

VKA Board Meeting – August 9th, 2020

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

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

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Sonny Gerber
Joe Swantek
Bob Barthelemy
Dean Kossaras
Bill McCornack

Board Members Absent:

Lynn Haddock
Jeff Campbell

Guest Present:

Len Emanuelson
Rolf Hill

President's Report :

President Wlodarsky thanked everyone for joining the call, there a few things to discuss later in the call and will hold those items until then.

Vice Presidents Report:

L. Figone advised the board that he will be sending out the new call-in phone number and access code to have all the trustees call in and test.

VKCA held an event at Santa Maria and he currently does not know the kart count. L. Emanuelson advised he had heard there was about 40 karts at the event.

President Wlodarsky asked if a date and time would like to be set in order to check the new call in number. Tuesday night 8:00pm, information for call in will be sent to test and try the new call-in procedure.

Minutes from July 12th call has been approved via electronic vote.

Secretary's Report/ Membership report:

B. Bloodworth provided an update on current membership counts: 567 total members, applications not yet processed: 76 applications.

President Wlodarsky advised the priority is to get these applications processed. B. Bloodworth acknowledged an error that occurred that set him back a few weeks. Several board members, offered help and suggestions on how to help get caught up on the membership back log, along with sending out acknowledgement emails to the new members.

B. McCornack, asked B. Bloodworth for an estimate on the date of completion of the outstanding memberships? Mr. Bloodworth could not provide an estimate to the board.

The process of completing the membership applications and process continued among the board. As the discussion continued on how to get caught up on memberships and processing new memberships and processing of new memberships was the number one priority.

Treasurers Report:

President Wlodarsky advised that the treasurers report had been sent out to the board prior to the call and approved. Joe advised he has nothing additional to contribute at this time.

Website Report:

J. Campbell is currently not on the call. R Hill advised he has a few things to contribute but will wait until his VKA newsletter report/segment on the agenda.

Event Directors Report:

K. Ginter- earlier this week the 2020/2021 schedule was emailed out to everyone to review. No changes in Road Race at this time, but a few changes on the Sprint schedules. (Event schedules attached)

The Avon event is complete and in the books. Springfield is this coming weekend, Aug. 13-15th, and Chestertown is Aug 21-22nd. The new 2021 date for Jacksonville, FL is Feb. 4-6th, 2021. Ave temp for Jacksonville during that time is: 68 degree high and 48 degrees low at night.

President Wlodarsky stated VKA and its members are excited to be going back to Jacksonville.

B. Barthelemy advised Karl that as far as he is concerned the date showing for Barnesville 2021 dates that are showing as tentative for March 18-20th 2021, those dates can be confirmed. K. Ginter advised he will make that change on the events calendar.

Enduro Report:

J. Copeland advised the board that the most recent event that took place for Enduro, took place in Nelson Ledges, with approx. 200 entries, most in piston port. He stated he was not physically there, but was told the weather was great and it was a good event.

Rules Report:

D. Kossaras has not heard back from the attorney at this time regarding the wording for the updates.

Tech and Safety:

L. Haddock is currently not on the call.

Judging/Shows:

S. Gerber provided a brief update that all the information has been sent to the promoters.

President Wlodarsky advised that he has sent everything from the Quincy event to Rolf for FirsTurn and photos from the photographer should be coming to Rolf shortly.

Regional Reports:

Midwest- B. McCornack- The Quincy event had 41 entries, and the photographer will get photos the drop box so photos can be pulled from the drop box, and one of the participants is going to have a story typed up and sent to Rolf as well. He advised the board he will be in Springfield this Friday for the event and G. Wlodarsky advised he will be there as well.

Camden, Ohio is August 27-29th and he will not be able to attend that event.

Delmar, IA is Sept. 17-19th and B. McCornack will be there and participating

Whiteland, IN is Oct. 1-3rd and will be in attendance. The current mask requirements were discussed for the event.

Northeast- S. Palatucci advised the board that he had sent out an email report prior to the call: "We originally scheduled 5 events in our region. And even with the impact of the corona virus, it looks like we will still provide them for our members to enjoy, but it's been an ongoing coin toss.

Lafayette was canceled and moved to August. Shortly after that we got word that Nicholson was cancelled which left it with no spot on our schedule. Subsequently we reached out to Lafayette and Nicholson who to change places. That moved our 3rd event Avon into the 2nd spot. Now Nicholson is coming up in a few weeks - assuming Maryland doesn't restrict outdoor events again.

In the middle of all this, promoting our events has been tricky because we never knew if the states would reverse themselves at the last minute, which almost happened with Avon.

The day before Avon started, NY decreed that anyone living in VA and MD could not enter the state. Coming from VA, my wife and I wondered if after driving 6 hours we would be turned back at the PA-NY border. Fortunately that did not happen and Avon came off with flying colors, altho a few of our stand by members did not cross the border.

That said, Avon was a "10" - three days of perfect weather, with only 5 registrations short of last year - and this with a competing event 2 weeks before the VKA's. To spicen' things up, we took a page out of Bill McCornack's Brodhead play book by adding a free, Beer Garden enhanced kart show that converted if from just a kart show into an expanded VKA member social opportunity. And it got even better: Gary and Jim Donovan showed up again to show the VKA colors, help members with their karts, sell our new anniversary T-shirts and sign up 6 new members. Jim Donovan further volunteered to do yeoman's work flagging heats in the hot sun. Thank you Gary and Jim.

With Nicholson coming up in 2.5 weeks we are keeping our fingers crossed Maryland's Governor won't restrict outdoor events again, but we are optimistic. Promoter Joe Weissner who is a marketing genius has added a number of event features to attract our members including driving in both directions during our heats like the old days - assuming our members agree. Opening up Nicholson's grid area in order to eliminate a long kart-walk our members groaned about. And we are having a competition Hawaiian Shirt contest at dinner on Friday night with the best shirt by popular vote, eating for free. (This may be a something I can finally win at a VKA event.)

Our last two events are in PA and MD: Oreville in September and Sandy Hook in October. Sandy Hook is adding a swap meet to attract attendees and Oreville is coming off the most entries of all our events last year, so we are looking forward to both events to close out our season.

PS: When I read the criticism about Whiteland this morning on Facebook that John Copeland addressed effectively, it reminded me of how little some of the karting public understands about our all volunteer leadership structure, and the sheer amount of work that goes into coordinating all of our 30 +/- events for our members benefit."

South- B Barthelemy advised the board that he had spoken to one of the promoter and both he and he wife have tested positive for the Corona Virus and they will monitor the situation and the status of the event and will keep the board informed.

News Letter Report:

R. Hill advised the board that he has invited Len to the call.

R Hill advised the board that the next addition for FirsTurn is ready to go and will contain tracks and promoters, containing summaries on New Castle, Lafayette, Broadhead and Avon and IKF- The Golden Years, Part 2.

The Issue will also contain information on how to continue to get a printed copy of the magazine instead of digital copy. A request will need to be put in writing and sent to VKA in order to continue to get a printed copy before going to a digital newsletter in January 2021.

Discussion among the board continued regarding the upcoming issues.

R Hill Introduced Len Emanuelson to the board and will be working with Rolf on the electronic FirsTurn magazine, as R Hill transitions out of that role.

L Emanuelson asked the board if they have had an opportunity to review the link to the website Rolf had emailed out. He discussed the layout and formatting of the website, when looking at it on a phone, tablet, and computer browser. L. Emanuelson stated that he is excited to be on board to help VKA as he loves karting and has the experience to help with electronic magazines.

B McCornack addressed the board and Len that, its nice to be able to add additional content to the electronic FirsTurn magazine, however there will be some people who will still request a paper copy and we are limited to the number of pages that go to print. R Hill advise that they have already spoken about that and will keep that in mind.

President Wlodarsky asked Len if the new electronic FirsTurn magazine will shareable on the VKA website. L. Emanuelson stated they are currently reviewing the website format and whether if the website is responsive and will work on bringing up the VKA website to date.

B McCornack welcomed Len on board and expressed his appreciation on helping bring VKA up to date in technology.

New Business:

No new business at this time.

President Wlodarsky thanked everyone for their time.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:16 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier

2020/21 VKA Sprint Events Schedule

Riverside, CA

2020: 30 Jan-2 Feb
(Complete)
2021: 4-6 Feb

Bushnell, FL

2020: 13-15 Feb
(Complete)
2021: TBD

Jacksonville, FL

2021: 4-6 Feb (tentative)

Barnesville, GA

2020: Re-scheduled to 5-7
Nov
2021: 18-20 Mar
(tentative)

Fremont, OH

2020: 7-9 May (Complete)
2021: TBD

Springfield, IL

2020: Re-scheduled to 13-
15 Aug
2021: TBD

New Castle, IN

2020: 18-20 Jun
(Complete)
2021: 17-19 Jun

LaFayette, NY

2020: 25-27 Jun
(Complete)
2021: TBD

Brodhead, WI

2020: 9-11 Jul (Complete)
2021: 8-10 Jul

Avon, NY

2020: 23-25 Jul (Complete)
2021: 29-31 Jul

Quincy, MO

2020: 30 Jul-1 Aug
(Complete)
2021: TBD

Chestertown, MD

2020: 21-22 Aug
2021: TBD

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: 1-3 Oct
2021: TBD

Bakersfield, CA

2020: 8-10 Oct
2021: TBD

Sandy Hook, MD

2020: 10-11 Oct
2021: TBD

Updated 2020 Road Racing Schedule

3/6/2020	3/8/2020	Roebing Road (WKA)
6/19/2020	6/21/2020	Mid-Ohio (AKRA, WKA, CES)
7/3/2020	7/5/2020	Charlotte (WKA)
7/10/2020	7/12/2020	Gratten (CES, WKA)
7/11/2020	7/12/2020	Summit Point (WKC)
7/24/2020	7/26/2020	Nelson Ledges (AKRA)
8/14/2020	8/16/2020	Heartland Park (WKA)
8/15/2020	8/16/2020	Blackhawk Farms (CES)
8/22/2020	8/23/2020	Summit Point (WKC)
9/11/2020	9/13/2020	Gingerman (CES)
9/25/2020	9/27/2020	Pittsburgh Intl (AKRA, WKA)
10/23/2020	10/25/2020	Gateway Intl (CES)
12/27/2020	12/30/2020	Daytona Intl (WKA)

Current as of: 2 July 2020