

VKA Board Meeting – June 21, 2020

Call To Order: President Gary Wlodarsky called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

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

Board Members In Attendance:

Gary Wlodarsky  
Louie Figone  
Bill Bloodworth  
Dean Kossaras  
Lynn Haddock  
Joe Swantek

Karl Ginter  
Sonny Gerber  
Bob Barthelemy  
Sal Palatucci  
Bill McCornack

Board Members Absent:

John Copeland

Guest Present:

Rolf Hill  
Kelly Frazier

**President's Report** : President Wlodarsky thanked everyone for joining the call and called the meeting to order at 8:05pm est. He asked Bill B. To take a roll call of all those on the call.

President Wlodarsky spoke of the past weekend's event at New Castle, He felt there was a good turn out and it was hot, out at the track. 22 new members signed up at the event. President Wlodarsky, asked Bill B, how he would like to receive the new memberships, via scan/email or hard copy in the mail. Wlodarsky will scan and email the memberships to Bill for processing.

President Wlodarsky updated the board that he had a lot of sales of the T-shirts, with 86 being sold. Lynn H asked if a re-order on the T-Shirts was going to be placed immediately. President Wlodarsky asked the board if he has approval to order another 100, and the board approved. The discussion on T-shirts continues, and the board also discussed ladies tank tops and childrens shirts and bigger sizes, such as 3x and 4x's. Wlodarsky is to get a list together and send to everybody for review for a reorder of t-shirts and maybe a few additional items/sizes as discussed and will place an order for the additional items for ladies tank tops, childrens tops and larger sizes.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Vice President Figone updated the board that the new account has been created for conference calls in order to change the call-in number and access code.

Minutes from May, 2020- VKA Board meeting has been approved by the board via electronic/ email vote.

**Secretary's Report/ Membership report-** Bill Bloodworth advised the board that he currently does not have firm number yet as he's still processing memberships, but he believes they are over 500 range. 454 magazines were mailed out, 2 Australian magazines were returned, as of today none of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary patches have been returned.

Bill B. advised he has 76 patches remaining in inventory with 32 more to mail out, leaving 44 in inventory and then more will need to be mailed out for the memberships collected at New Castle event. Motion was made by President Wlodarsky to order an additional 100 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary patches.

Seconded by: L. Haddock      No one opposed      Motion passes

President Wlodarsky asked on the status of new membership packages, to verify packages have been mailed of for the new members who joined in Feb, March and April. Bill B. Advised he still has approx. 15 remaining to be mailed. Wlodarsky asked to be remain vigilant as he had received a few in inquiries from people indicating they have not heard anything yet after submitting their memberships. Sal suggested that once a membership application is received, an email be mailed out to the applicant informing them we received their application and is in process. After a short discussion, Sal volunteered to assist Bill B, in sending out those emails.

**Treasurers Report-** Joe Swantek advised the board that the treasures report was sent out last week to the board and has been approved.

**Website Report:** Rolf Hill updated the board on a few changes that has been made to the website. Located on the top right side of the website there is now a link to FirstTurn archives, located under the VKA Facebook Group Discussion Page link.

**Event Director Report:** Karl Ginter advised he has nothing to report at this time.

**Enduro Report:** John Copeland was not on the call to provide a report.

**Rules Report:** Director Dean Kossaras updated the board that he is still waiting to hear back from the lawyer regarding updates to the membership application.

There were two accidents over the weekend at New Castle, one resulting in a dislocated shoulder, but driver was back at the track the next day with his arm in and sling and in great spirits. The other was a minor accident and the driver was able to continue to compete in the event.

**Tech and Safety:** Lynn Haddock confirmed with the board, that they had received and had a chance to review the newly formatted guidelines. Most board members chimed in that they had received them and liked the new format. An informal vote was taken and no one opposed the new format and asked Lynn H to continue with the newly formatted guidelines. Lynn expressed his appreciation to Rolf's help with some of the formatting and cleaning up the margins.

Lynn advised the board that he would like to keep a running document of items to be discussed for the guideline changes for 2021. He would everyone to submit their request, for items to be updated, to him and he will add them to the document. These items will be discussed throughout the next several months in order to make the rules meetings a little shorter and less painful at the end of the year as sometimes those meetings can be long.

The document for suggested guideline changes will be sent out to everyone monthly for review.

**Judging/Shows:** Sonny Gerber updated the board on the New Castle event. There were 146 entries for the event and 34-35 show entrants. Rolf has pictures for the event and will work on getting up onto the website.

Lynn H. stated he felt the hot temperatures during the summer months may hurt the show entries, its difficult to stand by your kart several hours in the hot sun. Most board members agreed that hot temperatures and lack of shade trees can deter some people from coming for the show event, also the Corona virus may have deterred some from traveling as well.

### **Regional Reports:**

**Midwest-** Bill McCornack updated the board on the New Castle event, with the entry count and the two incidents. Bill has asked John for the statistics on the event, such as kart count for each class. Bill M, advised he is still waiting on the statistic from the Fremont event.

**Northeast-** Sal Palatucci stated the rescheduled LaFayette, NY event is this weekend, June 25-27<sup>th</sup>, and is excited about the event.

The call quality of the conference call was briefly discussed as everyone was receiving lot of static and echoing feedback. One suggestion from the board was to do Zoom calls and that option will be reviewed going forward.

**South-** Bob Barthelemy update the board that the entry form for Saltillo in September has been posted to the VKA website with the help of Rolf

The Jacksonville, FL event at N. Florida Kart club has been scheduled for Feb. 11-13, 2021. Bill McCornack asked who the promoter is for the event, and Bob advised it's the N. Florida Kart club in conjunction with the Georgia Sprint Karting Assoc.

Bob is working on getting a date solidified for Barnesville event.

The question of track configuration was discussed among the board, whether it run it regular or backwards. Bob B and Lynn will discuss the possibility of going down to the track prior to the event to test and review track safety.

**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-

Slow delivery by the USPS occurred again with the Apr/May issue. The Jun/Jul issue was sent to the printer June 8<sup>th</sup>. The plan for the Aug/Sep issue of VKA **FirsTurn**® is to continue the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration by highlighting the **tracks and promoters** who have helped VKA become the great organization it is. New Castle and LaFayette summaries will also be included. Brodhead may be included if pictures and write-up are received within days of the event. Part 2 of the IKF National's series by Bill McCornack will be included. Mark D'Elia has offered to provide additional information on early VKA events.

As a result of my request for support with the Editor's job, Len Emanuelson (CA) offered his help. He is a former editor for Hot Rod and other prestigious publications. Currently, he is involved in "electronic publications." They are spectacular. An example of his work can be found at RoddingRevolutions.com. I am proposing VKA transition to this concept ... keeping the printed version for those who want it; reduced membership fee for those who go to the electronic version. It can be justified for many reasons but required VKA Membership at all events and the cost savings are two compelling reasons.

The discussion of reducing the membership fees, if providing the magazine electronically, continued among the board and it was determined that the discussion will continue, and no decision will be made at this time.

**New Business:** President Wlodarsky asked the board if there is any new business that needs to be discussed? No one had anything additional at this time.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:09pm

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier