost increases and believes that there would be no objection from the membership to a \$30 membership. Carl W recommended the \$5 increase simply as a step in time. Carl W/Terry noted increased expenditures for the credit card machine, insurance and travel judging expenses justifying the \$5 increase. A roll call vote was called for an increase in annual dues from \$25 to \$30/year and the vote was to approve unanimously. Brad will change the dues notice before mailing.

Brad then asked about a dues increase for associate members. Carl B asked how many there are to which Brad said about 50. Brad advised that associate members get a patch but no newsletter. Terry recommended that the associate member dues remain at \$10 as an associate member does not generate any cost. Carl W asked if there were any age/family requirements or if we play it loose. Terry asked that a definition of an associate be written and have it on the application. Brad will propose before the next meeting for approval.

Newsletter

Mark Havery, Newsletter Editor, reported that the newsletter will go to the printer on Monday and will mail the coming weekend. Mark also indicated that he is close to finishing the Dec newsletter which will be 50 pages long. The Oct newsletter will be 38 pages.

Mark asked about Jeff Troy, the proposed newsletter editor for next year, and remarked about his conversation with him. Carl W to call Jeff and discuss some concerns that Mark had and report to the board.

Safety

Terry Ives, Safety Director, reported that he had nothing to report and will go with Jerry Ahrens to the RPM meeting at Reno. Carl to call Rod Verengiere 805-925-5461 re IKF insurance. Terry is testing at Leguna with Super Karts who have faster times than the Indy Cars.

Website

Carl W reported that everything is apparently okay.

Executive Director

Bill McCornack reported a nice promoters' meeting at Quincy. Bill, Carl W and Bob for the VKA were present with Paul Booth, Jeff Brown, both Traeders, Henry Duga and Jim Thompson present for the promoters. A discussion of a recommended tire list got Gus Traeder excited. Bill and Terry are working on a class structure which the Midwest is okay with wherein the rear engine karts would have dry clutches and box mufflers. Jeff Brown wants a trial, local option class of 1977-1984 to increase participation at New Castle in 2009. Terry is going nation-wide with the Midwest brochure. The cost is charged equally to the Midwest tracks and Terry was okay with sharing the cost with the West Coast tracks too. Terry also said the dry clutch/box muffler rule would be fine for

the West Coast, too. Bill said that rear engines with wet clutches and pipes could be moved to the back of the pack for rear engine classes or moved up to the sidewinder class at the promoter's option. Carl W asked for this to be an amendment to the VKA Operations Manual at the next meeting to be voted upon. Carl W said that one member was against this rule and I explained to him that it was just to pull together the Sportsman concept. Bill then talked about the problem of low turnouts.

Carl W also indicated that he will propose changes to the board positions description.

Carl W received an email from a well known member at Quincy with a complaint on highly modified engines vs stock engines in the MC class. Several comments were made that VKA has no stock class. Carl W returned to the member's request for a bracket or ET class much like IKF's class in this regard. The member acknowledges that our events are for fun not all-out racing. Bill indicated that the event can be everything from practice to racing. Carl suggested that Bill and Terry write-up a bracket/ET class if they felt that it was appropriate.

Carl W indicated that Riverside requires a VKA membership fee at their event. Carl W asked to work the Riverside method into all events and make a rule change to that effect. Terry will talk to Bill about it.

Old Business

Carl W reported that it was 8:05 and wanted to keep the meeting within an hour and moved onto new business.

New Business

Carl W asked for all existing board members to privately affirm their interest to continue in their current positions for another year except Mark Havery. The board members are to contact Carl W privately if they do not want to affirm their position for the next year. Carl W then advised the board that he affirms his position as President for the next year. He wants to re-up because he needs two years to get the things done that he wants to. Carl W basically believes that it takes six months just to learn the position. Election of the board members will be on the December meeting or as per the Operations Manual, and then, we will be rolling into the next year.

Carl B indicated that he wants verification not certification. Also, Carl B sent a map to the board members indicating districts to which a coordinator would be appointed for each district. Carl B would take District 1 and have an event in PA. Bill indicated that this was already in place and he is the national coordinator. To have district coordinators would add an unnecessary layer of management problems. If we have 1,500 karters, districts may be appropriate, but at the current level of participation, he can deal with the local promoters more effectively.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be the second Sunday of the next month, 11/9/08, at the usual time, 5:00 PST.

The meeting was closed at 6:12 pm PST.

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