

VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2011

President Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM EDT

Roll call by Secretary Figone,

Board Members in attendance:

Jeff Campbell	President
Louie Figone	Secretary
Bob Lapke	Treasurer
Jim Thompson	
Dick Teal	
Dean Kossaras	
Ernie Shores	
Carl Weakley	Past President



Board Members absent:

Carl Billington	Vice President
Brad Fultz	
Jack Murray	
Lake Speed	
Bill McCornack	

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:

I think the direction we are going in is a good one; we need to concentrate on growth, the newsletter and being visible to the members. It was a nice turnout of the VKA Board members at New Castle.

SECRETARYS REPORT:

Director Figone: The minutes went out, there is an addendum to add that the Bridgestone YKC does meet the VKA tire specification for sidewinders, the new Bridgestone YLC is softer and does not meet the VKA tire requirements.

Director Kossaras: I will talk to Margay and see if they will give a special discount in sets.

Director Teal: I make a motion that we approve the minutes as submitted

Director Thompson: I second the motion.

President Campbell: All in favor say aye, ayes have it; motion passes to accept the minutes as submitted.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Director Lapke: I'll give one for May and then for June as I was not here. For May the opening balance was \$14,302.08, for income we had \$282.00 from the Circleville 50/50 raffle, and 6 membership checks for \$190.00 for a total income for May of \$472.00. Expenses were \$650.00 for Insurance which leaves us with a balance of \$14,124.08, all in the checking account.

For June we had an opening balance of \$14,124.08 and we had no income or expenses so our June 30 balance is \$14,124.08, all in the checking account.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Director Thompson: I don't have anything right now, Brad has the membership information.

Director Teal: I have a note from MaryJo McCornack that says "we notice that the members that join in January receive 12 months of benefits, people that join in June only receive 6 months of benefits and beginning May of 2011 membership will be renewed on an annual basis rather than on a calendar year". So Mary Jo has taken on this responsibility of handling the memberships with Brad Fultz.

President Campbell: That's great, I do not want to lose track of having a membership goal either.

WEBSITE REPORT:

President Campbell: Still making good progress in getting the photos and video posted on the website.

SAFETY REPORT:

Director Kossaras: Not much on safety, axle clutches has been an issue; the major karting organizations have banned axle clutches so that will not be an issue any more. We have been working on the sportsman/historic class. Now that we have the hard tire rule it should bring out more of the historic karts, the ones with the 580's, Power Products, Homelite's.

Director Thompson: Dean, what about the helmets, I see you have down Snell 2005, where do we stand on the motorcycle helmets, do they have a Snell rating?

Director Kossaras: Yes, it will be in the helmet, you may have to lift the lining to see it, as long as it is a 2005 full face helmet it is legal. The track promoter is supposed to check with the insurance carrier to see what is required for their event.

Director Weakley: I have looked at the helmets at Wal-Mart and they have no rating at all.

Director Kossaras: I will contact the manufactures to see if there is a cross reference of DOT to Snell

Director Figone: I pulled up Snell standards and DOT on the web:

“The DOT rating simply indicates that a manufacture believes its helmets meet the DOT standards without any actual testing.” Then it says “You might be surprised to learn that nearly half of the helmets with the DOT sticker failed the DOT lab test”.

Then it says: “Snell standards is a more stringent rating, completely voluntary, meaning that helmet manufactures can chose whether to meet Snell safety guidelines”

Director Kossaras: I would then say that Snell standards are the only one that we should accept. I will check it out with WKA to see what there position is on this.

Director Weakley: in the last hot laps I specified that at East Lansing a Snell 2005 helmet is required.

Director Figone: Dean, are any open face helmets allowed?

Director Kossaras: No open face helmets at any events.

JUDGING REPORT:

No report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Director Kossaras: Bill has not seen my class structure, all the things we talked about I put in my class structure for East Lansing to test the waters.

I am still working on defining the rules for the historic class karts.

President Campbell: We have been getting some of the older karts with Clintons showing up and they are running there own class.

Director Kossaras: We will work on this.

NEWSLETTER REPORT:

Director Teal: Bill sent out something about having events on alternate years, he is talking about all these events and going to alternate years. I don't think that will work, a lot of guys only go to an event at their local track, if you go to alternate years those guys loose out.

Director Kossaras: The problem is there are too many events and too close together so our thought was if we go to alternate years then we would boost the participation at each event. It's a lengthy discussion and we will poll the participants at the events

Director Teal: I had a call if someone could pay for an advertisement in the magazine. I told them we have never charged for advertisement. Is this a direction we want to pursue?

President Campbell: If they are a VKA member then we will advertise for them and put a link to their website on our website for free. Being we are a non-profit we do not want to charge for advertising as that would be taxable.

Director Teal: The newsletter is going to be a little light, I am still looking for technical articles. The Power Products guys at New Castle mentioned it; I told them to put something together for me. I have a great article on doing 820's by Dick Collier and that will go in to the magazine. Louie is doing an article on Power Products and when that is finished I will put it into the magazine.

PAST PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Director Weakley: I am working on getting banners made and press releases to get out. That's all I have for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Thompson: Not a vintage event but the Rock Island Grand Prix is coming up, I am trying to get some vintage karts there just to run the track, not a race but to run the track for exhibition. It's quite an event, 10,000 spectators show up. They are going to give us our own pit space for vintage karts.

Meeting adjourned by President Campbell at 9:05 PM EDT

Submitted by Secretary Figone