

Call To Order: President Bill McCornack called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM EST

<u>Roll Call</u>: Secretary Bill Bloodworth called the roll with the following results:

<u>Board Members In Attendance</u> : Bill McCornack Louie Figone Bill Bloodworth Gary Wlodarsky Dean Kossaras Skip Owen	President Vice President Secretary & Membership Judging Rules
<u>Board Members Absent</u> : Scott Klingler Joe Swantek Lynn Haddock Jeff Campbell	Executive Director Treasurer Safety & Tech Website
<u>Guests present:</u> Rolf Hill Jim Donovan Karl Ginter Sonny Gerber Sal Palatucci	VKA FirsTurn Newsletter/Magazine Finance Northeast Region Coordinator

<u>SYNOPSIS</u>: There are 384 total members, 342 full members and 42 associate members. The ending November balance is \$18,575.63 which reflects revenue of \$734.00 and expenses of \$1,968.20. President Bill McCornack discussed who will be involved with VKA in 2018 and in what capacity. The guidelines section has been distributed for review. The wording of the scoring section is not settled; examples may need to be added to help users understand this section. The Motocross scoring system option will remain in the guidelines since there never was a motion and a vote to remove that system. Gary Wlodarsky will participate in an upcoming expo to be held by the Ohio Valley Karting Association. Northeast regional members will participate in a local karting/motorsports expo at the end of March. Skip Owen reported that there was a lot of interest in the Northeast region regarding 4-stroke engine powered karts. Discussion of track contributions to VKA highlighted the need to emphasize the voluntary nature of such. Gary Wlodarsky thanked Rolf Hill for the fantastic job which Rolf does. Bill McCornack stated how proud that he was of the talent involved in VKA.

<u>PRESIDENT'S REPORT</u>: President Bill McCornack discussed who will be involved with VKA in 2018 and in what capacity. Gary Wlodarsky is the newly elected president. Louie Figone indicated that he will remain as vice-president for a while. Bill Bloodworth indicated that he will continue as secretary and membership director. Bill McCornack stated that Joe Swantek has indicated that he will continue as Treasurer. Jim Donovan indicated that he will continue to perform the accounting duties. Bill stated that Scott Klingler has indicated that he will continue as executive director and that Jeff Campbell has indicated that he will continue as website administrator. Dean Kossaras indicated that he will continue to administer the safety and rules committee. Bill McCornack stated that he will participate as a public relations volunteer, a non-board position. Rolf Hill asked if these commitments were official; he plans to send the January issue to the printer Monday. Bill McCornack instructed Rolf to "go with it".

Gary Wlodarsky stated that he was glad to see that Bill McCornack will continue to contribute to VKA and that he was also glad to see Sonny Gerber coming onboard.

<u>VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT</u>: Vice-President Louie Figone reported that he is working on the flyer for the Riverside event. In response to Bill McCornack's question, Louie stated that he had not heard anything from Richard Mahaffay regarding possible interest in board participation.

There was a brief discussion about a posting which stated that the guidelines had already been printed. It was decided that the posting was probably in response to the guidelines change summary printed in the previous FirsTurn issue which was accompanied by a statement to the effect that "by the time you read this, the guidelines should already be posted".



<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u>: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that the minutes from the November meeting have not yet been released. Bill McCornack instructed that when available, the minutes should be released and approval requested via email.

<u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u>: - Director Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 384 total members, 342 full members and 42 associate members, a net change from last month's levels of plus 5 full members and a net change of 0 associate members. This month's membership includes 4 new full members and 2 new associate members plus 4 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 is at 62 full & 3 associate members, an increase since the last meeting of 2 full memberships and 1 associate membership. Total funds involved are \$5,855. It is suggested that for the month of December, \$4,380 be held in reserve for future expenses.

3 full memberships and 2 associate memberships expired at the end of November.

53 full memberships and 9 associate memberships are expiring at the end of December.

Bill Bloodworth reported that the bulk rate mailing permit was renewed 06 December. The fee was \$225.00.

There was a brief discussion regarding the printing of extra January newsletter copies for promotional use throughout the year. It was pointed out that the newsletter is a simpler format and individuals such as regional coordinators might have their extra copies printed locally rather than shipped from Bill.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>: - Director Joe Swantek was absent; Jim Donovan reported the financial results. The figures are: Ending October 2017 Balance: \$19,809.83

Revenue: Total \$734.00, Membership: \$630.00, Track Contribution – Cuddebackville: \$100.00, Calendar/Magazine/Decal: \$4.00

Expenses: Total \$1,968.20, Printing (November & December Magazines): \$1,777.20, Advertising: \$191.00, Ending November Balance: \$18,575.63

The bank balance of \$18,766.63 does not reflect the check for \$191.00 which is in transit to pay for the trade show deposit.

