

WKA Trustee Board Meeting
March 7th & 8th, 2016 10:00 am
WKA Office, Concord NC

The following Trustees and Officers were present:

Officers:

John Ferris	President
Bobby Gettys	Vice President- Four Cycle
Lynn Haddock	Vice President- Two Cycle
Angelo Buffomante	Secretary/Treasurer
Kevin Williams	CIK Liaison

Trustees:

Steve Jacobsen	District 1
John Klutz	District 3
Dave Koehler	District 4
Randall Lyles	District 5
Dave Cole	District 6
George Sieracki	District 7
Mike Tetreault	District 8
Andy Seesemann	District 10

Staff:

Marie Borsuk
Kelly Frazier
Buddy Long

Guests:

Dennis Headley District 8- 4 Cycle Rep

Absent:

Vito DePinto District 2

10:00 am Meeting was called to order by WKA President John Ferris. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for making time for the meeting. He also thanked everyone for a successful first Winter Cup Series. President Ferris then led everyone with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ferris then introduced new office staff member Kelly Frazier and existing staff Jeanne Harrison. This was followed by the introduction of Trustee Dave Cole, District 6. Dave has been in karting for 37 years a racer since the age of 6 in the MI Karting district, Mid-State Enduro Series, and has been with eKartingNew.com for 11 years.

President Ferris then addressed District 9. Trustee seat remains vacant and will remain unfilled according to Article 8 section 3, until the Board of Trustees selects a

replacement.

President Ferris proposed the following officer change. It was proposed Angelo Buffomante remain secretary and approve Mike Tetreault as Treasurer. A motion was made by Jacobsen, second by Sieracki to approve Trustee Tetreault as Treasurer and for Officer Buffomante to remain secretary. In Favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann, D. Cole. Tetreault abstained.

Newly approved Treasurer Tetreault reviewed the Daytona P&L's.

A Dirt Sponsor for the December 2016 event was discussed, along with proposed class payouts.

Unilli Tires contract is fulfilled. WKA will be contacting potential sponsors for the Dirt Track. We are accepting new bids for Tire Sponsors, and making plans to move forward.

Track conditions for the dirt track was also discussed and resolved with Daytona Int'l Speedway.

Vice President Gettys and Trustee Lyles opened a discussion on the Clone Rules. A committee of Getty, Klutz, Lyles and Koehler was formed to re-visit the Clone rules and report back to the Board by June 1st.

Dennis Headley 4 cycle rep from District 8 was welcomed to the meeting.

Trustee Lyles presented a protest for driver Caleb Bacon. Protest stated that he was not told at scales that he was light/ under weight. This protest was thoroughly discussed and paperwork reviewed.

Protest from Brent Crews/ Lanford was reviewed and discussed in length. Motion was made by D. Cole, second by Koehler to deny late protest due to section 110.2. Motion passes 7 to 1. Mike Abstained, In Favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann, D. Cole. Motion passed.

The Board then reviewed the Bacon protest again. Upon review of information presented, the Board ruled that there was an error in communications by WKA officials at scales and Tech. A motion was made by Cole, second by Sieracki to uphold the protest and reinstate the finishing position. Motion passed. In Favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann, D. Cole. Abstained: Tetreault.

Liaison Williams opened a discussion on potential advertising options. WKA will need to reach out to all racing audiences, with a goal of WKA awareness and to attract new members and new tracks. Electronic advertising was discussed in such entities as Hotrod.com and other sites. Mr. Williams suggested a 6 month electronic trial as opposed to a printed magazine.

Motion was made by Seesemann seconded by Koehler to establish a \$5000 budget for this venture until 12/31/2016. In Favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki,

Seesemann, D. Cole, and Tetreault.. Motion passed
Trustee Cole and Mr. Williams have volunteered to create the media page.

Winter Cup update was discussed. It was felt that it was successful considering the limited time we had for advertising. It also brought in income for the months where there had previously been no race events. It also brought more advertising and awareness of the sponsors we partners with.

After lunch the Board reconvened at 1:05.

Mr. Williams presented an update on the ACCUS meeting. WKA' dominate function in karting was discussed. Mr. Williams will keep the Board informed on this item.

