

## **VKA Board Meeting – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

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

### Board Members in Attendance:

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

### Board Members Absent:

Jeff Campbell  
Bob Barthelemy  
Sal Palatucci

### Guest Present:

Rolf Hill  
Jim Donovan

### **President's Report :**

President Wlodarsky opened the meeting by stated we have a lot to discuss on this call and get things straightened out, starting with the officers for 2021. Some noted changes are, Sal would like to step down and Skip Owen expressed interested with coming on board. Scott Clinger wants to rejoin the board. President Wlodarsky stated he has been asked to stay on, he will agrees to stay for another year if no one steps up to take his place.

President Wlodarsky asked to board for their opinion for officers.

President Wlodarsky stated he will stay on for one more year and L Figone stated he will stay on as Vice President for another year as well.

Deo will replace Bill Bloodworth, and the comment that it was mentioned earlier in the day that Deo would like to become a board member and President Wlodarsky asked the board for their thoughts.

**Motion made by:** B Bloodworth made a motion that Dorothy Curts be made a Board Member effective January 1st, 2021      **Seconded by:** J Copeland

Discussion continued as L Haddock asked B. Bloodworth why he feels D. Curts should be on the board of Directors. B Bloodworth stated because she handles all the personal information of the members and for insurance purposes, she should be a board member. Discussion among the board continued on D. Curts and her past experience and qualifications.

President Wlodarsky called for a Vote: All in favor- Motion passes

Discussion continued amount the board on the vacancy that will be available is S. Palatucci steps down as Northeast Regional Director as he has mentioned and Skip Owen taking that vacancy. The board agreed since neither is on the call at this time to table this until the next meeting.

Discussion continued amount the board to take a roll call from the current board members of their intention on staying on the board for 2021.

Sonny Gerber- stated he will be stepping down

The following members have agreed to stay on the board:

Joe Swantek- Treasurer

Dean Kossaras- Guidelines

Karl Ginter- Director of Events

Lynn Haddock- Safety and Tech

John Copeland- Enduro

Bill McCormack- PR and Midwest Coordinator

**Motion made** by B. McCornack that we accept the above slated board members to stay in their positions for 2021. Seconded by S. Gerber

President Wlodarsky called for a Vote: All in favor- Motion passes

L. Haddock asked about those positions of the people not on the call, and the board agreed to address those on the next boards call.

**Vice Presidents Report:**

L. Fiigone nothing to report at this time, be will let Joe speak on the Bakerfields event.

J. Swantek- advised the board it went well, no issues no problems, no contact, injuries. Not as big as event as last year but that was to be expected due to the current times. Details such as sales of memberships, and VKA merchandise was provided to the board. The weather was nice. G. Wlodarsky asked about the turn out/ attendance. Approx 50-55 folks, with approx. 32 karts running and a10-15 in the kart show.

S. Palatucci joined the call

President Wlodarsky advised the minutes from Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 call were approved via email votes.

**Secretary's Report/ Membership report:**

B. Bloodworth reported we have approx. 547 full domestic members and 7 international members, totaling 554 active members.

**Treasurers Report:**

President Wlodarsky advised the board that the treasurers report sent out prior to the meeting has been approved by the board.

J Swantek asked the board if any checks are sent to him for deposit, please let him know what they are for so he can properly apply it to the account. He recently received a check and has no idea what it is for, discussion continued, and clarification was made on the purpose of the check.

Before moving onto the next agenda item, President Wlodarsky advised the board that he had just received an email from Skip Owen stating his desire to join the board and taking the vacant position that will be created when S. Palatucci steps down in 2021. The board unanimously approved Skip Owen as Northeast Regional Director effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

R Hill asked the board for approval for \$500 for advertising in the 2021 wall calendar with all the VKA dates.

**Motion made** by S. Geber to add to \$500 to the budget to cover advertising and the 2021 wall calendar. Seconded by B. Bloodworth

President Wlodarsky called for a vote: 1 Opposed

L Haddock asked for discussion before calling for a vote. B McCornack advised he has been against it in the past but is for it this year and stated his reasons. J. Copeland also stated his support. After some discussion amount the board.

President Wlodarsky called for a vote: 1 Opposed Motion Passes

#### **Website Report:**

R Hill stated that he doesn't have much to report on the website at this time, and J Campbell isn't on the call to report. A discussion took place among the board on the status of the website with items such as the timeliness in getting the website updated with items, and the difficulty in maneuvering around the website in general. The census is the website the website is just outdated to the current needs.

J Campbell joined the call

President Wlodarsky asked J Campbell if he was still interested in continuing to be the webmaster for VKA and surrendering his seat on the board. J Campbell agreed that he currently does not have the time needed to be board member and will continue to help with the website.

L Haddock as the status of upgrades to the website that were discussed a few calls ago, and if any progress has been made. J Campbell stated he worked on it for a day a few weeks ago and seemed to help a little with the speed, and there are a few more things that he wants to try.

L Haddock also asked J Campbell how is this going to work with integrating the new website with the current VKA website or do changes need to be made, because it will be here before we know it? J Campbell stated he wasn't sure how this is going to work because he hasn't been in contact much will R Hill or L Emanuelson to discuss the integration. R Hill stated the easiest thing he feels would be, is if J Campbell would give L Emanuelson access to the website, he could create an icon/ link on the VKA website that would take everyone to a link to the electronic magazine. J Campbell stated that he can create a page for L Emanuelson to be able to create his link to the new magazine, and he will have access like R Hill used to have.

#### **Event Directors Report:**

K. Ginter advised he had sent out the latest version of the 2020/2021 Event schedule to everyone to review. Bushnell had indicated to B Barthelemy that they are interested in adding in a fall date and are waiting to here back from them. K Ginter asked J Swantek if he has a date for Bakersfield for 2021 to let him know and he will get it on the calendar.

K Ginter stated he keeps a matrix of kart counts, and there is approx. a 35% reduction from 2019 to 2020.

Wlodarsky asked for an estimated date for putting out the 2021 calendar.

K Ginter, advised, R Hill had asked for it by Nov. 1 and he hopes to have it to him before that date, he is still waiting on a response from 3 people.

#### **Enduro Report:**

J. Copeland reported, he has asked for a summary from Dick Duress in Florida on the enduro events he has attended this year, but other than that he doesn't have much to report at this time.

### **Rules Report:**

D. Kossaras would like to have another meeting to go over a list of items within a week from Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in order to hash out some of the items. President Wlodarsky asked D Kossaras to list his committee so everyone will know who is on it.

The competition committee meeting will be Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Tech and Safety:**

L. Haddock- nothing to report at this time

### **Judging/Shows:**

S. Gerber stated at Whiteland there was 15 entries in 7 classes, show entries were down.

President Wlodarsky thanked S Gerber for all he has done for VKA as he is stepping down from the board.

### **Regional Reports:**

**Midwest-** B. McCornack shared with the board, Delmar Iowa event had 64 entries.

Whiteland had 84 entries and J Copeland ran the whole event and did a wonderful job.

President Wlodarsky brought to the attention to the board that he has noticed, unless there is a VKA board member present the promoters at the events, do not do a very good job of policing VKA members and making sure the participant is a VKA member entered in the race or the kart shows.

After discussion, a **Motion was made:** by B McCornack: to remove the requirements to be a VKA

Member to participate in a showing in 2021.      Seconded by J Swantek

President Wlodarsky called for a vote:                      2 Opposed

Discussion continued among the board on the pros and cons to the motion.

After discussion, call for vote: two Opposed, Motion Passes

**Northeast-** S. Palatucci advised the board that the year just completed in the Northeast region, Sandy Hook entries were down with 17 entries/ 35 grid entries, but it was a great event, nicely, well run.

**South-** B Barthelemy- currently not on the call at this time.

**Regional-** L Figone stated he has nothing to report at this time.

### **News Letter Report:**

R Hill stated he would like the board to support the declaration he sent out for "First International Vintage Go-Kart Day"

**Motion made** by L Haddock : To support the First International Go Kart Day"      Seconded by:

J Copeland      All in Favor      Motion Passes

R Hill stated a decision needs to be made on the membership application. Some of the decisions that need to be: family fees, flat fees, ect.

**Motion made by** B McCornack to leave the fees at \$35 for full member and each additional family member \$25.      Seconded by L Haddock

A long discussion continued among the board on applications, membership fees and different price options for individual and family memberships.

A recommendation was made by President Wlodarsky: 12 month- Full Single Membership: \$35, Family Membership \$50. Three year Memberships: \$95- single and \$135-family. After discussion,  
**Motion made** by S Palatucci for 2021 membership prices: Full Single Membership: \$35, Family Membership \$50. Three year Memberships: \$95- single and \$135-family and digital on the line item for magazine  
Seconded by B McCornack      1 Opposed      Motion Passes

Rolf advised he will get a draft of the application out to everyone for review with the 2021 pricing.

### **New Business:**

**K Ginter-** was reviewing the items for discussion for the Guidelines and a few items he feels can be reviewed and possibly voted on tonight. President Woldarsky asked him to go ahead and make a motion on the items.

**Motion made by** K Ginter: to adopt L Haddocks Spirit and intent as outlined in the three page document sent out to the board.      Seconded by S Palatucci      Motion Passes: Unanimous

The social media policy was discussed and reviewed among the board.

G Wlodarsjy read the policy to the board: Social Media/ Public forums, In some cases differences of opinion may arise regrading VKA Guidelines, Board decisions, event policies or decisions by event officials, communications and discussions of these differences should be handled directly between the parties involved, airing of these differences on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter may result in disciplinary actions or loss of the possibility to participate in VKA events.

**Motion made by** D Kossaras to approve the social media policy as read by G Wlodarsky  
Seconded by B McCornack      Motion passes; Unanimous

**Motion made by** G Wlodarsky to Approve and get added rule 103.9: Drivers are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times drivers are also responsible for the conduct and actions of their pit crew and guest, conduct deemed unacceptable by race officials may result in disqualification and or ejection from the event.      Seconded by: K Ginter      Motion Passes Unanimous

President Wlodarsky read proposed rule 107.8- Kart Equipment- In cases where the legality / compliance of equipment could come into question, it is the responsibility of the competitor to be prepared to show proof of compliance. This can be in the form of printed media or advertisements from publications in circulation during the appropriate time frame. Items that could be borderline or questionable should be cleared with a VKA official before presentation at an event.

**Motion made by** President Wlodarsky to approve Rule as read above      Seconded by D Kossars  
Motion Passes Unanimous

L Haddock posed the question of when the next meeting will be the next meeting in order to get the rules voted on in time for the rules book to be printed in time for 2021 season.  
Competition meeting will be on 10/21/2020, then full Board meeting will be on 10/22/2020 to review rules committee would like changed and vote on rules for 2021.

President Wlodarsky thanked everyone for their time.

President Wlodarsky adjourned the meeting at 10:16 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Frazier

