

## VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors 09 July 2017 Meeting Minutes Rev01 August 13, 2017

<u>Call To Order</u>: President Bill McCornack called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM EDT

Roll Call: Secretary Bill Bloodworth called the roll with the following results:

**Board Members In Attendance:** 

Bill McCornack President
Louie Figone Vice President
Scott Klingler Executive Director

Bill Bloodworth Secretary & Membership

Joe SwantekTreasurerGary WlodarskyJudgingLynn HaddockSafety & Tech

Dean Kossaras Rules

Skip Owen

**Board Members Absent:** 

Jeff Campbell Website

**Guests present:** 

Rolf Hill VKA *FirsTurn* Newsletter/Magazine Karl Ginter Northeast Region Coordinator

SYNOPSIS: There are 358 total members, 319 full members and 39 associate members. The ending June balance is \$19,874.06 which reflects revenue of \$1,327.04 and expenses of \$928.77. The successful Brodhead event was discussed. Scott Klingler is assuming the Delmar event promoter duties from Jim Thompson who is withdrawing. Scott is also working to have the Quincy event back on the VKA schedule in 2018. Issues which were raised at the New Castle event regarding Yamaha Limited class pipe length were discussed. Lynn Haddock will provide sketches for posting on the VKA website. A proposal is being developed which will address a 1 inch axle class for Yamaha karts. Preparations for future shows are on schedule. There has been a lot of chatter regarding the upcoming Avon event. A \$25 one day pass will be available at the Oreville event. The VKA Magazine August issue will be a single issue and will not be combined with any other month. Concerns regarding potential safety issues which occurred at the recent New Castle event were discussed. It was reported that in the past this type of issue was addressed by promoter group action. The preference was for the same avenue to be pursued for this case.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Bill McCornack discussed the recent event at Brodhead. He reported that there were 81 event entries, slightly less than the 89 last year and that there were 63 show entries. There were 3 or 4 minor on-track incidents with no injuries. Unfortunately a vehicle did back over an empty kart in the parking lot. Helmet Snell ratings were checked and if the standard was current a green dot sticker was placed on the helmet. There was rain in the vicinity but none at the track. The 50/50 amount was \$800 total, \$400 for the club. T-shirt sales were robust, 26 were sold for \$520. Bill has a 3 shirt order from an Illinois individual and a 2 shirt order from a California individual. One shirt was given away as part of the raffle. Two VKA memberships were sold during the event.

Haley Morrall will send the photos including the show pictures to Rolf Hill and Jeff Campbell. Rolf mentioned that he has received a Dropbox invitation from Mike Morrall for 85 pictures. Rolf will forward the invitation to Jeff. Bill reported that the special champagne classes had 4 entries in the B-Open class and 5 entries in the C-Open class. Terry Ives did the post event spraying honors in the C-Open class. The Yamaha Limited class only had one entry. The Yamaha Piston Port class had 13 entries and was split into light (6 entries) and heavy (7 entries) groups with a staggered start. In reply to Bill's question, Dean Kossaras acknowledged that he would like to have class entry data.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone had nothing to report.



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TREASURER'S REPORT: - Director Joe Swantek deferred to Bill Bloodworth who read Jim Donovan's financial report in Jim's

absence. The figures are:

Ending May 2017 Balance: \$19, 475.79

Revenue: Total \$1,327.04, Membership: \$530.00, 50/50 Tracks: \$350.00 (Springfield \$150 & New Castle \$200), T-Shirt Sales:

\$440.00, Patch Sales: \$7.00, Interest: \$0.04

Expenses: Total \$928.77, Printing Magazine: \$928.77

Ending June Balance: \$19,874.06

Louie Figone: Moved to accept the treasurer's report as read by Bill Bloodworth.

Gary Wlodarsky: Seconded the motion.

President McCornack: All in favor say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes.

WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell was absent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Director Scott Klingler reported that the Camden event information had been posted on the VKA website thanks to Rolf Hill's efforts.

Scott stated that Jim Thompson is withdrawing as the promoter for the Delmar event. Jim is sending Scott the related information and Scott will take over the promoter's responsibilities. There will be a full day of practice on Thursday and one-half day of practice on Friday. Two heats will be run on Friday and one heat on Saturday. This will allow people to leave early Saturday helping those with long drives home.

At a later date, Scott intends to bring up the issue of how to get Quincy back on the VKA schedule for 2018. Jeff Miles reportedly only has a few dates available and those are in August. This will probably require a significant revision to the 2018 August schedule. Scott commented on the good job which he thinks that Jeff is doing. They had 75 event entries last year. Bill McCornack commented on the fact that there are a large number of VKA members in the Western area of the Mid-West region resulting in good attendance at events such as Quincy, Brodhead, etc.

RULES REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras began by asking Lynn Haddock if Lynn had performed final inspection on the winner of the Yamaha Limited class at the New Castle event to which Lynn replied that he had not; no one had requested that he do so. Dean raised the issue because of inconsistencies which he saw regarding pipe length. Others also mentioned the concerns which were heard on the starting grid from some participants. Lynn said that he believes that there is a need to have short inspections for stock appearing classes which have some specific measurable guidelines. Dean believes that it would be nice to have some device that could quickly measure flex length. Dean suggested that if a pipe inconsistency is seen during a pre-race technical inspection, something should be said before the kart reaches the starting grid.