National Calendar Listings was the next topic opened for discussion. Pricing, procedure, what do they get, and why is it important to be on the calendar. Mr. Williams will have a proposal at next meeting either electronically or on conference call. CIK guideline will be used.

Trustee Cole made a suggestion that Safety Tech Sheets be available on the website for download. Committee of L. Haddock, D. Koehler, B. Getty and D. Cole- will make a presentation at a future meeting.

List of Mater tracks needs to be updated. Track Membership committee (G. Sieracki, D. Cole, M. Borsuk, D Koehler, and D. Headley) to develop a packet to send out to tracks. Insurance rates were discussed at length and the committee was asked to research information to see where we can cut cost. Need to develop a way to entice people to use our wrist band program.

L. Haddock asked if there was a way to put the Tech Manual on the website as a PDF non-printable version. Selling of Tech Manuals is a revenue source and placing it out on the website is not an option at this time.

J. Klutz presented possible Road Race track venues for 2017. It was discussed in great detail, as to where WKA wants to go in 2017. More races/ less races, Destination tracks and class structure. Road Race committee to consider and get back to the Board with recommendations.

LO206 Road Race header issue was brought to the attention of the board by D. Koehler. Motion was tabled to amend rule 362.7 & .8 page 61. RLV will be contacted to engineer a pipe to eliminate the problems with the existing 2 pipes now being used. Refer back to RLV. Trustee Klutz to take measurements at Roebing and report back for future discussion.

M. Tetreault started discussion of Winter Cup 2017 Schedule. Discussion included,

what tracks do we want to go to: Daytona, Orlando, Ocala, Mooresville, NOLA, Jacksonville were a few of the tracks discussed. Dates of February 3-5, March 3-5 and March 31 – April 2 were discussed. Senior Local Option classes were also discussed.

CIK bodywork was discussed for LO206 Jr. and Sr. for Winter Cup series for 2017. Motion made by S. Jacobsen, second by Sieracki to run CIK bodywork for LO206 for 2017 Winter Cup with Man Cup chassis/ body specs.

In Favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann. Opposed: Koehler, Cole, Tetreault. Motion passed

5 Race series discussed for 2017 Gold Cup, Possible locations Jacksonville, Kershaw, New Jersey, New Castle, Summit Point (Washington Circuit), Camden, Concept, and Adkins were put on the table.

Trustee Koehler suggested to create a questionnaire to go out to Gold Cup racers to see their preference on series format. Trustee Cole made a motioned, second by Jacobsen for the questionnaire to be created and passed out at the Jacksonville event.

In Favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann, D. Cole, and Tetreault.

Motion passed.

Man Cup tracks and dates discussed for 2017 Series. Daytona, Pittsburg, Badger, New Castle, NOLA and Go Pro.

Manufacturers Cup tires were discussed for 2017. A motion was made by Jacobsen, seconded by Sieracki to change tire for Yamaha Jr. from 600's to a 710 rear tire.

Motion passed: All in favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann, D. Cole, and Tetreault.

Discussion was opened by Vice President Getty to change 263.11 Masters Senior Age and Weight, Age 35-39 will run at 405lbs. Age 40 and up will run at 390lbs.

Motion was made by M. Tetreault, second by Koehler to change 263.11 Masters Senior Age and Weight as recommended. In favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann, D. Cole, and Tetreault. Motion passed

Board resumed meeting at 8:40 on Tuesday, March 8th.

The Board reopened the District 9 vacancy for discussion. After a in-depth discussion, a motion was made by Lyles, second by Koehler to nominate Angelo Buffomante as Trustee for District 9. In favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann, D. Cole, and Tetreault. Motion passed

Track incentive programs were discussed. Various discounts could be created in order to entice tracks to promote new WKA memberships and receive an incentive for each

new member they sign up. Suggestion to go to the Track Benefits Committee.

Trustee/Treasurer Tetreault brought up the possibility of doing a new type of membership card and doing away with the old laminated card. A new machine will be ordered membership cards to be printed by Jeanne.

Trustee/Treasurer Tetreault reopened the discussion on full CIK bodywork. Item was tabled for further information and will be reopened at a later date.

Treasurer Tetreault presented P & L comparison from 2015 to 2016. It was thoroughly reviewed and discussed with questions asked and answered.

