

WKA Trustee Board Meeting
June 5, 2019
Conference Call

The following Trustees and Officers were present:

Officers:

Kevin Williams	President
Mike Tetrault	Chairman of the Board/District 8
Steve Jacobsen	Secretary

Trustees:

Chris Kardashian	District 1
Robby Harper	District 2
Chuck Gafrarar	District 3
Randall Lyles	District 5
Pat Slattery	District 6
George Sieracki	District 7

Apologies for their absence:

Bobby Gettys	Vice President
Matt Bryant	District 4
Angelo Buffamante	Treasurer/District 9
Roger Hatcher	District 10

President Williams called the meeting to order at 8:02pm EST.

President Williams started with the Agenda, first being the suspended results of Final 1 of the Micro Swift Category from the Road America Manufacturers Cup, May 18, 2019, as a result of a technical DQ, that was later reversed during the event. The Board reviewed statements from the competitor, and the Officials, as well as TM 625.11 and the TM Appeals Procedures. Motion by C.Kardashian to uphold the Technical Disqualification. Second by M.Tetrault

Vote: C. Kardashian: yes, R. Harper: yes, C.Gafrarar: yes, R. Lyles: yes, P. Slattery: yes, G.Sieracki: yes, M.Tetrault: yes Motion passes

From the Agenda, the Trustees reviewed a proposed change to the Code of Regulations, presented by George Brady, the original author of the code, Article VI – Trustees, Section II. President Williams expressed his concern that The Code clearly states the requirements to become a Trustee, but provides little or no guidance to remain a Trustee or requirements to become a returning Trustee, (or Executive Committee Member), after previously serving as Trustee. President Williams continued that the proposed changes, if approved by the Trustees, would be presented at the Annual WKA Membership meeting for vote, along with previously approved Code of Regulations change to Article VII, Section III, reducing the required Face-to-Face Trustee Meetings from three per year, to one. Motion by M.Tetrault to approve the Code of Regulations Changes as written for vote by the WKA Membership at the Annual WKA Membership Meeting. Second by R.Harper.

Vote: C.Kardashian: no, R.Harper: yes, C.Gafrarar: yes, R.Lyles: yes, P.Slattery: yes, G.Sieracki: yes, M.Tetrault: yes. Motion passes

President Williams updated the Board on the current state of Karting Insurance. Due to recent changes in the industry, the competitive environment, along with changes in representation, WKA has focused more on the insurance program to ensure its tracks, events, and members are properly serviced. Standard Loss statistics for WKA and the industry were reviewed, which President Williams ensured the Trustees that Management was monitoring the changes in the marketplace.

President Williams asked the Trustees to review the weight minimum for the Cadet Briggs 206 Class in the Bridgestone Manufacturers Cup. Reflecting back to the July Rules Meeting last year, President Williams reminded the Board that the class was introduced, but was still young, and minimum weights would need to be evaluated throughout the year. In those past 11-months, a survey of the class offered by many organizations both in the USA and Canada indicated that the WKA weights were very high for the class. WKA 265-lbs, GoPro Challenge 250-lbs, KRA/Newcastle 250-lbs, ASN Canada 235-lbs. President Williams asked the Board to approve an industry standard weight of 250-lbs, effective immediately. Motion by R.Harper to change the minimum weight for Cadet Briggs 206 Class in the Manufacturers Cup to 250-lbs. Second by C.Gafrarar
Vote: C.Kardashian: yes, R.Harper: yes, C.Gafrarar: yes, R.Lyles: yes, P.Slattery: yes, G.Sieracki: yes, M.Tetrault: yes Motion passes

President Williams stated that Clubs, Tracks, and Retailers asked to further allow more homologations of the Snell K Karting Helmet. Currently, only the Snell rated K-2015 is approved in WKA Karting, however tracks and clubs are seeing previous homologation periods that follow the 10-year Snell regulation that the WKA Tech Manual has for all rated helmets. President Williams stated he polled some karting retailers as well as Snell, who stated that Snell K-rated helmets are still in circulation. President Williams asked the Trustees to expand the homologation dates to include Snell K12010, and 2009, (provided the Snell 2009 manufacturer date was within the 11-year window).
Motion by G.Sieracki, Second by C.Gafrarar to open the legality of the homologation of the Snell K-rated helmets back to 2009, provided the helmet manufacture date is within the last two homologation period years.
Vote: C.Kardashian: yes, R.Harper: yes, C.Gafrarar: yes, R.Lyles: yes, P.Slattery: yes, G.Sieracki: yes, M.Tetrault: yes Motion passes

President Williams reminded the Trustees that the WKA General Membership Meeting will be held, Monday, June 24, at 9am at the WKA Office, and reviewed the procedural plans for the meeting, ensuring the Members had adequate opportunity to contribute. Referring to the April Trustee Meeting Minutes, the Trustees discussed the options for the meeting date/time. The Trustees decided to keep the scheduled meeting as is, Monday, June 24, 9am EST.

Upon completion of the Agenda, Trustee R.Harper asked the Board to consider the attendance history of Trustees, namely Trustee M.Bryant. Trustee Harper continued that Trustees are expected to participate in the meetings, votes and decisions of the meetings, and that Trustee M.Bryant has been absent, nor has sent a representative in his place, during the 2019 Calendar Year. After some discussion regarding Trustee Requirements, it was determined that regardless of the reason for Trustee Bryant's absence, it was important that the WKA Members of District 4 were represented on the Board by their Trustee, or that Trustee's Representatives. Trustee Harper also stated he was aware of other WKA Members of District 4, that are members in good standing, and some that have been contributing Trustees in that district in the past, that would gladly help the organization with presence for the district.

Motion by R.Harper to remove M.Bryant as Trustee of District 4, replacing him with past Trustee Bobby Moore, effective immediately. Second by M.Tetrault.

Vote: C.Kardashian: no, R.Harper: yes, C.Gafrarar: yes, R.Lyles: yes, P.Slattery: yes, G.Sieracki: yes, M.Tetrault: yes

With no other subjects being presented, G.Sieracki motioned to adjourn the meeting, Second by M.Tetrault. Vote: Unanimous.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

General Membership Meeting: Monday, June 24, 2019 – WKA Office

Trustee Meeting, Face-to-Face Rules & Planning Meeting, June 24-25, WKA Office

Respectfully submitted by:

Kevin Williams