

WKA Conference Call Board Meeting  
8:00pm EST July 28, 2015

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
Jerry Cole	District 6
George Sieracki	District 7
Mike Tetreault	District 8
Lee Camarra	District 9
Andy Seesemann	District 10

Staff:

Buddy Long	
Marie Borsuk	
Dennis Headley	District 8 -4 Cycle Rep

Absent:

Vito DePinto	District 2
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At 8:05 President Ferris had roll call, and opened the meeting at 8:07.

Secretary Treasurer Buffomante requested to be placed first on the agenda as he was involved in a court case. Mr. Buffomante stated that there are individuals out there that are calling our customers and telling them that WKA is going bankrupt and they should switch to their product. If these customers would contact Mr. Buffomante and state that they were told this, WKA will seek legal action. Mr. Buffomante stated that contrary to rumors that are being spread, he assured the Board that WKA is extremely healthy financially. This includes substantial money in the bank, extremely low payables and high receivables. Trustee Cole requested that financial info be distributed to all the trustees. Treasurer Buffomante assured the Board there would be financials for the Board to review at the in-person meeting to be held August 31-September 1<sup>st</sup> after the Manufacturers Cup

event at Pittsburgh Int'l Speedway. He also stated that if trustee would like to view the finances before the August meeting, they could do so by going to the WKA office with a 72 hour notice to the office. Treasurer Buffomante invited the Board to review and to ask any questions on the P & L's that were sent out on the Kershaw and Dousman events which both showed a profit. Trustee Cole questioned a few items and was given a response. Trustee Cole further requested that WKA finance figures he requested be given out verbally. Trustee Seesemann stated that he was not comfortable giving out this info on an unsecured telephone call. President Ferris asked the Board to vote on giving info out over the phone or wait until the August meeting. Koehler, Seesemann, Randall, Jacobsen, Klutz, Tetreault voted to hold off until the August meeting. Trustees Camarra and Cole voted to be informed at this meeting.

With no other questions, the Board moved on to the next item. Trustee Cole stated that there were not enough Tech Officials at the Gold Cup events. Mr. Long stated that this was already being taken care of with a third tech person at the Barnesville event and for the 2016 racing season.

Vice President Gettys was asked to give the Animal updates. Mr. Gettys stated that the 4 Cycle committee was meeting and he would rather present the recommendations at the August meeting for the Tech Manual.

The next item on the agenda was the Database upgrade. Marie requested that the Board approve the go ahead with updating the current 4D program that is still being used. The anticipated cost is around \$8500 for the updates. Also was stated that the Sales Force program is not workable for WKA. It cannot print out Competition licenses, and is extremely labor intense. It takes 2, 3 and sometimes 4 times as long to accomplish the same results with the new program as with the old 4D program. Also, the office is in dire need of new computers. Some of them are 12 to 15 years old. Marie was instructed to find out what hardware this would require so we can seek bids from a couple computer stores. We have approximate \$5500 in American Express dollars that can be used towards new equipment. The annual fee of Sales Forces was questioned. After the initial cost the yearly fee to stay connected is \$2520 which is due in late August. They have been notified not to charge the \$2520 again this year. Mr. Williams who is acquainted with some of their executives will work with Marie in making sure that this does not occur.

Trustee Sieracki presented the Board with letters from competitors stating their feelings about the WKA Mfg Cup event held at the Briggs & Stratton Raceway. The letters were very complimentary and they were looking forward to the next event.

Trustee Sieracki then addressed the letter from Mr. Jack Miller, a competitor's father. His letter stated that he was never notified of his son's penalty after the race he participated in, and that he found out on the way home. The Board questioned if the results were posted,

and if the driver was notified of the penalty. The results were posted with the posting time at the track's posting site. The driver was notified by Tech of the penalty. After a discussion a motion was made by Jacobsen, second by Cole that the proper procedures were followed, the driver will remain in the same finishing position, and that no further action is required. In Favor: Seesemann, Camarra, Cole, Jacobsen, Klutz, Tetreault, Koehler, Lyles. Abstained: Sieracki Motion passed.

The Board then addressed the race report from Race Director Kevin Williams concerning the actions of Mr. Miller. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided that his actions were not acceptable.