Bill McCornack noted that the guidelines state a minimum length of 12 inches. Bill asked if there was an advantage to being 1 inch shorter to which Lynn replied that there definitely was an advantage. Lynn said that this was an issue which should be easy to police and that it should be done. Bill noted that there was only one Yamaha Limited entry at the Brodhead event. Scott Klingler stated that he wanted to learn the proper method for measuring Yamaha Limited class pipe length and asked Lynn if Lynn would be at the Camden event. Lynn replied that he would not be at the Camden event, but there is an article on the VKA website which describes the procedure. It was noted that sketches would be nice to have and Lynn agreed to create the sketches. Placement of the article and the new sketches on a prominent VKA website location will require Jeff Campbell's effort.

Regarding the Yamaha Limited and Piston Port classes, Dean asked what carburetor was being used for each. Lynn stated that he saw the 950 carb being used for both classes. Bill McCornack said that at Brodhead they adhered to the "stock appearing" guidelines. Dean reported that dyno testing had been performed using 3 different carbs and that there was only one horsepower difference among the three carbs and there was no need for special promoter rules.

Regarding the C-Open class, Dean asked how many entrants were using oil clutches and pipes. The consensus seemed to be about half and half. Names were mentioned in each group. Someone stated that all of the B's at a recent event were using dry clutches. It was pointed out that the B-Limited class provides an opportunity for people to run duals without having to use oil clutches and pipes. Bill McCornack noted that there were only 3 karts with dual rear engines at the New Castle event.

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<u>TECH & SAFETY REPORT</u>: - Director Lynn Haddock reported that he is developing a proposal which would address a class for Yamaha karts with 1 inch axles. While Lynn prefers the "yellow" engines, he thinks that the Yamaha classes are probably the future of vintage karting. Dean Kossaras agreed and said that he sees the need for a future Yamaha "Can" class. The issue regarding karts built before 1980 and after 1980 was discussed. During the discussion it was felt that with the exception of one manufacturer, karts made before 1980 did not use tubing greater than 1 inch.

Lynn said that he had heard that some participants are installing 1 inch axles on karts built after 1980 and then running with the older karts. Others also said that this was being done. It is believed that the newer stiffer chassis karts would beat the older karts even though both would have 1 inch axles. Bill McCornack said that such should not be allowed; the same chassis rule (pre 1980) should apply.

Lynn reported that he has shared his ideas and questions with others in order to do research on the issue. Dean Kossaras stated that October would be the proper time to submit a proposal to the Rules Committee.

<u>JUDGING REPORT</u>: - Director Gary Wlodarsky reported that the 48 entry show event at New Castle was the largest show attendance that he had personally experienced. The Adkins and Camden event certificates are ready. The Northeast region is preparing their certificates.

Gary reported that he plans to attend the Avon event. Skip Owen mentioned that there has been a lot of chatter about the number planning to attend the Avon event.

NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - Director Skip Owen had nothing to report since the next Northeast event is at the end of the month. Karl Ginter thanked Rolf Hill for posting the Oreville flyer and registration forms to the VKA website. Karl mentioned that the availability of a \$25 one day pit pass was not mentioned on the Oreville flyer. The \$25 one day pass will be available to accommodate people such as those who just want to practice for a day or vendors who want to set up their sale display for a day.

<u>NEWSLETTER REPORT</u>: - Rolf Hill reported that the next publication will be just for the month of August; it will not be a combined issue. The magazine will contain coverage of the New Castle and Brodhead events. It will also contain correct Sandy Hook results which were incorrect in the previous edition. Rolf plans to send the publication to the printer by 17 July.

ENDURO REPORT: - No report.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u>: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that Revision 01 of the June 2017 minutes had been released for review 07-06-17. Revision 01 incorporated three procedural and spelling corrections.

Louie Figone: Moved to accept the revised minutes.

Gary Wlodarsky: Seconded the motion.

President McCornack: All in favor of the motion say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 358 total members, 319 full members and 39 associate members, a net decrease from last month's levels of 1 full member and a net increase of 3 associate members. This month's membership includes 3 new full members and 4 new associate members plus 3 additional full member and 0 additional associate members from the renewal of former members who were inactive at the time of last month's meeting. The 36-month extended membership option remains at 54 full & 2 associate members, no change since the last meeting. Total funds involved are \$5,190. It is suggested that for the month of July, \$4,075 be held in reserve for future expenses. 7 full memberships and 1 associate membership expired at the end of June.

6 full memberships and 1 associate membership are expiring at the end of July.

In response to Dean Kossaras' question regarding peak VKA membership, Bill McCornack stated that he thought that VKA membership peaked a few years ago.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: - President Bill McCornack opened the segment for discussion. Gary Wlodarsky expressed concern regarding the safety issues which arose at the New Castle event due the actions of one individual participant. Several people expressed the opinion that regardless of whether the driver's actions were intentional or the result of poor judgment, something needed to be done to avoid future incidents. Bill McCornack and Dean Kossaras reported on the discussions that were had with the driver during the event. Bill McCornack stated that previous action taken with a different driver was the result of promoter group action. Lynn Haddock stated that the current situation should be handled in exactly the same manner.

President McCornack adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM EDT. Respectively submitted by Secretary Bloodworth.