



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Board of Directors 11 November 2018 Meeting Minutes  
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Call To Order: President Gary Wlodarsky called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM EST

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	
Charles W Bloodworth	Secretary	
Dean Kossaras	Rules	
Lynn Haddock	Safety & Tech	arrived after start of the meeting
John Copeland	Enduro	
Sonny Gerber		
Skip Owen	Executive Director	
Jeff Campbell	Website	

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Board Members Absent:

Guests present:

Rolf Hill	VKA <b>FirsTurn</b> Newsletter/Magazine
Jim Donovan	Finance
Sal Palatucci	Northeast Region Coordinator
Bill McCornack	PR
Cary Thomas	Future VKA <b>FirsTurn</b> Newsletter/Magazine
Karl Ginter	

SYNOPSIS: There are 436 total members, 393 full members and 43 associate members. The ending October balance is \$22,265.47 which reflects revenue of \$396.00 and expenses of \$1,375.04. Two events in the Northeast Region have swapped their 2019 order. It was reported that there will be no MIS vintage enduro events due to the disbandment of the Michigan Kart Club. The Straight Axle Sidewinder Non-Wishbone Front Axle Class #18 guidelines were approved with very few changes to the original wording in order to accommodate existing participants. The request for a Stock Dual Yamaha class was withdrawn once objections to formally adding the class were raised. In the absence of other volunteers Gary Wlodarsky will continue to coordinate show efforts during 2019. It is planned to submit the January 2019 Newsletter final draft to the printer on 12-14-2018. President Wlodarsky intends to establish a committee to determine how to combine classes and reduce the number of necessary heats.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Gary Wlodarsky stated that there were two revisions to the Guidelines that needed to be addressed tonight in a later section. They were the proposed Dual Yamaha class addition and the Straight Axle Sidewinder class revisions. Gary reported that he would handle the show director’s duties for another year since there was no one else willing to do so.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone stated that he had no updates.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that the September minutes had been released for review today. He stated that he had received a minor revision from Rolf Hill regarding the information about Cary Thomas’ assumption of responsibility for the FirsTurn magazine.

John Copeland: Moved to approve the September minutes.

Sonny Gerber: Seconded the motion.

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

Bill Bloodworth stated that the October minutes had not yet been released.



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**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 plus 1 full member & plus 0 associate member. This month's membership includes 3 new full members and 0 new associate members plus 2 additional full members 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 November, \$4,345 be held in reserve for future expenses. 4 full memberships and 0 associate memberships expired at the end of October. 10 full memberships and 2 associate memberships are expiring at the end of November.

The regional distribution of memberships (snowbird adjusted) is:

Midwest:	173 full	15 associate
Northeast:	71 full	10 associate
South:	64 full	11 associate
West:	77 full	7 associate
International:	8 full	

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** - Director Joe Swantek stated that he believed Jim Donovan's report to be a good report. Jim Donovan then proceeded to report the financial results. The figures are:

Ending September 2018 Balance: \$23,244.51.

Revenue: Total \$396.00, Membership: \$440.00, 50/50 & Track Contributions: \$156.00 East Coast Promotions -\$200

Expenses: Total \$1,375.04, Magazine Printing: \$946.50, Postage: \$250.80, Envelopes & Supplies: \$177.74.

Ending October 2018 Balance: \$22,265.47.

Jim stated that the East Coast Promotion payment was in fact not a cost to the club.

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

John Copeland: Seconded the motion.

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

**WEBSITE REPORT:** - Director Jeff Campbell reported that the photo posting effort was up-to-date. He mentioned that so far they had been unable to get Cuddebackville event photos. Rolf Hill stated that he had been talking to Al Postiglione about articles, not about photos. Sal Palatucci stated that he thought that Johnny had already sent photos to Rolf. Rolf replied that he had received about 20 photos from Johnny but Rolf thought that due to the relatively small number (20 instead of 200) those photos were for the magazine and not for Facebook. Rolf said that he would take another look at the group. It was reiterated that when dealing with a large number of photos, they should be transferred through Dropbox and not sent to an individual or posted on someone's website.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** - Skip Owen reported that a couple of tracks in the Northeast had flipped their event dates. Lafayette is now the first event of the year and Nicholson is now the second event. Gary Wlodarsky asked if the information that he has for use on certificates is correct. Rolf Hill stated that there was incorrect information in the October-November issue. Rolf stated that the correct dates for Lafayette are 5-17 & 18 and for Chestertown 6-21 & 22. Bill McCornack asked about Avon. Skip reported that Avon will still host a VKA event but that it will not be a Northeast Promoter's Cup event. Gary Wlodarsky reported that Avon will host a second event before the VKA event and that it will be for mini bikes and Historic class karts. Gary thought that such a scheduled had worked well in the past.

**ENDURO REPORT:** - Director John Copeland reported that the Michigan Kart Club has disbanded and therefore there will be no MIS events. Apparently there were several problems. John said that the club could not get dates from MIS that didn't conflict with other karting events. John also said that the club had made numerous efforts to save money but has suffered low participation especially in the last couple of years due somewhat to bad weather. John said that he wants to reach out to some other road race events to see if they would be interested in making room for Vintage classes. Gary Wlodarsky mentioned that John had requested a Promoter's Package for use in working with the Whiteland event. John reported that there had been a large response to the efforts of the new owners. John said that the track was purchased on 1 September, the new owners then pulled out all the stops in upgrading the facility, and that their first event on 13 October drew 186 entries. John said that he would work with Andy to address the need for a promoter. Bill McCornack requested that he be included in that effort.



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RULES REPORT: - Gary Wlodarsky thanked Dean for the “countless” hours which Dean had spent on this effort.

The first topic of discussion was the Straight Axle Sidewinder Class: Gary stated that his original thoughts were that the Sportsman package would increase participation in this class. However it was found that there were five participants who have been running under the original guidelines for a long time. They have invested time, money, and considerable effort to adhere to the original guidelines. It was felt that these participants should not be hurt by the proposed Guidelines revisions. Gary said that it had also been found that many people did not realize that the straight axle requirement applied to the front axle. That it meant that wishbone front axles were not allowed.

Gary said that therefore the latest version of the Guidelines Class #18 has very few changes to the original version. Added items were “non-wishbone front axle”, “no disc clutches”, “no axle clutches”, and “max width limit of 48 inches”. Also the title for the class is Class #18 Straight Axle Sidewinder Non-Wishbone Front Axle. John Copeland pointed out the typo of “none-wishbone”.

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Gary read the Class #18 description. Bill McCornack remarked that he thought that the revised wording was good.

Jeff Campbell raised the issue about the noise level of engines with stinger pipes. Current wording uses the phrase “period correct”. Bill McCornack pointed out that because there were so many versions, period correct is difficult to police. It was felt that adding some type of can or box requirement was undesirable. It was suggested that the promoters could address the problem where tracks had noise restrictions. Gary Wlodarsky pointed out that it was also a safety issue. It was agreed that at least a washer requirement would be added for engines equipped with exposed stinger pipes.

The roll call vote results were 9 yes and 0 no.

Lynn Haddock had not yet joined the meeting.

The motion was approved.

The second topic of discussion was the proposed Dual Stock Yamaha Class: Dean stated that Rick Keller has requested that VKA establish a stock dual Yamaha class. Sonny Gerber asked why create a class that never was? Sonny stated that he is against having the proposed class. Bill McCornack pointed out that this configuration could always be run as a promoter’s option. Dean said that Rick had indicated that they wanted a separate defined VKA class. Skip Owen said that Rick was trying to stay within VKA’s blessing.

In reply to questions, Skip Owen stated that this class has been run at Northeast regional events as a promoter’s option. Skip stated that he knows of 5 of these karts now and that more are being built.

Sal Palatucci reported that Rick would withdraw his request if it presented a problem for VKA. Gary asked Sal to tell Rick thanks.

Some board members did not receive Dean’s email with the latest proposed Guidelines version. Dean resent his related email during the discussion. Louie Figone requested that the intended version of Class #23 be read. Dean Kossaras did the reading. It was found that the displacement was stated as 100cc instead of the intended 200cc. It was also found that the phrase “no carb triggers allowed” was missing. The phrase was supposed to appear in classes #16, #17, #22, and #23. The phrase was missing from classes #22 and #23.

The Guidelines wording for Class #23 with these corrections plus the correct spelling of “Yamaha” and without inclusion of the stock dual Yamaha wording was to be voted on by roll call vote.

The roll call vote results were 10 yes and 0 no.

The motion was approved.

Note during discussion on this segment, Lynn Haddock had joined the meeting.

TECH & SAFETY REPORT: - Director Lynn Haddock stated that he had just called in to the meeting and that he did not have anything to add.

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Gary Wlodarsky reported that there were no events this past month. Gary reiterated his earlier statement that he will coordinate show activities during 2019.

Gary reported that the Northeast region will do certificates for their events except for the Avon event. In response to Sal Palatucci’s comments, Gary said that he would provide certificates for the Avon event. Gary stated that he would also provide the class winner items, a small oval VKA logo with the date and venue information.



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REGIONAL REPORTS: - Midwest Regional Coordinator Bill McCornack stated his need to identify promoters for three events, Fremont Ohio, Springfield Illinois, and Whiteland Indiana. Gary Wlodarsky said that for the Fremont event he had sent Scott Benton a Promoter's Package. For the Springfield event, Gil Birge and Matt Morgeson were mentioned. As previously mentioned, John Copeland will work with Bill McCornack to secure a promoter for the Whiteland event.

Dean Kossaras requested that at the upcoming events everyone pitch in to help obtain heat participation information for each class. He stated that he did not need the results, just the number of entries. Dean stated that the Northeast Region was the only area to furnish this information in 2018. Gary Wlodarsky stated that this effort should be identified in the Promoter's Package. Rolf Hill said that he would do so as well as add a request for an event report, something that had been helpful in prior years. Bill McCornack emphasized that the Regional Coordinators needed to follow up with the promoters.

Dean Kossaras asked if the 4-Cycle classes were catching on. Skip Owen stated that the Northeast Region had 4 entries at the Avon event and 2 entries at the Cuddebackville event. Bill McCormack stated that there were 3 entries at the Brodhead event and 2 entries at the Delmar event.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill reported that the December final draft is nearly complete. The issue will contain two enduro articles, the Cuddebackville event summary, the Northeast Promoter's Cup summary, and a member's memory article. Rolf said that he expects to send the final draft to the printer a week from Monday. Bill McCornack asked about the deadline for the January 2019 issue since some of his information is changing. Rolf stated that he plans to submit the final draft to the printer on 12-14-18. Gary Wlodarsky asked Bill if any of the changes would affect show certificate wording. Bill said that he believes that the dates are firm, but that some of the contact information is changing. It was also mentioned that the title for the Whiteland event needs to be finalized.

NEW BUSINESS: - President Wlodarsky opened the segment for discussion. No new business addressed. Gary stated that he believes there are too many classes to continue running each separately. He intends to establish a committee for the purpose of identifying classes that could be combined. Rolf said that he had looked at previous New Castle results and he suggested that if the total time for the 6 lap heats were within 30 seconds of each other, then those classes should be combined. Dean mentioned that the results are not being posted anymore.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:21 PM EST.  
Respectively submitted by Secretary Bill Bloodworth.