Gary Wlodarsky stated that he will incur expenses related to the Ohio Valley Karting Association show and that he will submit a request for reimbursement. Sonny Gerber agreed to help Gary with the event. Bill McCornack suggested that Gary talk with Scott Klingler and Gary replied that he is doing so.

Gary Wlodarsky: Moved to accept Jim Donovan's report.

Louie Figone: Seconded the motion.

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

<u>RULES REPORT</u>: - Director Dean Kossaras reported that Rolf has distributed the guidelines for review. Dean stated that the scoring section is not settled; examples may need to be added to help users understand this section.

Bill McCornack asked what to do tonight regarding approval of the scoring system. Dean believes that the rules are done and that no vote is needed.

Skip Owen asked if there would be options for scoring. He thought that we were headed down a path with just one recommendation but now there appears to be two which he said would work better for the Northeast region.

Dean suggested leaving both the original Motocross and the new CIK options in the document. Bill McCornack stated that Scott Klingler had indicated via email that Scott was strongly against leaving the Motocross system in the guidelines.

Dean asked if there was any objection to removing the Motocross option. There were no objections. Gary Wlodarsky pointed out that the point was moot since these are guidelines and promoters are free to use any scoring system. Some objected to Gary's statement, but there was no explanation offered for the rebuttal.

Dean stated that the Motocross system would remain in the guidelines since there never was a motion and a vote to remove that system.

It was also mentioned during the discussions that Tier 2 events are not scored.

In response to a question about voting on the guidelines in January, Dean stated that no vote was needed; technically the guidelines were approved at the last meeting and that the changes just needed to be added to the document structure. It was mentioned that the previous vote covered all of the changes except the CIK scoring option.

Dean requested that Rolf send Sonny Gerber a copy of the guidelines.



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<u>JUDGING REPORT</u>: - Director Gary Wlodarsky reported that he is working on certificates for Bushnell and other events. He mentioned that a notation on the corner of a membership application will allow the source of memberships to be tracked. As previously mentioned, Gary will participate at the expo held by the Ohio Valley Karting Association.

In response to Bill McCornack's question, Gary indicated that in 2018 he will continue to be responsible for VKA kart show activities.

Bill McCornack stated that the board needs to decide at the next meeting on whether or not to order new t-shirts. Gary Wlodarsky provided a short inventory summary. Louie Figone indicated that the current shirt design was not available at the 2017 Riverside event.

Louie Figone stated that he does need show certificates for the 2018 Riverside event.

<u>NORTHEAST REGION REPORT</u>: - Director Skip Owen stated that they will participate in a karting-motorsports expo at the end of March. They will have 2 booths and 4 or 5 karts on display. As soon as the 2018 funds are available, they need to pay off the balance due for the booth spaces. Bill McCornack mentioned that several years ago a Chicago area show pulled in several new members.

Skip reported that there was a lot of interest in their area regarding 4-stroke engine powered karts. Bill McCornack stated that he was onboard with the 4-stroke effort now.

Karl Ginter reported that he had released the flyer for the Chestertown event. Karl thanked Rolf Hill for the quick posting of the flyer on the VKA website.

Sal Palatucci, the incoming Northeast Regional Coordinator, mentioned that Skip and Karl have spent a lot of time helping him get up to speed with the coordinator position and that he appreciates the opportunity to participate.

<u>NEWSLETTER REPORT</u>: - Rolf Hill reported that he will now finalize the pending board related section of the upcoming issue. Rolf stated that he has also corrected the Fremont track layout error (wrong track shown). The January newsletter will be released to the printer tomorrow, Monday.

Gary Wlodarsky stated that he thinks Rolf does a fantastic job. Bill McCornack stated how proud of all the talent throughout the VKA organization. Several people thanked Bill McCornack for his efforts.

WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell was absent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Director Scott Klingler was absent.

TECH & SAFETY REPORT: - Director Lynn Haddock was absent.

ENDURO REPORT: - none

SOUTH REGION REPORT: - none

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: - President Bill McCornack opened the segment for discussion. Bill Bloodworth requested approval to renew the complimentary membership for Angelo Buffomante. Dean Kossaras recommended approval. President Bill McCornack approved the request.

In response to questions which he had received, Gary Wlodarsky asked for clarification regarding track contributions. Bill McCornack stated that for events with 40 to 79 participants, the suggested track contribution is \$100 and for events with 80 or more participants the suggested track contribution is \$200. Rolf Hill mentioned that should the promoter apply a surcharge for non-VKA participants, the extra money could be used for the track's donation.

Dean Kossaras stated that it should be called an advertising or marketing contribution, nothing more. Dean emphasized that the inadvertent use of the term "sanctioning fee" should be avoided.

Sal Palatucci read the applicable guidelines paragraph which also mentioned the use of 50/50 raffles where legal. Sonny Gerber suggested that the contributions be clearly labeled as voluntary.

President McCornack adjourned the meeting at 8:56 PM EST. Respectively submitted by Secretary Bloodworth.