Re origination of Competition Committee was discussed. M. Tetreault asked for the board to approve 2 & 4 Cycle VP to appoint committee members. Motion was made by M. Tetreault second by Koehler to allow Committees to be formed with the above rules pending board approval of committee selections. Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann, D. Cole, and Tetreault. Motion passed

A Motion was made by Trustee Koehler, seconded by Trustee Cole to allow the Master weights to be released prior to minutes approval.
In favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann, D. Cole, and Tetreault.
Motion passed

Trustee Koehler asked to be allowed to work with Buddy Long on the 2017 Gold Cup schedule.

S. Jacobsen asked about lifetime memberships. What constitutes a direct detriment to WKA, how often are lifetime membership list reviewed for accuracy. Lifetime membership criteria to be reviewed. Trustee Sieracki suggested that a thank you for serving letter be sent. Also brought up was sending a letter with a request to redo a membership application, and signed Agreement of Release. This would insure that we have the right address for everyone and eliminate the cost of sending Tech Manuals and other printed items only to have them returned for additional cost.

Sales Force database was next on the agenda. This computer program to be a more efficient program. More training is to be scheduled in the future with office staff. Bar coding will be available merging of all office features and track needs. On track, numbered engine seals, tire seals can be merged to mobile devices.

Looking into possible Motorsports Registration for online entries. Customers at Mooresville seemed to like the ability to pay with credit card at the track. Will continue that option and looking into getting better credit card terminals to take to the tracks.

Request was made to the Executive committee by Trustee Jacobsen to look into the

pay for event workers, to make sure we are in line. John to look into pay level for race officials as well.

Trustee Jacobsen asked to review mileage pay for travel which is currently at 35¢ per mile, and to increase it to match government reimbursement which is 54¢ per mile. President Ferris indicated that that has been reviewed before and they decided to keep the mileage reimbursement at the current per mile rate. He also offered the suggestion that everyone can deduct the difference off personal taxes and get the tax deduction.

Grand National and Divisional/Regional Bonus Points for Mfg Cup, Gold Cup, and Road Race series was re opened from the August 2015 meeting. A clarification was made regarding the elimination of Grand National bonus points in all series. The bonus would be 50 points for attending all the races in the series. This would eliminate all Divisional/Regional Bonus Points. The 5 bonus point for fast time qualifying would still be used. A motion was made by Seesemann, second by Tetreault to include the wording of No Regional and Divisional transfer points. In favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann, D. Cole, and Tetreault. Motion passed. During this discussion it was also noted that WKA need to come up with a program to entice people to compete at their local tracks.

Next board meeting to be put on the National Calendar: Monday July 18, 2017 which would be after the Mfg Cup, New Castle event. Location to be determined by availability of a meeting room at the hotel. The membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 26-27 after the second New Castle Mfg. Cup event.

Next conference call is scheduled for 4/12/16. Deadline to submit agenda items are 1st of the month. Agenda and items for review to go out 1 week prior to call to allow trustees time to review prior to conference call.

L. Haddock brought to the Boards attention the minimum blow down rule for Yamaha. .380 min. Needs to be added to figure 601.9- Ports and figure 606.2 in the tech manual. To be implemented on April 4th Man Cup race.

Rule 618.6 also needs to be clarified and updated, as to how long a motor should be able to hold pressure.

Motion was made S. Jacobsen and seconded by G. Sieracki to accept L. Haddocks proposal to accept seals and blown down specs. Rule update is tentative and per review electronically of actual values. Once reviewed a Tech update will be released.

Other items:

The following will be enforced:

Rule 211.10- Running Engines while kart is on a stand.

Dogs on leashes while in pit area.

Transponder needs to be on kart for at least the last two practice sessions.

A tab for sponsors needs to be added to the website, so if you click on a sponsor it will take you to their page, but our page remains in the background until their page is closed out, and ours remains open and visible. Trustee Cole to research.

A motion was made by Sieracki, second by Jacobsen to adjourn. In favor: Jacobson, Klutz, Koehler, Lyles, Sieracki, Seesemann, D. Cole, and Tetreault.

Respectfully submitted
Angelo Buffomante
Marie Borsuk
Kelly Frazier