

VKA Board Meeting – September 13th, 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
Bill Bloodworth
Sonny Gerber
Karl Ginter
Sal Palatucci
Dean Kossaras

Bill McCornack
Lynn Haddock
Joe Swantek
Jeff Campbell

Board Members Absent:

John Copeland
Louie Figone

Bob Barthelemy

Guest Present:

Len Emanuelson
Rolf Hill

President's Report :

President Wlodarsky- Its' that time of the year to start looking at officers for next year, and asked for the board to start making decisions for those who they want on the board and how many board members are needed. Wlodarsky stated he knows of a few people who have expressed interested.

Vice Presidents Report:

L. Figone – Currently not on the call.

President Wlodarsky advised the minutes from August 9th, 2020 were voted on and approved via email votes.

Discussion took place on the posting of the minutes. Minutes have not been posted and the board will look into and see about getting them posted and up to date.

Secretary's Report/ Membership report:

B. Bloodworth updated the board an email had been sent out earlier in the day regarding the status of the processed and pending memberships and asked if anyone had any questions. President Wlodarsky confirmed that there are approx. 28 memberships pending processing. The conversation continued among the board that a solution needs to be identified as how to get caught up with the influx of memberships from the previous months and remain current.

L Haddock thanked Bill for doing everything he has done to get current and caught up, he feels that Bill has been loaded down with all the new memberships and mailing out the new letters ect, and feels the board needs to examine the load of work and see if to needs to be divided up as to burden him with the load.

While on the discussion of memberships, R Hill brought up the topic of the amending membership application to no longer promising a hard copy of the magazine for the new applicants. After a brief discussion among the board:

Motion made by L Haddock: effective immediately take out of the membership application the reference to a printed copy of our publication, this in no way affects the current members and they continue to get what they signed up for. Motion to take the publication off the application going forward.

Second: Bill McCornack 1, No, everyone else in favor Motion Passes

Treasurers Report:

President Wlodarsky advised that Joe had sent out the treasurer's report prior to the call and it has been approved by the board via email votes.

Website Report:

President Wlodarsky asked Jeff Campbell if R Hill has access to post the minutes in order to get the website caught up. J Campbell advise R Hill does however he has been doing them himself and there is some confusion on his part with the barrage of emails that circle them and asked about coming up with a system that makes them a little easier to pick out the approved final version of the minutes to be posted. The discussion continued among the board and a process was decided on to make it easier to decipher between all the emails.

L Haddock J Campbell is there is a way to get a faster server because it seems that it takes forever to download anything. J Campbell stated he will look into maybe adding a few apps to speed up the website or possibly look at a different service, but before switching services he will look at the website configuration and caching.

President Wlodarsky thanked J Campbell for looking into the website issues and advised he will also get the final minutes that have been approved to J Campbell with in the next few days for posting.

Event Directors Report:

K Ginter had sent out an email prior to the call for the remaining 2020 events and 2021 events and had asked the regional directors to review and suggest any changes needed and will send to Kelly to add as an addendum to the minutes.

G Wlodarsky advised B McCornack he has been told by several people there is a nice venue east of Cincinnati, Ohio, that maybe a good option for May, and just some food for thought and can share the contact information if interested.

Enduro Report:

J. Copeland- not on the call

Rules Report:

D. Kossaras advised there about 3-4 items he feel needs to be reviewed for possible changes and will have them printed out and distributed to the board for review prior to the next call.

D. Kossaras will get with R Hill to work on changes on the application.

The rule book should be pretty easy this year as there aren't to many changes that will need to be made.

Tech and Safety:

L. Haddock had sent out an email to the board to regarding "Spirit and Intent" and had received positive feedback but didn't know if he should go ahead and include the wording in the guidelines. G Wlodarsky asked the board if they had any feedback they wanted to share. There are several things that L Haddock would like to have reviewed for the guidelines and asked if he should present them to the board now or

type them up and send them to D Kossaras for review during the rules meeting, Race lengths and West End carburetor testing.

