

**VKA Board Meeting – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Call To Order:** President Gary Wlodarsky called the meeting to order at 8:06pm EST.

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

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Gary Wlodarsky	Karl Ginter
Louie Figone	John Copeland
Bill Bloodworth	Sal Palatucci
Lynn Haddock	

**Board Members Absent:**

Bill McCornack	Joe Swantek
Dean Kossaras	Bob Barthelemy
Sonny Gerber	

**Guest Present:**

Rolf Hill

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

**Vice Presidents Report:** Vice President Figone has nothing additional to report at this time.

Minutes from June 21, 2020- have been approved by the board via electronic/ email vote.

**Secretary’s Report/ Membership report-** Bill Bloodworth advised the board the current memberships are a little over 500 full members. There are approx. 50 memberships pending processing completion needing membership cards and patches to be mailed out and he will work towards finishing those up. President Wlodarsky reported there were approx. 8 new memberships received at Broadhead.

**Treasurers Report-** President Wlodarsky reported that Joes Treasurer report that was sent out to the board to review a few days prior to the meeting/call has been approved by the board via email/electronic votes.

Joe Swantek joined the call and advised he has nothing additional to report at this time.

**Website Report:** Jeff was not on the call at this time.

**Event Directors Report:** Karl Ginter sent out revised 2020/2021 detailed Event Schedule report prior to the call for the boards review which included the following:

**2020/21 VKA Sprint Events Schedule**

<u>Riverside, CA</u>	<u>Jacksonville, FL</u>
2020: 30 Jan-2 Feb (Complete)	2021: 11-13 Feb
2021: 4-6 Feb	<u>Barnesville, GA</u>
<u>Bushnell, FL</u>	2020: Re-scheduled to 5-7 Nov
2020: 13-15 Feb (Complete)	2021: 18-20 Mar (tentative)
2021: TBD	

<u>Fremont, OH</u> 2020: 7-9 May (Complete) 2021: TBD	<u>Chestertown, MD</u> 2020: 21-22 Aug 2021: TBD
<u>Springfield, IL</u> 2020: Re-scheduled to 13-15 Aug 2021: TBD	<u>Camden, OH</u> 2020: 27-29 Aug 2021: TBD
<u>New Castle, IN</u> 2020: 18-20 Jun (Complete) 2021: 17-19 Jun	<u>Saltillo, MS</u> 2020: 3-5 Sep 2021: TBD
<u>LaFayette, NY</u> 2020: 25-27 Jun (Complete) 2021: TBD	<u>Oreville, PA</u> 2020: 11-12 Sep 2021: TBD
<u>Brodhead, WI</u> 2020: 9-11 Jul 2021: 8-10 Jul	<u>Delmar, IA</u> 2020: 17-19 Sep 2021: TBD
<u>Avon, NY</u> 2020: 23-25 Jul 2021: 29-31 Jul	<u>Whiteland, IN</u> 2020: 8-10 Oct 2021:TBD
<u>Quincy, MO</u> 2020: 30 Jul-1 Aug 2021: TBD	<u>Bakersfield, CA</u> 2020: 8-10 Oct 2021: TBD
	<u>Sandy Hook, MD</u> 2020: 10-11 Oct 2021: TBD

Karl had spoken to Bill McCornack prior to the meeting and he shared the following information he had received from him regarding the Broadhead event:

77 entries, 2 heats in raised money for VKA, increasing number with over 60 Yamahas

Safety side: 1 roll over, no one was injured and Bill is going to get the breakdown in number to include in the matrix for the event.

**Enduro Report:** John Copeland updated the board that 660 entries were at Mid Ohio and had 5 red flags on Saturday. John is waiting on the information for Sundays number to get a complete kart count.

John has attempted to get numbers from WKA for their Charlotte event and is having a difficult time gathering that information. And the Gratten event was this past weekend July 10-12<sup>th</sup> and he currently does not have the kart count of any information on that event as it was just completed.

AKRA race at the end of the month at Nelson Ledges July 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>.

**Rules Report:** Director Dean Kossaras is currently not on the call. President Wlodarsky asked if Lynn Haddock had anything to report. Lynn advised the board he would like to discuss the letter regarding the Sportsman Rear (class 3) guidelines, that was sent out to the board prior to the call, he apologized for sending it out on such short notice. He asked the board to review of possible rules change for 2021 for this section/ class in the rule book as the rules have not changed since originally written, and with the newer engines coming out the rules need to be reviewed and possibly adjusted.

Discussion continued among the board regarding the engines and the carburetors currently being used in the class.

Lynn will do some testing at Camden and report back on his findings, to again see if any modifications in rules need updating or clarification.

**Tech and Safety:** Lynn Haddock currently does not have anything to report for safety and tech.

**Judging/Shows:** Sonny Gerber currently not on the call.

Rolf to speak with Hailey and get photos from the Broadhead event.

**Regional Reports:**

**Midwest-** Bill McCornack currently not on the call

**Northeast-** Sal Palatucci stated Lafayette turned out to be pretty good. 67 entries this year, a lot of fun, great two days, but got rained out Saturday. Lafayette is going to be moved to the end of May 2021. Sal stated that the track was really fun.

Covid is still playing a part in the kart turn out as people are still not wanting to travel, and are dealing with travel restrictions.

Avon is in ten days and looking forward that event.

**South-** Bob Barthelemy- not on the call

**West** – Louie Figone stated he does not have anything to report at this time.

**News Letter Report:** Rolf Hill sent out an email to the board prior to the call, regarding an electronic FirstTurn newsletter, he hoped everyone had the opportunity to review the email and look at some examples. Rolf asked if the board chooses to go to the electronic version, the board would need to let him know which format they would like best.

Rolf also brought up the pros and cons of going electronic versus paper copies.

The compatibility of the VKA website on smart phones, computers, Ipads, were discussed, they are looking into if the website is set up to be reactive to device using the webpage.

The conversation continued with the membership base, will the members be receptive of a digital/ electronic version versus the paper copy and how to get feed back from the members on whether they may want to move forward with an electronic version or stay with a paper copy.

Bill Bloodworth suggested to give it a test run for a month or two, offer both the paper copy and electronic copy to the membership and then get their feedback on what direction they may want to go.

The conversation turned to the possibility of sending out a postcard mailing to the members to ask them what they would like as far as the future of the FirstTurn magazine publications and the cost of the mailings of the postcards and prepaid return postage.

**New Business:**

Sensitivity of the minutes were briefly discussed along with clarification of when VKA members are allowed to be on the board member meeting calls, which is when they are invited to be on the calls.

John Copeland offered the option to declare parts of the minutes as falling under executive session.

The question was asked when the new call-in password for the monthly board meetings would be implemented. Louie Figone responded that it is ready to go as soon as we are ready to implement it.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier