



VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors 09 December 2018 Meeting Minutes
April 14 2019

Call To Order: President Gary Wlodarsky called the meeting to order at 8:02 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
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Dean Kossaras	Rules
Lynn Haddock	Safety & Tech
John Copeland	Enduro
Skip Owen	Executive Director

Board Members Absent:

Sonny Gerber	
Jeff Campbell	Website

Guests present:

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

SYNOPSIS: There are 437 total members, 392 full members and 45 associate members. The ending November balance is \$20,938.15 which reflects revenue of \$920.00 and expenses of \$2,247.32. Retention of current VKA board members for 2019 was approved. The Riverside event will be called the Faye Pierson Vintage Kart Classic. Jim Donovan is retiring from his volunteer duties as the club accountant effective January 2019. Director John Copeland is currently compiling participation numbers to support his plan to recommend to Dave Larsen that Vintage karts be included in CES racing. Skip Owen and the regional coordinators will be working with event promoters to collect participation data. Director Lynn Haddock has clarified the Guidelines regarding stock carbs for 4-cycle classes. The clarification has been given to Dean Kossaras for incorporation. To avoid confusion regarding approved clutches, Director Dean Kossaras will list the approved clutches for each class separately. Several 4-cycle issues were discussed including low participation at all but the Barnesville event, heavy participation at Barnesville, number of classes, and weighing protocols. While some thought that low participation was cause for discontinuation, others pointed out that the effort has been given insufficient time to develop and that there are 2-cycle classes which suffer from low participation. Regarding issues associated with heavy 4-cycle participation at the Barnesville event, there were mixed opinions ranging from too many additional classes to mostly a matter of execution time and parking. Bob Barthelemy reported that in 2019 there will be a local warm up event prior to the VKA event. Bob's stated intent to weigh kart and driver in 2019 was strongly opposed for the precedent which it might set. It was agreed that the straight (front) axle sidewinder class guidelines would remain unchanged for 2019, but with a footnote to the effect that if participation during 2019 does not increase, the class will go to the sportsman package. Director Gary Wlodarsky plans to add a new show category, untouched "barn find". Rolf Hill reported the transition to new editor Cary Thomas was going well. It was established that a bank account, an associated credit card, and an email address were required for establishing a PayPal account. The consensus was that it would be preferable to have a VKA specific PayPal account where the payments went directly into the VKA bank account. It would also avoid issues with volunteer turnover. It was requested that Treasurer Joe Swantek investigate setting up an account and update the board at a future meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Gary Wlodarsky opened a brief discussion regarding official retention of current board members.

Louie Figone: Moved that the current board members be retained for 2019 including Gary Wlodarsky as President, Louie Figone as Vice-President, Bill Bloodworth as Secretary, and Joe Swantek as Treasurer.

Gary Wlodarsky: Seconded the motion.

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



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Gary then gave a brief preview of items which he intends to discuss in following sections such as the acceptance of PayPal payments.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice-President Louie Figone reported that the upcoming VKA event at the Riverside track will be called the Faye Pierson Vintage Kart Classic. Louie stated that Faye still loves karting but that her age (90) has become a limiting factor. Louie also reported that Jillian Chivil will again hold a revival of the Geritol Gang celebration, this time under the tent at the track on Thursday night.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: -Secretary Bill Bloodworth reported that the October 2018 minutes were almost ready for review. It was agreed that the approval process would be conducted using email.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: - Director Bill Bloodworth reported that currently there are 437 total members, 392 full members and 45 associate members, a net change from last month's levels of minus 1 full member & plus 2 associate members. This month's membership includes 3 new full members and 2 new associate members plus 2 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 89 full & 9 associate members, an increase of 1 full member since the last meeting. Total funds involved are \$8,725. It is suggested that for the month of December, \$4,390 be held in reserve for future expenses.

6 full memberships and 1 associate membership expired at the end of November.

53 full memberships and 10 associate memberships are expiring at the end of December.

The regional distribution of memberships (snowbird adjusted) is:

Midwest:	175 full	18 associate
Northeast:	68 full	10 associate
South:	63 full	11 associate
West:	78 full	6 associate
International:	8 full	

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

Bill McCornack noted that at the end of the year a large number of memberships expire and that he and Bill Bloodworth were suggesting that regional membership distributions calculated after the third week of January be used for allocation of regional promotional funds. Bill Bloodworth stated that he had distributed a graph based on past membership information which showed what the distribution ratios would be over the year. While neither Bill McCornack nor Skip Owen had yet viewed the graph, Skip noted that there was less than a \$10 variation in the use of the previous month's distribution numbers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Director Joe Swantek had nothing new to report. Jim Donovan then reported the financial results. The figures are:

Beginning November 2018 Balance: \$22,265.47.

Revenue: Total \$920.00, Membership: \$720.00, 50/50 & Track Contributions: \$200.00 Delmar

Expenses: Total \$2,247.32, Magazine Printing: \$1,095.10, Postage: \$444.95, Envelopes & Supplies: \$255.49, Patches (200): \$451.78.

Ending November 2018 Balance: \$20,938.15.

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

Louie Figone: Seconded the motion.

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

Gary Wlodarsky asked Jim if he was stepping away from his VKA volunteer duties. Jim replied yes that he was "retiring" at the first of the year and that he was taking the books with him to Riverside and would transfer them to Joe at that time. Bill McCornack asked about the timing of Jim's departure and if Jim planned to do the December report this January. Jim replied that he will do as necessary until the tasks have been passed to Joe.

Rolf Hill and others expressed their appreciation for the work which Jim has done on VKA's behalf.

Bill Bloodworth reported that the current estimated costs for planned future publication related activity are at least \$1,328 for 12 month members and \$2,513 for 36 month members, a combined total of \$3,841. It is estimated that there will be an additional yearly cost of \$791 for life time members, media members, and the January promotional mailing.



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WEBSITE REPORT: - Director Jeff Campbell was not present; Rolf Hill stated that he did not have much to report. Rolf did state that he intends to load the 12 month old December 2017 FirstTurn to the website soon.

ENDURO REPORT: - Director John Copeland reported that he is currently compiling participation numbers to support his plan to recommend to Dave Larsen that Vintage karts be included in CES racing. In response to a question from Gary Wlodarsky, John replied that WKA does run vintage classes at Daytona. John stated that WKA has a "Vintage Euro" class which is effectively a 100cc stock appearing class and that there is no participation in the class. John suggests that WKA should substitute a "Vintage Twin" class.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Skip Owen stated that he didn't have anything else to add since the regional funds issue had already been discussed.

Bill McCornack said that he has been working with Rolf regarding listings for the Midwest Region, specifically on how the eight events are listed.

Gary Wlodarsky raised the issue regarding collection of entry info for class participation analysis purposes. Skip stated that he is working the issue and that he intends to send an email on this issue to the promoters before and after each event. Rolf Hill noted that the promoter's package also requests this info. Bill McCornack also stated that the regional coordinators will work with the promoters. Dean Kossaras stated that when classes are combined in a heat, total numbers do not identify class participation for each class.

RULES REPORT: - Director Dean Kossaras began his report with a discussion regarding the preferred method for listing approved clutches. Currently a section containing the list is referenced by each class. Apparently, this has led to some confusion. It was recommended that approved clutches be listed separately for each class. Dean agreed to do so.

Dean next raised the issue regarding continuation of 4-cycle classes. Dean stated that for 2018 participation had been low except at the Barnesville event where some felt that 4-cycle participation overwhelmed the event.

Skip Owen stated that he felt that the 4-cycle inclusion effort had not been given enough time to develop. Skip noted that there were a few in the Northeast Region who had expressed interest but who had not yet participated. It was mentioned that some 2-stroke classes also have no or little participation.

Gary Wlodarsky noted that many 4-cycle participants are younger drivers and that their push to win was strong. Gary stated that what the 4-cycle participants wanted added a lot of classes. He also mentioned the disagreement over VKA Guidelines. Bob Barthelemy countered that he did not believe that they added a lot of extra classes. He stated that in 2018 they had light and heavy classes in both the stock and modified groups. Bob said that for 2019 they would add a local option open class in the heavy group. Rolf Hill noted that light and heavy classes are also used if there are a lot of entries in 2-cycle classes.

Bill McCornack said that he didn't think that the 4-cycles classes should be removed; that they were very good spectator classes. Bill noted that promoters are not required to offer the 4-cycle classes. Bill believes that the Barnesville issues revolved around time and parking. Bob agreed that the club was not prepared this year. It was the club's first event of the year. Bob stated that in 2019 they would have a local warm up event a few weeks prior to the VKA event.

Dean stated his belief that hybrid classes are a bad idea and there should not be an open class. Bob said that they could turn away the open entries that did show up. He pointed out that he has run a special 2-cycle class for the Clinton and Power Products karts for years and no one has complained.

Gary said that Bob should be allowed to "do his own thing" but that it needs to be done in a timely and orderly manner. Lynn Haddock stated that if the event becomes too large, it might have to be run as two separate events. Dean agreed.

Bob stated his intent to weigh the kart and driver together in 2019. In 2018 per VKA Guidelines only the driver was weighed using bathroom type scales at the time of registration. The VKA suggested divide value of 190 pounds was not used. Rather the mid-point of the group was used in order to have numerically equal groups. There was significant pushback against the weighing procedure. Lynn Haddock said that it should not be done because it would set a bad precedent. Dean Kossaras also stated that scales should not be used to weigh kart and driver.

Rolf Hill requested that Bob send an event flyer to him for posting on the VKA website. Bob replied that he would do so; that he had been waiting on the outcome of this meeting before he finalized the flyer. Gary stated that a new show class will be included; an untouched "barn find" class and Gary requested that the new class be added to the flyer.



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Lynn Haddock stated his disappointment that the wording for the straight (front) axle sidewinder class had been changed from what came out of committee meetings. Originally, due to low participation, for 2019 the class was to go to the sportsman package. Instead, the class remains unchanged, but with a footnote to the effect that if participation during 2019 does not increase, the class will go to the sportsman package. Lynn doesn't think that the current definition is working and that there will be more entries if the move to the sportsman package is made now. Bill McCornack stated that we continue to keep other classes that only have 3 to 4 entries. It was agreed that the footnote would remain and that the class would be kept as is for 2019.

Dean stated that he has received Lynn's measurement correction document which he will include and that he will also list all clutches.

TECH & SAFETY REPORT: - Director Lynn Haddock reported that following consultation with technical experts at WKA, he clarified the Guidelines regarding stock carbs for 4-cycle classes. The clarification has been sent to Dean Kossaras. Bill McCornack asked if there were any stock Yamaha classes in WKA. Lynn replied that there might be one for Sportsman Jr, but all others have been withdrawn. Lynn noted that the excellent condition of engines which had run five heats validated the VKA pipe guidelines.

JUDGING REPORT: - Director Gary Wlodarsky stated that he plans to suggest that shows at the bigger events add a "barn find" category and that he would have award certificates made to support the new category. Lynn Haddock suggested that there should be more individual pictures of the show karts. Some of the karts are unique and they are a shot from the past. Bill McCornack stated that there should also be more pictures on the website. Lynn believes that the on-track pictures look the same and that there should be more pictures of the karts. Gary said that we should emphasize people, people with karts.

REGIONAL REPORTS: - Skip Owen stated that he had nothing else to report. Bill McCornack stated that he also had nothing else to report.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: - Rolf Hill reported the transition to new editor Cary Thomas was going well. Rolf said that he was happy that Cary had stepped up. Rolf reported that the January 2019 newsletter will have a new layout. The issue will also contain info on the new VKA event to be held at the track in Lafayette New York. Rolf stated that he plans to send the issue to the printer on the 15th of December. Bill McCornack and others thanked Rolf for his contribution.

NEW BUSINESS: - President Wlodarsky opened the segment with questions regarding potential acceptance by VKA of PayPal payments for items such as membership fees. It was established that a bank account, an associated credit card, and an email address were required for establishing a PayPal account. Treasurer Joe Swantek stated that he already had a personal PayPal account which he would be willing to use for VKA transactions. The consensus was that it would be preferred to have a VKA specific PayPal account where the payments went directly into the VKA account. It would also avoid issues with volunteer turnover. The benefits of such an account were said to be increased membership including impulse signup from those viewing the VKA website. It was suggested that the email might be "vkamembership@gmail.com". Gary request that Joe investigate setting up an account and update the board at a future meeting.

Next, the issue of incentives for track workers to sign up VKA members was discussed. Louie Figone reported that he intended to offer \$5 for each VKA membership sold at the Riverside track. It was mentioned that Sal Palatucci had proposed a \$10 incentive. Sal was no longer on the call at this point.

Lynn Haddock was asked if the discussed corrections for the sidewinder Guidelines should require a motion for approval. Lynn stated that the guidance was not being changed; rather omissions were being added, the DXL clutch and a carb dimension. A footnote was also being added to state that change in the engine formula was being considered for 2020.

There was a brief discussion regarding additional tracks in the Southern Region. Jacksonville Florida was thought to have possible noise issues and that the track was hard on engines. The GoPro track in Mooresville North Carolina was also discussed. While the track received favorable comments, it was mentioned that available dates might be an issue plus the high fee that might be required to offset the track's loss of rental revenue. Lynn Haddock stated that he would investigate the details.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM EST.
Respectively submitted by Secretary Bill Bloodworth.