D Kossaras asked the board to send to him the items that they feel need to be discussed during the next meeting/ rules meeting in October.

Judging/Shows:

S. Gerber has not received anything for Oreville yet, and is looking forward to Whiteland and he will be attending and running the show there.

G. Wlodarsky, stated Oreville had over 50 people attended, and he heard it was a nice turn out.

Regional Reports:

Midwest- B. McCornack- Delmar, Iowa coming up this week 17-19 and he will be attending. Whiteland October 1-3 and will also be attending and asked B Bloodworth to send an updated membership list for registration. B McCornack helping J Copeland find some EMTs for Whiteland.

Northeast- S. Palatucci advised there was a great turn out at Oreville. Sandyhook Speedway mentioned they would like to do a swap meet, and asked the board for any help, tips and suggestions they have to help bring attention it as he has never hosted a swap meet himself.

South- B Barthelemy- currently not on the call to report.

News Letter Report:

R Hill advised the board that there will be separate Oct, Nov and Dec. issues, due to some COVID related issues. R Hill advised the board on the topics that will be in each issue and asked the board for their direction on the formatting of each issue and the board advised they will leave that up to him and let him decide.

K Ginter asked when Rolf needed the information for the National Event Schedule for the December magazine. R Hill advised Nov. 1.

B McCornack advised there maybe a few glitches because some track owners can't give dates. R Hill advised he understood that there maybe a few tentative dates, but as long as he has most dates, B MCCornack advised he will try to get as much information as he can.

R Hill advised he has pulled up the membership application on the website and there is a check box stating, "that if you would like to receive a paper copy of the magazine". L Haddock advised he has a problem with the check box and that statement, because he does not want people to think, that if the box is checked that they will be guaranteed a magazine, because of the vote that was made to night that there will be no more guarantees that new members will receive a paper copy of the magazine. R Hill advised he can change the wording that full VKA members will have access to online VKA magazine and news letters. R Hill advised he will make the changes on the application, send out the new one to the board members via email and replace the current application with the new one.

L Emanuelson advised he and Crystal has started on the new website in the beta form where they are testing and have approx. 25% of content already on the site, once they have it to the point for everyone to look at he will send a link out and give feedback.

L Emanuelson touched on Haddocks question regarding printing of the magazine, stating that he and R Hill had spoken that the printing of the magazine will continue the same way it is currently being done, but the website will be an expanded version with more pictures which may get left off of the printing magazine due to space limitations.

The website will be very user friendly and contain the same information that the old website holds. The new website speed will be faster as well.

L Emanuelson requested from the board topics they would like to see covered in the magazine for 2021 and will work those request into the editorial calendar.

L Emanuelson asked the board for the number of printed copies that are normally sent out? Individual copies will cost more with the less prints you make from a production stand point.

L Emanuelson also asked the board for an estimate of the number of sprint to enduro as far as memberships. 95% sprint racers was the consensus among the board.

Emanuelson is requesting that each board member takes some photos when they are at the kart races and send them to Rolf and himself with a few word caption for website content.

B Bloodworth advised L Emanuelson that the last mailing of the magazine to members has a postcard in them, asking the member to notify VKA if they want to continue receiving a paper copy of the magazine.

There will be some polling of the members to see interest in receiving paper copy.

Haddock ask "what is the labor intensity to get a printed copy of the magazine off the website? You had mentioned the website needed to be downsized, ect." L Emanuelson explained that the printed copy would be done first and then once put on the website it would be expanded upon with additional pictures and content.

The discussion continued regarding printing the magazine at home and what it would take for someone at home to do that and if it is possible.

L Emanuelson suggested doing some research to see what the cost would be on printing the magazine on 8X11 versus the digest type magazine that is currently being printed.

B Bloodworth, also advised that mailing cost is also involved in the cost of the magazines, not just the printing cost.

The discussion continued among the board on being able to provide a printed magazine for those who want to continue to receive it at the most economical way.

New Business:

R Hill advised he had just emailed everyone the new membership application.

President Wlodarsky thanked everyone for their time.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 9:34 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier