



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Board of Directors 14 October 2018 Meeting Minutes  
January 12 2019

Call To Order: Vice-President Louie Figone called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM EDT

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

Board Members In Attendance:

Louie Figone	Vice President
Joe Swantek	Treasurer
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Dean Kossaras	Rules
Sonny Gerber	
Skip Owen	Executive Director

Board Members Absent:

Gary Wlodarsky	President & Judging
Lynn Haddock	Safety & Tech
John Copeland	Enduro
Jeff Campbell	Website

Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA <b>FirsTurn</b> Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance
Sal Palatucci	Northeast Region Coordinator – logged in during the meeting
Bill McCornack	PR

SYNOPSIS: There are 435 total members, 392 full members and 43 associate members. The ending September balance is \$23,244.51 which reflects revenue of \$470.00 and expenses of \$668.63. The estimated costs of printing and mailing future publications is \$5,845 total, \$2,795 for 12-month members and \$3,050 for 36-month members. Two new events have been added for 2019, Lafayette Park in the Northeast and Whiteland in the Midwest. For 2019, promotional expenditure of \$1500 to be allocated among the four regions was approved. An excellent write-up of the Pittsburgh Enduro events is included in the full minutes. By roll call vote **Guidelines** amendments 1 thru 18 were approved. Amendment 19 which addresses use of the Steel Nytro clutch was not approved. Dean Kossaras will hold a future meeting to discuss the issue. Coverage of the Cuddebackville event will be included in the December **FirsTurn** issue.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Gary Wlodarsky did not attend the meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone mentioned that he was not able to attend the recent Bakersfield event.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that the August minutes had been released via email. The results to date are 3 yes, 0 nays, and 1 abstain.

Sonny Gerber: Moved to approve the August minutes as released.

Dean Kossaras: Seconded the motion.

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

Bill Bloodworth reported that the September minutes have not yet been released. They will be released for review and approval via email.



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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** - Director Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 435 total members, 392 full members and 43 associate members, a net change from last month's levels of minus 1 full member & minus 0 associate member. This month's membership includes 1 new full member and 0 new associate members plus 3 additional full members and 1 additional associate member 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 October, \$4,535 be held in reserve for future expenses. 4 full memberships and 1 associate membership expired at the end of September and 1 full member's death earlier this year was reported this period. 4 full memberships and 0 associate memberships are expiring at the end of October. The regional distribution of memberships (snowbird adjusted) is:

Midwest:	172 full	15 associate
Northeast:	70 full	10 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. Bill mentioned that the four membership applications which had been sent by Sal Palatucci from a recent Northeast event had not yet been processed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** - Director Joe Swantek reported that he sold his last 12 t-shirts at the Bakersfield event. He was instructed to send the collected funds to Bill Bloodworth for deposit. Joe reported that the Bakersfield event was a big success, the best one so far of the four years that they have been held. Joe estimated that they had 46 karts and 46 drivers in attendance. Joe reported that there were 10 entries in the Yamaha Single class and that there were 4 other Tier-2 classes. Rolf Hill requested a write up and pictures for publication. Louie stated that Jilene Chivell intends to start the Geritol Gang again at the 2019 Riverside event. It is planned for Thursday night in the big tent.

Jim Donovan then reported the financial results. The figures are:  
Ending August, beginning September 2018 Balance: \$23,443.14.  
Revenue: Total \$470.00, Membership: \$370.00, 50/50 & Track Contributions: \$100.00 Springfield.  
Expenses: Total \$668.63, Misc Printing of Awards: \$168.63, Advertising: \$500.00.  
Ending September 2018 Balance: \$23,244.51.

Bill Bloodworth: Moved to accept Jim Donovan's report.  
Dean Kossaras: Seconded the motion.  
Vice-President Figone: All in favor say aye, opposed say nay, the ayes are unanimous, the motion passes.

At the time of the meeting, Bill Bloodworth did not have the estimated costs for planned future publication related activity available. In an email which was distributed to board members on 10-18-18, he reported that the current estimated costs for planned future publication related activity are at least \$2,795 for 12 month members and \$3,050 for 36 month members, a combined total of \$5,845.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** - Director Jeff Campbell did not attend the meeting.



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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** - Skip Owen reported that he had released a tentative 2019 schedule via email. Louie mentioned that he had not heard anything about the Atwater event. Joe Swantek stated that he believes the event is finished due to ambulance requirements imposed on the track by the city. It was stated that someone might try to promote an event on the same date, but at a different track. A couple of tracks were discussed. Bill McCornack asked if there were other people who might promote an event. Louie said that no others were stepping up. Skip reported that he has not yet received any feedback on the schedule which he just released. Skip thanked the regional coordinators and Rolf Hill. Skip said that they had really helped him. It was reported that the Northeast has added a new event, Lafayette Park and that the Midwest has also added a new event, Whiteland which is scheduled in October following the Delmar event. There was a brief discussion about having Midwest and Northeast events scheduled for the same date. The feelings were that there would not be any interference since the geographical distance between the events is large. Skip raised the subject of allocation of VKA money for regional use in 2019. Bill McCornack stated that he believed that the Midwest region had used about two thirds of their allocation. Skip then introduced the following motion.

