



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.  
 Board of Directors 09 September 2018 Meeting Minutes  
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Call To Order: President Gary Wlodarsky called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM EDT

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

Board Members In Attendance:

Gary Wlodarsky	President & Judging
Louie Figone	Vice President
Joe Swantek	Treasurer
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Dean Kossaras	Rules
Lynn Haddock	Safety & Tech
Sonny Gerber	
Skip Owen	Executive Director
Jeff Campbell	Website

Board Members Absent:

John Copeland	Enduro
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Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA <b>FirstTurn</b> Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance
Sal Palatucci	Northeast Region Coordinator
Bill McCornack	PR
Bob Barthelemy	South Region Coordinator

SYNOPSIS: There are 436 total members, 393 full members and 43 associate members. The ending August balance is \$23,443.14 which reflects revenue of \$865.00 and expenses of \$1,127.50. The estimated costs of printing and mailing future publications is \$5,678 total, \$2,628 for 12-month members and \$3,050 for 36-month members. Gary Wlodarsky stated that he would like to step down from the judging and show responsibilities. Jack Murray was suggested as a possible replacement. Louie Figone reported that he has had discussions with Bill Ross Jr regarding a possible new Washington state event. Skip Owen expects most 2019 events dates to remain the same. A possible request for a Jacksonville, FL date will be investigated. Bob Barthelemy reported that in 2019 a local event will be held before the Barnesville VKA event in order to smooth out procedures and reduce delays such as occurred this year. Bob stated that due to the uncertainty regarding growth of the 4-cycle entries, the 2019 event will remain a combined 2-cycle & 4-cycle event. Dean Kossaras is requesting input from members, promoters, & track owners regarding **Guidelines** changes for 2019. A postcard mailing requesting member comments for the changes was authorized. Lynn Haddock will create a list of the procedures required for a full tech inspection of the Yamaha Limited class. Procedures already exist for the Yamaha Piston Port class. The phrase stating that there will be no official teardowns will be removed from the **Guidelines**. Sal Palatucci reported that five Northeast Region events are planned for 2019. An advertising expenditure of \$500 was authorized for Rolf Hill's 2019 karting calendar. The general consensus seemed to be that submittal of a membership application was not necessary if pertinent information was furnished. The issues related to acceptance of electronic payments and fee responsibilities were tabled pending a special meeting schedule for 23 September.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Gary Wlodarsky stated that it is time to finalize events and guidelines for 2019 which will require coordination with promoters and tracks, guideline reviews, and guidelines publication. In response to a question regarding VKA officer changes for 2019, Gary stated that he would like to step down from the judging and show responsibility so that he can concentrate on his other duties. Gary mentioned Jack Murray as a possible replacement. Joe Swantek mentioned what a great job Jack had done at Joe's event.



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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone stated that he will also try to contact Jack Murray about the judging responsibilities for the entire club. Louie mentioned how happy people were with Jack's judging efforts at the Riverside event. Louie stated that he has had discussions with Bill Ross, Jr. regarding a possible VKA event in Washington state. The discussions included topics such as insurance, tier level (1 and/or 2), and track selection. The Richland track was mentioned. Louie had heard that the Pats Acres track does not want vintage karts and in response to Lynn Haddock's question as to why, Louie stated that he does not know why not. Gary Wlodarsky pointed out that having an exhibition event has led to full events at other venues. Louie mentioned that he had heard that participants in the Northwest area may not be happy with VKCA's kart age limit rules.

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Louie reported that he had heard that the Atwater event is finished because the city wants an ambulance on-site anytime that a kart is on the track.

Sonny Gerber reported that the Whiteland Raceway facility has been purchased by Sarah Fischer and her husband and they are committed to making the venue better. Bill McCornack requested that Sonny contact him since Bill will be the Midwest Regional coordinator for 2019 and that the Fremont event is already on the schedule.

Gary stated that he has been contacted by Fremont personnel who want to keep the event for 2019, but who have a desire to move the date.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that the August minutes have not yet been released. A draft has been created except for the Synopsis section which needs to be completed. The completed version will be distributed by email and email responses will be requested.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 436 total members, 393 full members and 43 associate members, a net change from last month's levels of minus 3 full members & minus 1 associate member. This month's membership includes 3 new full members and 0 new associate members plus 1 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 88 full & 9 associate members, unchanged since the last meeting. Total funds involved are \$8,630. It is suggested that for the month of September, \$4,610 be held in reserve for future expenses.

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7 full memberships and 1 associate membership expired at the end of August.

8 full memberships and 2 associate memberships are expiring at the end of September.

The regional distribution of memberships (snowbird adjusted) is:

Midwest:	174 full	16 associate
Northeast:	69 full	9 associate
South:	64 full	11 associate
West:	77 full	7 associate
International:	9 full	

Mailing address information was adjusted to reflect the home address of those temporarily away from home.

In response to Louie Figone's question, Bill stated that his original email report contained errors in the regional membership section. The corrections were included in the revised version.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Director Joe Swantek reported that he has sold all of the medium & large size t-shirts which were sent to him. He has about 12 to 14 size xxx shirts left and he will be sending them back to Gary. Joe said that he would like to have more medium and large sized t-shirts on hand for the Bakersfield event. Joe stated that they are preparing for the Bakersfield event and that a lot of interest has been shown.

Jim Donovan then reported the financial results. The figures are:

Ending July 2018 Balance: \$23,705.64.

Revenue: Total \$865.00, Membership: \$115.00, 50/50 & Track Contributions: \$630.00 Avon \$150.00 Quincy \$200.00

New Castle & Camden \$280.00, T-shirts Sales: \$120.00

Expenses: Total \$1,127.50, Magazine Printing: \$1,127.50

Ending August 2018 Balance: \$23,443.14.

Bill Bloodworth: Moved to accept Jim Donovan's report.

Sonny Gerber: Seconded the motion.

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

Bill Bloodworth reported that the current estimated costs for planned future publication related activity are at least \$2,628 for 12 month members and \$3,050 for 36 month members, a combined total of \$5,678.



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WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell reported that photos for the website are current. Rolf Hill stated that he had nothing more to add.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Skip Owen reported that he has reached out to the regional coordinators regarding the need to firm up 2019 dates. Skip believes that most dates will remain the same year. Dates for the Riverside and Barnesville events are confirmed. Riverside will be January 31 and February 1 & 2. Bob Barthelemy reported that Brett Spaude would like to have the Bushnell event January 24 thru 26. Rolf Hill asked if anyone had contacted the Bennetts since they enable a lot of Midwest karters to attend by transporting the karts.

Gary Wlodarsky mentioned that he had heard that Jacksonville Florida is requesting dates. Bob Barthelemy said that he had also heard about that possibility and that he needed to follow up on such a possibility. Bill McCornack stated that there needed to be a vintage promoter to act as a go-between. Regarding dates, Gary mentioned possibly adding the event at the end of the year.

Skip stated that they also may have a new event in the Northeast which Sal will discuss in a later segment.

SOUTH REGION REPORT: - Bob Barthelemy responded to questions regarding the size of the 2018 event and future 4-cycle participation. Lynn Haddock asked if they had considered splitting the event into separate 2-cycle and 4-cycle event since the 2018 event was thought by some participants to be crowded. Bob said that he is concerned that there might not be enough 4-cycle participants to justify a separate event. Bob stated that while there were 44 class entries, there were actually about 28 drivers this year. Some drivers added weight in order to participate in both the light and heavy classes. Bob doesn't know what the growth in 4-cycle participation will be since a lot of 4-cycle drivers are running other venues such as dirt tracks. Bill McCornack mentioned that he had heard reports that the parking area was so full that people were quite far from the grid. Lynn said that the biggest problems were the delays and that the track activity was fine. Bob stated that this year's event was the first event of the year and that the cobwebs created some issues which otherwise should have been planned for. Bob said that in 2019 they will host a local event before the vintage event in order to tune their procedures.

Gary Wlodarsky suggested that for 2019 they run the 2-cycles and 4-cycles together and if problems still exist, split them for 2020. Bob said that is what he preferred.

Lynn Haddock suggested that members be encouraged to purchase transponders in order to reduce the delay between heats. Bill McCornack stated that he had authored a recent article on the subject and that he discovered that one can no longer purchase a transponder; they have to be rented on an annual basis. Bill said that another article may be in order.

RULES REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras reported that reports from the Camden event were nice and did not include any issues.

Dean said that the tire rule for the sportsman class will probably not be changed.

Dean said that Lynn has good ideas for the Yamaha Over-60 Class and that he has come to agree with Lynn's view on tires. Dean noted that there are not a lot of old people in Yamaha classes. Bill McCornack stated that a lot of the current Over-60 Class participants are all about American equipment and they do not want to run with the Yamahas. Gary mentioned that while it is easier to participate in events with Yamahas, some will run Mac's forever.

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Bill McCornack stated the need to reduce the number of classes because promoters are overwhelmed. Dean said that he does not have enough data to identify equipment participation. He said that he cannot get info from the tracks. Dean asked Skip to reach out through the Regional Coordinators to the promoters for feedback regarding desired rules changes. Dean ask Jeff to post a request on the VKA website asking for guidelines change suggestions to be sent to Dean's email address.

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Lynn Haddock stated that he had guideline change ideas come to him. Dean requested that they be sent to him. Lynn suggested that an open letter be posted on the website. Inclusion with the next publication was also suggested but the mailing will not reach most members until early November which would be too late to support the change schedule. A special mailing was discussed. Eventually it was suggested that postcards be sent to all active members. Bill Bloodworth requested that he be allowed to make an estimate of the costs before a limit was established.

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Dean Kossaras: moved to authorize expenditure of up to \$300 for mailing postcards to active members requesting suggested rules changes be sent to Dean via email.

Lynn Haddock: seconded the motion.

President Wlodarsky requested the vote, there was 1 nay, the motion was approved.

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TECH & SAFETY REPORT: - Director Lynn Haddock stated that he had nothing new to report.

Bill McCornack stated that recently he had discussed full tech inspection limits with Doug Sharp as applied to the Yamaha Piston Port and Limited classes. Bill said that Doug does not believe that tracks go far enough. Bill suggests that procedures should be documented. Lynn stated that there are already procedures for the Piston Port Class, so the need is for the Limited class. Lynn assumed the responsibility for creating the list. Bill said that he wants participants to be prepared for a full tech inspection should it occur. Regarding full tech possibility, Rolf Hill read his editor's comment which will appear in the upcoming issue. Lynn noted that it will be up to the promoter to find an inspector, but that the procedures list should make it easier for an inspector to be identified.

Skip Owen mentioned that at the recent Avon event, the issue was raised about the current wording in the guidelines which states in effect that official teardowns will not be done. Lynn requested that Skip write a note to Dean so that Dean is reminded to remove those words.

Sonny Gerber said that at two recent events, he walked thru the pits talking to people and that people are happy with what is being done.

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Gary Wlodarsky reported that Rolf Hill ran the show at the Camden event while Gary tended to other duties. Rolf stated that the show went smoothly with no problems.

NORTHEAST REGION REPORT: - Director Skip Owen had no other comments beyond what he said in the other sections. Northeast Regional Coordinator Sal Palatucci stated that five events are planned for 2019 in the Northeast Region. The events are planned for late in the months of May, June, and Jul, the middle of the month of August, and early in the months of September and October. Sal stated that they are trying to define rain dates where possible in order to help participants plan.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill reported that Cary Thomas has the task of preparing the draft for his first issue, the combined October – November issue. Rolf stated that he plans to send the combined October – November issue to the printer on Monday 10-15-18.

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ENDURO REPORT: - Director John Copeland was absent.

NEW BUSINESS: - President Wlodarsky opened the segment for discussion.  
Rolf: requested that VKA contribute \$500 for advertising in the 2019 calendar.  
Lynn Haddock: moved to authorize the contribution of \$500 for advertising in the 2019 calendar.  
Sonny Gerber: seconded the motion  
President Wlodarsky requested a by name vote.  
The results by name were: In Favor – Gary, Dean, Lynn, Sonny, Bill B, Skip. Opposed - none  
President Wlodarsky: The motion passes.

Bill Bloodworth noted that Dennis Dzierbicki's complimentary membership will expire 11-30-2018 and Bill requested that either Bill McCornack or Jim Donovan contact Dennis to confirm his willingness to continue his VKA support. Bill McCornack stated that he would take responsibility for the effort.

Bill Bloodworth then raised the first of two questions regarding the membership process. He asked if a membership should be issued if a membership application is not furnished. Accurate information was a concern of Bill's given the intermediate steps involved when someone accepts the information verbally and fills out the form or when just a name and address is furnished. Some stated that a signature was no longer required, but verification of this was not pursued. The general consensus seemed to be yes if the pertinent information is supplied in some manner.



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Bill Bloodworth's second question involved the acceptance of electronic payments such as PayPal and the associated fee. Bill asked what the official VKA position should be regarding disposition of the fee. Should the person accepting the payment be required to absorb the fee or should VKA accept a net payment less than the full fee amount? There have been a few occurrences in the past where members personally accepted PayPal payments. In these cases, the members absorbed the fee themselves. Several spoke of having done so. But the question remained what should be the official policy. Sal Palatucci stated that not accepting electronic payments eliminates some potential memberships. Gary Wlodarsky stated that he would prefer club acceptance of PayPal. The small amount of the fee was mentioned but it was pointed out that after publication and mailing costs are deducted, the fee is about 10% of the remaining revenue. There was a discussion regarding the number of members who might use PayPal, but estimates were just that. It was also suggested that the fee might be raised for everyone if there were legal restrictions regarding multi-tiered pricing. Dean Kossaras stated that a separate bank account could be set up just for PayPal payments in order to ease the burden on financial staff members. Jeff Campbell stated that he could set up a link on Facebook if acceptance of electronic payments is approved. Gary requested that Bill Bloodworth set up a special meeting on Sunday 23 September at 8:00 pm EDT to discuss electronic payments.

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President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:33 PM EDT.  
Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bill Bloodworth.