

**VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
Board of Directors, 9 February 2020 Meeting Minutes  
25 March 2020

Call to Order: Vice President Louie Figone called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM EST.

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Louie Figone	Vice President (and West Regional Coordinator)
Bill Bloodworth	Secretary & Membership
Joe Swantek	Treasurer
Dean Kossaras	Rules & Guidelines
John Copeland	Enduro
Karl Ginter	National Events
Sonny Gerber	Judging/Kart Shows

Board Members Absent:

Gary Wlodarsky	President
Lynn Haddock	Safety & Tech

Guests Present:

Bob Barthelemy	South Regional Coordinator
Sal Palatucci	Northeast Regional Coordinator
Rolf Hill	VKA Magazine Editor
Jeff Campbell	VKA Website Manager
Bill McCornack	Public Relations (and Midwest Regional Coordinator)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: VP Louie Figone reported that the Riverside event was the best in 5 years, with great weather, 23 new members, and no safety violations. He noted that one accident occurred during practice (brakes), but no injuries. VP Figone reported that he had sifted through his files obtained from former VKA President Carl Weakley, which included by-laws, attached to an IRS Form 1023. The by-laws incorporation date was 23 Mar 2001. Dean Kossaras opined that he needed this date of the waiver of consent to hold the first VKA meeting. Rolf Hill thought that Mark Parker or Mark D'Ellia may have the original by-laws, and thought it best to use the incorporated date, rather than some earlier date of VKA assembly, that was not legally recorded. Dean Kossaras injected that he believed the original by-laws were amended in 2009 to expand the Board of Directors from 7 to 10. VP Figone asked if the by-laws were filed with the State of Nevada? Dean didn't believe they were, while Rolf thought they were, because we are in possession of a certificate. The intent is to post the Articles of Incorporation on the VKA website for public access.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Bloodworth initially indicated 'nothing to report', then added that no minutes have been updated since the last board meeting. VP Figone promised to assist with the minutes. VP Figone reported that Kim Gillette accidentally joined twice, and she is due a refund, and he also reported that Tom Smith was refunded his membership at Riverside, due to Kart Show disagreement, where he felt his entry should have won two awards (instead of one).

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Membership Director Bloodworth reported 443 full members and 55 associate members, for a total of 498 members, a change of plus-20 full members. He reported that 37 new members were brought on-board, since December 2019. Of the 36-month memberships, there are 116 full memberships and 11 associate memberships.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Swantek reported that new member Robert Witham accidentally hit the Paypal button twice, and will be refunded one membership fee. The Chase Bank activity report was sent to all Board members. Treasurer Swantek wanted to recognize Bill Bloodworth for all of his hard work on overseeing check deposits and the increased Paypal activity. Dean Kossaras requested December 2019 and January 2020 bank statements for the CPA to assemble a financial statement, and certify that the balance is correct. Bill Bloodworth stated that he believes he could download electronic statements for audit purposes, as well as tax filing purposes. He went on to say that he believes VKA needs someone Paypal-savvy to address Paypal anomalies. John Copeland made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Sonny Gerber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** Jeff Campbell reported that Riverside photos had been posted onto the VKA website, and he thanked Sal Palatucci for bringing his attention to the spam in the comments section, which had been removed. Jeff indicated that meeting minutes continue to be in arrears, and confirmed that the latest set posted was March 2019. Louie Figone apologized, and again offered to help Bill Bloodworth with this task. Bill McCornack stated that he was having trouble accessing and downloading the VKA Promoters Package from the website. Jeff Campbell stated he would check into it, and fix it. Bob Barthelemy questioned whether the VKA Forum was still active, and Jeff stated that it was.

**NATIONAL EVENTS:** Karl Ginter stated that he needed the class count information matrix from Dean Kossaras, and that he needed the class count information from Riverside to keep a running count of class entries throughout the calendar year. It was revealed that 115 karts showed at Riverside, 53 were grid entries, and remainder were show karts. Riverside donated \$431 to VKA from its 50/50 drawing. Bill McCornack stated that he had gotten all eight Midwest Region Marketing Agreements signed. Rolf Hill wanted to know if the Marketing Agreements would be redone for 2021, which launched into a lengthy discussion with Dean Kossaras. Dean then stated that we needed to relook this aspect after the New Castle event, later this year, since it was very work-intensive.

**ENDURO REPORT:** John Copeland reported that the last event was Daytona, and that a report had been submitted to Rolf for inclusion into the VKA Magazine. John stated that he and Sonny Gerber recently promoted VKA at the Ohio Valley Karting Association swap meet, and gave away VKA promotional items and magazines. The Board opined that this was a great exposure opportunity.

**SAFETY & GUIDELINES:** Dean Kossaras stated that he is still working with the attorney to review the VKA application template. He reported 425 copies of the 2020 VKA Guidelines (donated by Dean) had been printed and would be shipped to members the following week. Dean stated that there were questions from members regarding the Snell dates on helmets. He stated that heretofore, helmets were good for 10 years, from date of the Snell rating, so 2010 Snell helmets should be good through 31 December 2020. Thereafter, a lengthy discussion ensued: John Copeland stated that WKA only authorized 2015 Snell and newer. Sal Palatucci reminded the board that 2020 Snell helmets would not even be available to the public until after 1 October 2020, and that many 2010 Snell helmets were sold new as late as 2017 or were re-certified in 2015 without design changes. John Copeland wondered if allowing a 2010 Snell helmet could be a liability issue. Dean stated he would consult with Lynn Haddock to confirm expiration dates. Rolf Hill stated he wanted a confirmed, written answer before publishing the information in the VKA Magazine. Bill Bloodworth wanted to know how VKA would address the lack of a signed membership agreement from Paypal payers. Dean stated that he would consult with the attorney, however, he was confident that DocuSign electronic signature, as part of the Paypal registration process, was a suitable solution. Jeff Campbell agreed that this was a plausible

way-ahead. Bill Bloodworth then asked if a parental release form for applicants under age 18 was possible. Dean promised to have the attorney perform the review.

JUDGING/KART SHOWS: Sonny Gerber stated that he needed the Riverside kart show results. Rolf stated that he has the results, since he was in attendance, and would send a copy to Sonny. Bob Barthelemy wanted to verify that Kart Show certificates had been sent to Bret Spaude at Bushnell, as the event was less than a week away. Sonny indicated that Gary had the certificates, and would be in attendance. VP Louie Figone wanted to know if the guidelines had changed recently, because of an incident at Riverside involving Tom Smith. Louie also inquired if there was any prohibition against winning more than one award, e.g. a Class or Past Champion award, and the People's Choice Award. The guidelines do not prohibit kart show participants from winning more than one award. Sonny opined that the Peoples Choice is an entirely separate award, and that two awards to one participant is entirely possible.

MIDWEST REPORT: Bill McCornack stated he had nothing to report.

WEST REPORT: Louie Figone stated that he already covered Riverside in previous discussion.

NORTHEAST REPORT: Sal Palatucci stated he had nothing to report.

SOUTH REPORT: Bob Barthelemy reported that Bushnell was less than a week away, and asked Bill Bloodworth to forward the latest membership roster to send to Bret Spaude at Bushnell, to assist with gate registration efforts. Bob also stated that prep work at Barnesville was ongoing, that the cracks had been repaired, and the entire track had been sealed, to include fresh start/finish line painting.

EDITOR: Rolf Hill reported that the next VKA Magazine goes to the printer on 15 February, and it should include Mark D'Ellia's Daytona report. There would also be a write-up on Riverside, plus a Dick Teal article re-run, and information on the VKA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary patch design contest. There are six submissions that will be shown on the cover. Bill McCornack stated that he would send a four-part series of the Nationals from 1961 at Mansfield, OH thru 1971 at Camden, OH, for inclusion in future editions of the magazine.

NEW BUSINESS: Karl Ginter referenced the 26 Jan 2020 staffing email he had sent to the Board regarding expansion of voting board members from 10 to 14 members, for the purpose of including Regional Coordinators, so that VKA members have a direct conduit to a voting member of the board, and to align the voting Board with the VKA Operation & Organization (O&O) directive. He stated that he had received no negative feedback on the new voting member composition. The current voting members of the VKA Board as referenced in the email and the O&O directive, include:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice-President
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) Executive Director
- 6) Guidelines & Safety Director
- 7) Membership Director
- 8) Judging/Kart Show Director
- 9) Public Relations Director
- 10) Enduro Director
- 11) Director Emeritus (non-voting)

The proposed voting members construct of the VKA Board as staffed in the 26 Jan 2020 email is comprised as follows:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice-President
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) National Events Director
- 6) Guidelines Director
- 7) Safety Director
- 8) Membership Director
- 9) Judging/Kart Show Director
- 10) Enduro Director
- 11) Northeast Region Director
- 12) South Region Director
- 13) Mid-West Region Director
- 14) West Region Director

Karl Ginter made a motion accept the new Board voting member composition, which included all four Regional Coordinators as new voting Board members. Dean Kossaras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Bill Bloodworth requested more VKA bumper stickers/decals, as he was running low. Karl Ginter volunteered to place the order with Kent Windham, since he had the original templates. It was agreed that 100 each VKA bumper stickers would go to each Regional Coordinator, and 200 would go to the Membership Director (Bill Bloodworth). Joe Swantek stated he would cut the check, once the invoice was received. Bill McCornack reminded the Board that \$375 was allocated to each Regional Coordinator per calendar year for VKA Promotions. Sal Palatucci stated that he would like the January issue VKA Newsletter to be sent to all new members throughout the year, since it contained critical event, track, and technical information that was useful to new members, promoted volunteerism, and was not available in other VKA FirstTurn Magazines throughout the year. VP Figone agreed this was a great idea, and Bill Bloodworth stated that he had extra hard copies on-hand that could be sent out. He also stated that in future mailings, it would be best to change the January Newsletter to a December mailing, to benefit the Riverside and Bushnell events.

VP Figone adjourned the meeting at 9:40 EST.

Submitted by National Events Director Karl Ginter