Skip Owen: Moved to allocate a total of \$1500 for regional promotion efforts for 2019 with the allocation to be determined based on membership as of 1-1-2019.

Sonny Gerber: Seconded the motion.

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

Sal Palatucci stated that 2018 has been a great year for the Northeast Region and that he is looking forward to 2019. Sal reported that the Cuddebackville event saw increased attendance, that the Nagels brought two trailers to the event, and that the Nagels stated that they liked the way the event was run.

Sal reported that a "fun day" at Chestertown is scheduled for 27 October

Sal explained that the Northeast Promoters' Cup was a marketing concept; that tying events together brings out people. He said one benefit was the noticeable increase in volunteerism.

In response to questions, it was also explained that the membership drive award and the awards given by the tracks were separate items. For the membership drive award, all active members were given a ticket at each event that they attended with new members receiving an extra ticket at their first event. At the conclusion of the drive a winner was drawn from that ticket pool. The \$200 award presented by VKA from donated funds was for the membership drawing winner. The awards given by the tracks based on class points accumulation were a different process.

**ENDURO REPORT:** - Director John Copeland did not attend the meeting. John sent a written report to Rolf Hill who forwarded it to Secretary Bill Bloodworth. The report is presented below.

### **Vintage Karters Enjoy Pittsburgh Motorsports Complex**

By John Copeland

Beautiful late summer weather, a fast, smooth racetrack, and country club amenities, what more could a Vintage Enduro Racer want? For those of you who have not seen it, Pittsburgh Motorsports Complex is a stunning facility; 2.8 miles of glass-smooth asphalt with nearly 100 feet of elevation change. In one section drivers drop 83 feet through 3 corners and climb back up that same 83 feet before the next corner. If you like challenging, technical, hi-speed karting, this is the place for you. The facility also boasts an outstanding Sprint track and a large, open Autocross area. All 3 venues were in use at the same time.

With two Road Race events in relatively close proximity, the number of available racers was split between Pittsburgh Motorsports Complex and Summit Point in West Virginia. While turnout at each race probably suffered a bit, it did spread the gospel of Vintage Enduro Racing.

Seven Vintage enduros were entered in Vintage Piston Port USA on Saturday with everything from Yamahas to Mark Delia's McCulloch-powered Hornet. This was the first race of the weekend and, for whatever reason, only Arthur McKenny and Ben Eberhart completed any laps. To make matters worse, Eberhart broke on the first lap, leaving McKenny to cruise to the win uncontested.

Two twin-engined karts took the track for Saturday's Vintage Twin event; Greg Wright's "Millenium Falcon" twin Yamaha setup, and Mike Schlager's venerable Dart Mean machine with twin B-Bombs. While Schlager's B-Bombs definitely had the edge on horsepower, his commitment to run it in original trim, with Burco engine clutches and Goodyear Blue Streak tires (where does he even find those??), meant that Wright's more "modern" machine, with MCP brakes and axle clutches, had the edge and he took the win.



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Vintage Unlimited on Saturday gridded 4 karts and big displacement ruled the day. Duane Eberhart and his son Ben fielded 135cc PCRs that were the class of the field. Arthur McKinney dropped out early, followed by the senior Eberhart, leaving John Copeland with his Komet K88 to trail Ben to the checker.

Sunday's races began with the Vintage Piston Port USA class again but, unfortunately we did not get any results to report. Vintage Twin on Sunday was a non-event as only Greg Wright was entered and he withdrew before the start with brake failure.

That left Vintage Unlimited to carry the Vintage torch for the day and the same 4 drivers were entered. Once again Ben Eberhart blasted into the distance with his 135cc PCR, leading his father Duane by several seconds, Arthur McKenny failed to make the grid and John Copeland trailed with his 100cc K88. But fate turned against the elder Eberhart and, with only 1 lap to go, he dropped out, handing the runner up spot to Copeland.

Our compliments to Dart Kart Club for another well-run event. Everyone had a great time and truly enjoyed the beautiful facility. There are lots of Vintage Enduro karts out there that can be picked up for next to nothing. Why haven't you tried laying down yet? It's fast, it's fun, and the race weekend atmosphere is completely different than your average Sprint race; relaxed, laid back, friendly. So get out there and look for something to drive before next season gets started!

RULES REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras reported that they had a good **Guidelines** forum resulting in 19 amendments. Dean then asked if there were any comments before a vote was taken.

Louie Figone asked about item #9, the kart starting safety item which requires either a driver in the kart or the kart on a stand during starting. Louie mentioned that for direct drive karts some start their karts without assistance by pushing the kart themselves. It was noted that there have been reported accidents at TBO and a VKCA event. Dean discussed adding an exception for direct drive karts but it was decided to leave unchanged.

Skip Owen noted that item #2, the base guidelines refers to equipment thru 1988 while the cover states thru 1989. It was explained that the 1989 limit applies to the classic group only which is an exception. It was decided to have the cover also state 1988 to avoid possible misinterpretation.

Bill McCornack then asked about item #11 which refers to rear axle diameter for single sidewinders. It limits the size to 1 inch only unless a 1 1/4 axle had been furnished by the factory. The factory exception had been inserted by Lynn Haddock (who was traveling abroad at this time). There was a general discussion about applicable years. It was proposed that it be noted with an asterisk and Lynn be consulted upon his return.

Dean then opened the discussion for item #19, which allows the Steel Nytro clutch to be used for the special class 11A only, 82~87 equipment with K30 & K35 engines. Joe Swantek explained that there is a need for this clutch because the DXL supply is evaporating and the L&T clutch is not durable enough for high horsepower karts. The Steel Nytro is a 4 disc - 6 spring heavy duty design.

Limiting use of the Steel Nytro clutch to just specific high horsepower equipment was an area of disagreement. It was pointed out that the L&T clutch was currently approved and it was not manufactured during the defined "vintage" years. The explanation for allowing the L&T was that it was essentially the same design as the DXL so there was no competitive advantage. Skip Owen has faced the "L&T allowed - why not Steel Nytro" issue from some Northeast participants. Bill McCornack & Sonny Gerber, among others, were of the opinion that the Steel Nytro clutch was of no advantage to lower horsepower engines so let people try them and find out for themselves. Louie stated that he and by proxy, Gary Wlodarsky, were opposed to the guideline as proposed which limits the use of the Steel Nytro clutch.

Louie asked about item #18 and if the factory intake requirement meant that only McCulloch engines were allowed. Dean replied that the class was for all American Fan Cooled equipment. Louie suggested that the phrase "factory" be replaced with "V4 Intake". Bill McCornack pointed out that removal of "factory" might open the door for aftermarket designs. Bill & others eventually concluded "let them run it".

Someone questioned the addition in items #17 & #18 of the ban on the use of carb triggers for the Yamaha classes. Louie stated that the triggers were a definite advantage producing as much as 500 more rpms and that they should not be allowed.



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Dean initially proposed voting on all 19 amendments as one package, but eventually decided to present amendments #1 thru #18 together for approval as motion #1 and to vote on item #19 separately as motion #2.

1. Dean Kossaras: Moved that proposed VKA **Guidelines** amendments 1 thru 18 be approved.

Louie Figone: Seconded the motion

Results: 8 yes including 2 by proxy, motion approved

2. Dean Kossaras: Moved that proposed amendment #19 which permits the use of the Steel Nytro clutch for class 11A only, the single foreign engine sidewinder class, be approved.

Joe Swantek: Seconded the motion

Results: 4 yes including 1 by proxy, 4 no including 1 by proxy, motion not approved, Dean will call a special meeting to address this amendment

**RESULTS SUMMARY**

**Board Members**

	<u>Item</u>	
	1	2
Gary Wlodarsky (by proxy)	- Y	N
Louie Figone	- Y	N
Joe Swantek	- Y	Y
Bill Bloodworth	- Y	Y
Dean Kossaras	- Y	Y
Lynn Haddock (by proxy)	- Y	Y
John Copeland (absent)	- -	-
Sonny Gerber	- Y	N
Skip Owen	- Y	N
Jeff Campbell (absent)	- -	-

Dean reported that the club insurance policy had been placed with a new agent. Dean also stated that Regional Coordinators were considered agents of the club and as such were also covered. Rolf Hill asked if the editor was also covered. Dean replied that Rolf was part of the problem and that he was covered.

**TECH & SAFETY REPORT:** - Director Lynn Haddock did not attend the meeting.

**JUDGING REPORT:** - Director Gary Wlodarsky did not attend the meeting.

**NORTHEAST REGION REPORT:** - Other than what he reported during his earlier Executive Director's report, Director Skip Owen stated that technical inspections were performed on the two Yamaha classes and that all were legal.

**SOUTH REGION REPORT:** - Bob Barthelemy did not attend the meeting.

**NEWSLETTER REPORT:** - Rolf Hill reported that the combined October – November issue would contain coverage of three events; coverage of the Cuddebackville event is now planned for the December issue. Rolf stated that he may submit the combined October – November issue to the printer this coming Tuesday.

Rolf also stated that he has a summary report for the Delmar event, but that it has been difficult getting pictures from the Delmar event thru Dropbox.

Bill McCornack's reported that his story regarding transponders has been delayed. Bill said that he will have the write-up and pictures ready for the December issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:** -Vice-President Figone opened the segment for discussion. There was none.

Vice-President Figone adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM EDT.

Respectively submitted by Secretary Bill Bloodworth.