

VKA Board Meeting – May 17^h, 2020

Call To Order: President Gary Wlodarsky called the meeting to order at 8:04pm.

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

Board Members In Attendance:

Gary Wlodarsky	Karl Ginter
Louie Figone	Sonny Gerber
Bill Bloodworth	John Copeland
Dean Kossaras	Bob Barthelemy
Lynn Haddock	Sal Palatucci
Joe Swantek	Bill McCornack

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill

Kelly Frazier

President's Report : President Wlodarsky thanked everyone for joining the call.

Vice Presidents Report: Vice President Figone updated the board that the Dixon track is open for Kinsman Kart Club members, 7 days a week.

Minutes from April 19th, 2020- have been approved by the board via electronic/ email vote.

Secretary's Report/ Membership report- Bill Bloodworth has provided a detailed membership report via email to board members for review prior to the call which included the following summary:

Current:	Total ~	529	Full ~	470	Associate ~	59
Last Mtg:	Total ~	489	Full ~	434	Associate ~	55
Change:	Total ~	+40	Full ~	+36	Associate ~	+4

Mr. Bloodworth also advised the board he has received two packets from the Fremont event which included some memberships that he will be processing within the next few days.

Treasurers Report- President Wlodarsky verified with the board that they received the report from Joe that had been emailed to all VKA board members prior to this evenings call for their review and that the report has been reviewed and approved via electronic/ email vote.

8:19pm Joe Swantek joined the call.

Gary advised Joe that they just got done discussing the treasures report and that it has been approved and asked if Joe would like to add anything. And Joe advised, nothing to add at this time.

Website Report: Rolf Hill advised he will give an update to the Virtual Kart show when he presents the news letter update.

Event Director Report: Karl Ginter provided a detailed report to the board members for their review prior to the call via email, which included the following updates:

Riverside, CA
2020: Complete
2021: 4-6 Feb

Bushnell, FL
2020: Complete
2021: Feb date replaced by new Jacksonville venue.

Barnesville, GA
2020: Re-scheduled 5-7 Nov
2021: TBD

Fremont, OH
2020: Complete
2021: TBD

Springfield, IL
2020: Re-scheduled 13-15 August
2021: TBD

Lafayette, NY
2020: Re-scheduled TBD
2021: TBD

New Castle, IN
2020: 18-20 Jun
2021: 17-19 Jun

Chestertown, MD
2020: 25-27 Jun
2021: TBD

Brodhead, WI
2020: 9-11 Jul
2021: TBD

Avon, NY
2020: 23-25 Jul
2021: 29-31 Jul

Quincy, IL
2020: 30 Jul - 1 Aug
2021: TBD

-----13-15 Aug Re-scheduled Springfield, IL-----

Camden OH
2020: 27-29 Aug
2021: TBD

Saltillo, MS
2020: 3-5 Sep
2021: TBD

Oreville, PA
2020: 11-12 Sep
2021: TBD

Delmar, IA
2020: 17-19 Sep
2021: TBD

Whiteland, IN
2020: 8-10 Oct
2021: TBD

Bakersfield, CA
2020: 8-10 Oct
2021: TBD

Sandy Hook, MD
2020: 10-11 Oct
2021: TBD

-----5-7 Nov Re-scheduled Barnesville, GA-----

Karl provided a quick recap: Springfield has been rescheduled for August 13-15th and Lafayette will be rescheduled TBD and Bushnell date in Feb 2021 will be replaced by Jacksonville, FL.

The discussion continued regarding the Jacksonville event for 2021. Karl stated Jim Hindry is excited to have a VKA event at the track and the board discussed dates options, making sure they do not conflict with other events prior or after, allowing competitors ample travel time to and from events and weather conditions/ temperatures during February for northern Florida were also discussed.

Sal stated that, in a VKA region as large as the South, we shouldn't be talking about replacing or limiting events for our regional members. We should be working to have all 3 events in 2021.

Discussion continued and the board decided that maybe Feb. 11-13th would be the best dates for the event in 2021. Karl will continue discussions with Jacksonville for 2021.

During the conversation several questions among the board came up and were discussed:
Haddock asked where Spaude fell in all of this and is moving his event to the fall, the best for him?
Is moving the date to October after Whiteland best?
Event Dates have always been first come first serve for any track wanting to host an event and membership has expressed the want to go back to Jacksonville.

Enduro Report: John Copeland advised the board that the Summit Point race was canceled and not rescheduled at this time.

Mid Ohio scheduled for June 19-21st is still planned at this time.

Rules Report: Director Dean Kossaras updated the board that he is making progress on the application revision and currently reviewing case law on conduct for both on track and online.

Bill McCornack asked the board about the wording on the back page of the application “not legal adult participant” and how to handle membership applications when an Uncle is buying a membership for his nephew and the uncle is not the child “legal guardian”. Should a paper application be sent to that guardian for signature of the waiver.

After some discussion, it was determined that a “legal guardian” does not need to sign the membership form for the minor, if someone wants to gift a membership. If a child is to participate in a activity at the track, that there a “waiver of liability “would need to be signed at the track for the child to participate, but a parental signature in not required for membership.

Dean advised that he is also working on that section on the new application and also working on a Docusign for new applications and membership forms.

Until this is updated continue to let them join as a member and track waivers will be handled at the tracks.