A motion was made by Trustee Cole, Second by Trustee Koehler to place Mr. Miller on 1 year probation starting at the date of infraction.

Trustee Jacobsen stated that he thought 6 months was sufficient

Since there was a motion on the table the vote proceeded. In favor:

Seesemann, Camarra, Cole, Klutz, Tetreault, Koehler, Lyles, and Sieracki. Against: Jacobsen.

VP Haddock reported on the Mfg Cup 2 Cycle committee meeting and that some sponsor were also in attendance. At the August meeting the committee will present the class structure, weights, scheduling, and format for 2016 racing season. He assured the Board that competitions and sponsors were asked for the opinions on what they think is right and wrong with the series. He received a lot of feedback and is confident there is a good working committee and that one or two more members may be added.

Vice President Haddock updated the Board on the Status of the Russell Karting piston from the March meeting. He stated that all the documents has been received and that it will be added to the 2016 Tech Manual to be legal.

VP Haddock that addressed the Board on the problems that Tech is having policing the oil additive in tech. The range on the fuel test is too wide. He is asking the Board to be able to go out and seek bids for having one or maybe two sponsors to write a check to be the sole spec oil for the Mfg. Cup series. This would streamline the procedure and thus do a better job on the tech side. He hopes to have an answer by the Pittsburgh meeting.

VP Gettys stated that the Gold Cup committee is meeting and that he will report their Tech update requests at the Pittsburgh meeting.

Dale Coffey and the Road Race committee is working diligently on reducing the number of classes in that series and will also have a report for the August meeting.

President Ferris report on the ACCUS meeting that was attended by himself and Mr. Williams. It was rumored that another karting organization was seeking a seat on that

Board. Mr. Williams made a presentation as our CIK liaison to the ACCUS Board. President Crow stated that WKA is doing a great job. His assistant Ms. Jones stated that she and Kevin have a very good working relationship. President Crow asked the Board if they thought another karting entity should have a seat. It was unanimous that WKA was the only one needed.

President Ferris and Mr. Williams also met with the President of SCCA. They are as concerned as we are with the soaring cost of track rentals for the events as we are with the Road Race events.

They have opened discussion with the possibility of putting on an event together and sharing the costs. Reports will be presented to the Board as this dialogue continues.

Mr. Williams gave a quick update on Formula 4 that is now being used in England, Italy, and possibly Germany. It is an entry level race car series that would be the next stepping stone for the karter interested in progressing to the next level. It is a smaller package like the Formulas 2000, but with an elevated chassis and it is a little slower. More info will be distributed as it becomes available.

Trustee Seesemann inquired about the Deputy position on the ACCUS Board. He volunteered for the position and would like to know where the status. President Ferris relayed that this was covered in the annual ACCUS meeting in Orlando in the spring. President Ferris apologized and stated that at that meeting he was told that the position was normally held by a Vice President. President Ferris gave Mr. Haddocks name as Vice President for the position.

President Ferris announced the tentative schedule for the Mfg Cup 2016 season.

December 27-30, 2015 at Daytona

April 1-3, 2016 at Go Pro Mooresville

July 15-17, 2016 at New Castle

August 19-21, 2016 at Pittsburgh

September, 2016 TBA at New Castle.

WKA will also launch the Winter Cup with the full support of IAME, Bridgestone. It will start at the Daytona event and proceed to Jacksonville in February and Go Pro in March. The class structure will be similar to Mfg Cup with some of the classes we will include the LO 206 Junior and Senior. More information to follow.

The Pittsburg meeting start time is set at 12:00 on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and will continue til approximately 3:00 on Tuesday.

President Ferris open the floor for any discussions. Trustee Koehler stated that the Gold Cup Competition Committee only has one 4-cycle rep at events and should have members

who actually follow the series. Bobby Gettys will be in contact with Trustees Cole and Koehler to discuss this further.

VIR DQ handling was discussed. The protester requested that the items come back to the office for review by Bobby Gettys and Johnny Bartlett and give a ruling. The request was followed.

A motion by Trustee Koehler, Second by Trustee Sieracki to adjourn at 11:35 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Angelo Buffomante, Secretary

Marie Borsuk, office