Tech and Safety: Lynn Haddock update the board on the reformatted guidelines. He has been working on having these completed and in the hands of the board members by the next meeting, he would like to have them voted on by the next meeting and no later than August.

Until the reformatted guidelines are complete and have been voted on by the board, the current guidelines are still to be sent to new members.

President Wlodarsky thanked Lynn for his hard work, expressing he knows Lynn has been spending a lot of time on this, and it is very much appreciated.

Lynn advised going forward It will be a lot more user friendly going forward and will be able to locate things in the document and make changes and modify items as needed.

Judging/Shows: Sonny Gerber- Riverside had 4 classes in the show which didn't have entries, but had some really good entries in the others.

Fremont- didn't have a big turn out, but President Wlodarsky did bend the rules a little bit to make sure everyone that was there did have an award, and Sonny feels that, that is what the spirit of VKA is and hopes that others will follow suit when faced with this dilemma and wanted to congratulate Gary on a job well done.

It was noticed by Rolf that the judges' worksheet should include the judges' names and the venue location. The forms have been revised and posted on the VKA website under Documents.

Bill McCornack – advised he was about to go to the printers for the next six events and wanted to know if he needed to wait on the new form. Sonny advised he will get that information out to Bill on Monday. Rolf- Advised Bill that it will be sent to Bill for the event packets.

Regional Reports:

Midwest- Bill McCornack asked President Wlodarsky to provide an update on Fremont. Gary advised Fremont had a good turnout the first day/ practice day. The next few days turned cold and had some snow and people ended up leaving and a small handful of people stayed. Bill advised the board that he is still waiting on grid sheets from Scott.

The New Castle event should be about 95% a go. And Broadhead event is looking a go as well.

Gary advised that Scott has pictures from the Fremont event and will request those.

Northeast- Sal Palatucci provided an update to the board via email prior to the call which included:

Lafayette in NY State	May 28-30 has been postponed to a date to be determined *
Nicholson in MD	June 25-27 will probably be postponed according to the promoter;
Avon, NY	July 23-25 looks good to go at this point;
Oreville, PA	Sept 11-12 also looks good;
Sandyhook, MD	Oct 10-11 will hopefully not end up being our season opener (joke)

*We are in conversation with Lafayette and Nicholson about possibly moving Lafayette into Nicholson's June spot and moving that event into August depending on what their two states decide regarding social distancing.

South- Bob Barthelemy is currently working on getting an updated entry form from Rebel Raceway, the current one has, has hand written corrections on it. Once he has a new version he will send it out to everyone.

NewsLetter Report: Rolf Hill provided the following update to the board via email prior to the meeting via email and was also discussed during the call:

FirsTurn-

The April/May issue of the VKA FirsTurn was mailed in the first week in May. I am waiting to see if mine comes this week. I may post it on social media with a note that explains: "Normally, only VKA Members receive a copy in the mail. Due to delays in Bulk Mail delivery, this version of the VKA FirsTurn is being posted here for everyone to enjoy. Non-members can join on VKAkarting.com to ensure they get regular copies. In the meantime, enjoy this special electronic copy as VKA continues to celebrate its 20th Anniversary."

The June/July issue of the VKA FirsTurn will contain segments on: The Virtual Vintage Kart Show, Fremont "Summary," Schedule Changes, COVID-19 vs. VKA, 20th Anniversary luminaries, FIRST VKA magazine cover, FIRST President's recollections, FIRST event summary by Mark D'Elia and the first in a series by Bill McCornack on IKF Championships. This issue is scheduled to go to the printer June 15.

Virtual Vintage Kart Show-

During the last week in April, Sal Palatucci, Northeast Regional Coordinator and Rolf Hill, VKA Editor, discussed a project that would help keep vintage karters occupied during the COVID-19 quarantine ... a Virtual Vintage Kart Show. The Gary Wlodarsky, President and the Sonny Gerber, Show Director were in favor. Jeff Campbell, Website Director was approached and developed the necessary Facebook pages. Sal, Jeff and Rolf developed the show classes, rules and schedule. Seven classes covered the gamut of vintage karts, mini-bikes and engines. Entries were open to all vintage karts, but class winners had to be

VKA members in an attempt to grow membership. Votes were based on Facebook LIKES ... in essence a Peoples' Choice approach. Sal worked with Mark Dismore at Comet Kart Sales who agreed to offer 10% off coupons to all "initial entries." With the cooperation of VKA Regional Coordinators and Comet Kart Sales, each class winner will receive a \$100 coupon. Voting will end at the end of May and the winners will be announced in the first week of June on-line and in the June/July VKA FirstTurn.

315 people from the US, Canada, UK, Brazil, Australia, have joined the seven Facebook pages/classes for Survivors, Historic, Rear, Sidewinder, Enduro, Mini-Bike, and Engines. Of these, there are 119 national and international entries. As of May 15, 759 votes have been cast. Voting ends May 31st.

New Business: President Wlodarsky asked the board if there is anything that needs to be discussed. Bill Bloodworth advised he would like to update and advised the board that he recently got in the 610 patches. He asked the board for their opinion on what they felt was the best way to mail out the patches? A little at a time or all at once? The board agreed that whatever was best/ easiest for Bill, to let him decide and clarified that only active members as of 5/16/2020 will receive the patches. Bill advised he will begin mailing them out via 1st class mail.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:31pm

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier