

**WKA Board of Trustees
Conference Call Minutes
January 6, 2010**

The WKA Board of Trustees met by conference call at 8:00 EST PM, January 6, 2010.

Those in attendance were:

Officers: Rick Dresang – President
Dan Stowell – Vice President 2-cycle and District 9

Trustee
Angelo Buffomante - Secretary
Missy Nelson Tate – Treasurer

Trustees:
Robby Harper – District 2 Trustee
Bobby Gettys – District 3 Trustee
Bobby Moore – District 4 Trustee
Bill Kassy – District 5 Trustee
Jerry Cole – District 6 Trustee
Tony Granta – District 7 Trustee
John Ferris – District 8 Trustee
Kevin Williams – District 10 Trustee

Staff:
Van Gilder – Executive Director

Absent:
Johnny Bartlett – Vice President 4-cycle

President Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM. He suggested that the Trustees plan to adjourn no later than 10:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Stowell reported that the minutes of the November 14 and 15 meeting had been sent to the trustees in mid-December. A revised draft of the minutes, including Trustee Cole's correction, was sent to the trustees and officers on Monday, January 8. That draft also included minutes of the November 6 Special Board Meeting. Trustee Moore moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Trustee Kassy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Code of Regulations Proposals

Trustee Stowell reported that Ron Byrd, WKA's CPA, has tabulated the Code of Regulations ballots. All proposals were rejected.

Open Trustee Position in District 1

Stowell pointed out that one of the proposed changes to the Code of Regulations would have allowed the trustees to recombine Districts 1 and 10. Since the proposal was rejected, he pointed out the need to fill the open trustee position in District 1. He then nominated Steve Jacobsen to fill the open position. Trustee Kassy noted that Dale Coffee had also expressed an interest in filling the open position, and he nominated Coffee. The trustees voted unanimously to appoint Jacobsen to fill the remaining two years in the District 1 trustee term. Stowell then contacted Mr. Jacobsen and invited him to join the conference call. Newly elected Trustee Jacobsen joined the call at 8:30 PM, and the trustees and officers congratulated him and welcomed him to the board.

Disciplinary Action

Daytona Road Race Director Brandon Taylor has recommended that WKA Member Matt Michele be placed on probation for one year for failure to obey a black flag at the NRRS event at Daytona. Trustee Stowell moved to approve the penalty. Trustee Moore seconded the motion. The trustees approved the motion unanimously. Stowell will write a letter to Michele informing him of the action.

Daytona Report

Executive Director Van Gilder reported on the WKA KartWeek event at Daytona International Speedway. He first described a meeting between DIS management and WKA race officials held at 6:15 PM, Monday, December 28. The meeting was very cordial with the DIS management expressing appreciation for the way the event was being handled and how well WKA worked with the DIS staff. Having now resolved the Road Race event staffing and payroll cost issues, DIS has already committed to future events and suggested that WKA and DIS officials meet in March to begin planning for 2010 KartWeek.

Gilder then reported that there were 615 entries in Road Race, 598 in Manufacturer's Cup and 298 in Dirt. The combined entry count of 1511

met the projection for the event, and the event will show a net profit for WKA and DIS. Competitors running at Daytona's Dirt track were very satisfied with the new course and are already looking forward to the next event there. Plans are underway to make the 2010 event bigger and more inclusive.

Speed Vision broadcast one day at the Manufacturer's Cup event and one day at the Dirt event. They have already presented a proposal to do additional WKA events in 2010. Reporters from *Car and Driver*, *Road and Track*, *Auto Week* and several newspapers were on hand to cover the event, and a very positive article has already appeared in *Auto Week*. Local TV was also on hand the first day of the event. The press coverage resulted in a major increase in pit pass sales to spectators. Competitors at the Manufacturer's Cup event were treated to the opportunity to race against two NASCAR regulars, Jamie McMurray and A. J. Allmendinger and Dan Wheldon, 2005 IndyCar series champion and Indianapolis 500 winner.

President Dresang added to the report on the Daytona. On a positive note, we are seeing new faces taking more responsibility for the event's success including as Brandon Taylor as Road Race Director and Jayson Brown at the Dirt Series Race Director. With three events to cover, WKA Director of Operations, Buddy Long had greater responsibility. WKA's newest full time employee, Keith Shampine, was picking up more of the work as well. It is interesting to note that all members of the WKA office team and all WKA trustees were present at the KartWeek events.

Dresang also addressed a downside. He expressed his concern for what he described as "politics" going on at the Road Race event. Although not visible to the members, there were issues regarding how the Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) for event officials and workers was handled. He reminded the trustees that the requirement for all workers to sign the NDA was approved unanimously by the board. However, many of the workers were informed of the requirement at or shortly before the event. And, in what amounted to a "job action" threatened to walk off the job if they had to sign the agreement even though many of them had not seen the agreement or been told why it was being required.

Dresang went on to explain that there appear to be people who want to continue to do business the old way and to not uphold the direction of the Board of Trustees. He explained that Executive Director Gilder had to take time with each of the key workers to explain the agreement and why WKA felt it was needed. In one case Gilder and Dresang took 90 minute of valuable time with just one of the workers. The bottom line is that anyone who is not willing to sign the agreement will not be working future WKA events. It was the consensus of the Board that the trustees still strongly support the requirement for workers to sign the NDA.

Executive Director Gilder then described the NDA situation in greater detail. Several workers assembled as a group about 20 minutes before practice was to start and informed him that, if signing the agreement was a requirement, they would refuse to work. Rather than stop the whole event, Gilder allowed them to work. Then he met with all of the workers in sensitive positions and described the reason for the NDA and why they were being asked to sign. By the end of the event most of them had signed the agreement. Those who refused to sign will not be hired for future events.

Financial Report

WKA Treasurer Missy Nelson Tate provided a brief update on WKA's financial performance for the 2009 fiscal year. Preliminary figures show that, although gross income is down by about \$100,000, WKA should still show a small net profit. Net race income was about double 2008, but membership dues and sponsorships were down. Expenses in awards, banquets, and magazine have been reduced to offset the decrease in revenue. Although it continues to be a tough economic environment, WKA has been in the black at the close of the fiscal year for the past two years.

Employee Handbook

The trustees were asked if they had any additions, corrections or suggestions for the new Employee Handbook. Stowell suggested that we need to include a "gift" policy in the Handbook as well as in the Trustee Responsibilities and Guidelines document. The trustees also agreed to include a provision that employees may not a direct relative of a member of the Board of Trustees or a WKA officer. Tate will send an electronic copy of the Handbook to Stowell who will finish formatting and creating a second version for World Karting, Inc.

Kid Kart

Trustee Stowell reported on the events in the Manufacturer's Cup Kid

Kart class. The problem is that without any consequences, some of the parents refused to comply with even the most obvious rules such as those regarding weight, air cleaners, taped side covers, legal fuel, and proper gear ratios. He presented several proposals. After an extensive discussion of the issues, the trustees agreed that the situation needs to be resolved, as the class currently takes far too much race official and tech inspector resource to manage it. The issue was referred to the Manufacturer's Cup Committee for further review and a proposal.

Gold Cup Proposals

Trustee Cole presented the results of a Gold Cup Committee conference call held on December 21. The committee proposed dropping the current Super Stock classes and replacing them with Animal Modified Classes. Modified Engine rules are already in the 2010 Tech Manual, and the class will follow the same weights as the Super Stock Class. The committee also proposed including International Classes to the series. Cole moved to accept the committee's proposals. Stowell seconded the motion. The trustees approved the proposal unanimously.

Road Race Controlled Stock Classes

Trustee Stowell moved to post approve the changes made to the Road Race Controlled Stock Classes. This entailed accepting the classes as published in the 2010 Tech Manual and adding back the 2009 Controlled Stock class. Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

SSX Muffler Proposal

Trustee Kassy reported that some can class competitors were adding a shield adjacent to the RLV SSX muffler. Although the purpose was allegedly to act as a heat shield and deflect the exhaust, flow bench testing revealed that the shields improved exhaust flow and therefore could potentially improve performance. Kassy moved to establish a standard that such shields must be a minimum of 3" away from the can. Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

On-line Magazine

Executive Director Gilder reported that the first on-line version of *Karting Scene* magazine was on schedule to be available on January 20.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Buffomante
Stowell

**WKA Board of Trustees Meeting
WKA Headquarters, Concord, NC
Friday, March 19, 2010**

The WKA Board of Trustees met at the WKA Headquarters on Friday, March 19, 2010.

Those in attendance were:

Officers: Rick Dresang – President
Dan Stowell – Vice President 2-cycle
Missy Nelson Tate – Treasurer

Trustees: Steve Jacobsen -- District 1 Trustee
Robby Harper – District 2 Trustee
Bobby Gettys – District 3 Trustee
Bobby Moore – District 4 Trustee
Bill Kassy – District 5 Trustee
Steve Rumsey -- District 6 Trustee
Tony Granata -- District 7 Trustee
John Ferris – District 8 Trustee
Don Guilbeault – District 9 Trustee
Kevin Williams -- District 10 Trustee

Office: Van Gilder – Executive Director
Buddy Long – Director of Operations

Guests: Jerry Cole, Past Trustee
John Klutz
Andy Kerr
Jim McMurray

Absent: Angelo Buffomante - Secretary

WKA President Rick Dresang called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. He led the board members, officers, staff and directors in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and asked Trustee Gettys to give the invocation.

Let it be recorded that the trustees approved the minutes of the January 6, 2010 conference call by E-mail.

Dresang reported that WKA Secretary and Attorney, Angelo Buffomante, was unable to attend the meeting due to a schedule conflict, but he would be available by speaker phone if needed. He then welcomed the new trustees and guests to the meeting. He reported that past District 6 Trustee, Jerry Cole, was also attending the meeting to help ensure 4-cycle representation and report on the March 12th to 14th Gold Cup event at Kershaw, South Carolina. He asked that the trustees focus on the issues during the meeting. Dresang then reviewed WKA's progress under the new administration over the past 27 months.

New Product Presentation

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Andy Kerr regarding X-Factor Tire Prep. According to Kerr, this tire treatment is available in three levels of strength and has the benefit of being biodegradable, VOC compliant, and non-flammable. He reported that the product is a food grade product, and his handout materials included an MSD sheet. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Kerr left the meeting.

New Trustee Introductions

Dresang then asked new Trustees Jacobsen, Rumsey and Guilbeault to introduce themselves to the board, and asked the board members, officers and staff to introduce themselves. He then closed the meeting and asked the guests to leave. They were advised that the meeting would be reopened to guests the next morning at 9:00 AM. The trustees and officers then moved on to protests and personnel issues.

Personnel Actions

The Board first took up the one year suspension of lifetime member, Tony Barton. On March 9 President Dresang suspended Mr. Barton for his actions at the January, 2010 KartFest event. Mr. Barton had been advised of his suspension by mail. He was given the opportunity to attend the trustee meeting to defend his actions and ask that the suspension be lifted. He refused the opportunity. Trustee Harper moved to confirm the suspension, and Trustee Granata seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The suspension began the date of his notice, March 9, and resulted in Mr. Barton's loss of membership privileges for one year. These privileges include attendance and participation in any WKA event. To have his membership privileges reinstated after the end of the year, he must appear before the board and make that request.

A friend of WKA Member Chris Daley notified the his trustee that Daley wished to be included on the agenda to appeal his disqualification for use of illegal fuel at the October 9 to 11 Pavement Series National at Riverhead, New York. The friend asked that Mr. Daley be allowed to present his case by speaker phone. His friend was advised that Mr. Daley could present his case by phone, but he needed to provide a letter to the board for the trustees' review prior to the meeting. Neither Daley nor his friend provided a letter or contacted WKA to schedule his participation in the meeting. Therefore, Mr. Daley's one year suspension stands.

Executive Director Gilder then reviewed a complaint letter from WKA Member Dick Charest asking WKA to continue to provide the printed copy of the WKA Karting Scene magazine. Gilder will respond to Charest in writing. The letter led to a discussion of the status of the on-line magazine. The first issue was sent to the service provider to be published. Gilder explained that the issue is late because the first vendor selected for the project was unable to provide the service required by WKA. He stated that the online magazine will be published on a three week schedule and will be current by August 15. He also indicated that 12 issues of the online magazine, the champions' edition and the Tech manual will be available for a subscription fee of \$27.95.

Personnel Committee member Bill Kassy then opened a discussion of the committee's concerns expressed in a January 14 letter to Trustee Harper regarding his actions as promoter at the Road Atlanta Road Race and staffing coordinator at the Daytona International Road Race as well as his commitment to produce a tether rule for the National Road Racing Series. The letter invited Trustee Harper to discuss the issues stated in the letter either with the personnel committee or the full Board of Trustees. Harper denied all of the charges stated in the letter but chose not to respond to the invitation based on advice of counsel.

At this point, Personnel Committee members Dan Stowell, Bill Kassy and Kevin Williams left the meeting for a private, 15 minute meeting with Trustee Harper.

After they returned, President Dresang invited District 10 Trustee, Kevin Williams, to review the progress of Championship Karting International (CKI) and to present a proposal to the WKA Trustees on a joint marketing program. Williams reported that CKI was formed less than a year ago and has conducted four races in its 2009 season, a race at the PRI show in December, and a three race series in Florida this winter. All of the events were conducted using the WKA Pit Pass Program, and WKA membership was required of all competitors. Williams then reviewed CKI's ownership structure and how he fits into the organization. He then discussed how CKI was planning to put revenues back into karting by providing sponsorships to drivers at the local and regional levels. He also covered CKI's "The Race Lives Near You" program that will help new karters locate tracks and shops near their homes.

CKI is also bringing international karting to the US through World Series Karting (WSK). This three race series will begin with an event in Portugal. The second event in the series will be held at the New Jersey Motorsports Park, and the last event in Egypt. WKA will handle the licensing required for the event.

Williams then reviewed CKI's proposed joint marketing program between CKI and WKA. CKI proposes to promote local tracks and divisional series. A marketing person would be charged with contacting local tracks and introduce them to companies that provide scoring and timing systems, signage, and other karting products. He would also promote the WKA Master Track and Pit Pass Programs.

The next topic was an open discussion on the International Licensing provided by WKA, how this relates to WKA's ACCUS membership, and how is an additional revenue source to WKA.

President Dresang adjourned the meeting at 12:00 AM and reminded everyone that the meeting would open again at 9:00 AM on Saturday.

**WKA Board of Trustees Meeting
WKA Headquarters, Concord, NC
Saturday, March 20, 2010**

The WKA Board of Trustees reconvened their meeting at the WKA Headquarters on Saturday, March 20, 2010.

Those in attendance were:

Officers: Rick Dresang – President
Dan Stowell – Vice President 2-cycle
Johnny Bartlett – Vice President 4-cycle
Missy Nelson Tate – Treasurer

Trustees: Steve Jacobsen -- District 1 Trustee
Robby Harper – District 2 Trustee
Bobby Gettys – District 3 Trustee
Bobby Moore – District 4 Trustee
Bill Kassy – District 5 Trustee
Steve Rumsey -- District 6 Trustee
Tony Granata -- District 7 Trustee
John Ferris – District 8 Trustee
Don Guilbeault – District 9 Trustee
Kevin Williams -- District 10 Trustee

Office: Van Gilder – Executive Director
Sissy Mendenhall -- Director of Finance and Human Resources
Buddy Long – Director of Operations
Keith Shampine -- Member Services

Guests: Jerry Cole, Past Trustee
Michael L. Davis, Sr. - Michael L. Davis Insurance Agency, LLC
Cody Bartlett
Brian Davies

Absent: Angelo Buffomante -- Secretary

President Dresang reopened the meeting at 9:00 AM. The meeting was opened again to guests.

Guest Speaker -- Insurance

Dresang introduced a guest speaker, Michael Davis. Davis was asked to attend the meeting to present the variety of insurance offerings used by WKA and available to WKA Master Tracks, Regional and Divisional Series, and WKA members. Vice President Stowell noted that Davis's presentation was part of the training for new trustees and will be the foundation of the Insurance module in the Race Officials Training and Certification program.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Davis departed the meeting, and President Dresang declared the meeting closed to guests.

Trustee Election Protest

WKA Member Brian Davies, candidate for the District 3 Trustee position, notified the WKA office that he wished to protest the results of the recent election. He was defeated in the election by Trustee Gettys who was running for his third term as WKA Trustee. Mr. Davies' contention was that Mr. Gettys was an ineligible candidate because he was an employee of the WKA. As evidence, he presented WKA internal correspondence, web posts and quotations from the IRS Guidelines in support of his claim. His position was that Gettys' job as trustee and his job as a WKA tech inspector placed him with a conflict of interest. The trustees questioned Mr. Davies extensively regarding his contention. At the conclusion of Mr. Davies' presentation and the questioning period, Mr. Davies was told that he would be advised by mail regarding the decision of the Board of Trustees.

After Mr. Davies departed the meeting, the trustees entered into an extensive discussion of the concept of conflict of interest and the definition of the word "employee" in the WKA Code of Regulations.

After the discussion of conflict of interest the trustees entered into an informal discussion of the importance of including member feedback in the Board's decision process. Vice-President Stowell reported that the newer trustees might not be aware of the direct mail member surveys that had been conducted in the National Road Race Series beginning in 2002 and in the other series beginning in 2006. The surveys were discontinued in 2008 for financial reasons. However, the plan is to return to series surveys as soon as the financial resources were available. Treasurer Missy Nelson Tate suggested the use of Internet based surveys using tools such as Survey Monkey.

The trustees then returned to a discussion of the Brian Davies' protest. After further discussion, Trustee Harper moved to accept Davies protest, and Trustee Rumsey seconded the motion. Trustee Harper asked if the WKA officers would leave the room while the trustees discussed the protest. Trustee Moore assumed responsibility for taking meeting minutes. After additional discussion, Harper and Rumsey withdrew their motion and second, and Granata moved to close discussions on the protest, second by Harper and schedule a conference call for Monday, March 29 at 8:00 PM to resume consideration of Mr. Davies' protest. The motion passed unanimously. During the interim, the trustees were to do their own homework on the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 12:35 PM under closed session. WKA Secretary and Attorney Angelo Buffomante joined the meeting by conference call to discuss the business relationship between WKA and CKI and how this relationship might affect Trustee Williams. (Trustee Williams is an employee of CKI.) CKI is currently a WKA customer through its use of the WKA Pit Pass Program. CKI also requires all competitors at its races to be full WKA members. As described in Trustee Williams presentation to the WKA Board of Trustees Friday evening, CKI has proposed a joint marketing program which would include CKI identifying and signing up new Master Tracks for WKA. There are open questions regarding how to finance the program and how commissions would be paid for new tracks. Buffomante also reminded the trustees that WKA owns the ACCUS/FIA seat in the United States. As a result, WKA approves all international events in the US and provides licensing for US drivers participating in international events outside of the US. To conduct such events, CKI has to work through WKA. It was Buffomante's recommendation that the principals of WKA and CKI meet to get a comfort level for the future of the relationship.

At this point the trustees discussed how to resolve any potential conflict of interest between Trustee Williams and his position in WKA. WKA President Rick Dresang, Vice President Dan Stowell, and Trustee Williams left the conference room and met privately to discuss how the potential conflict might be resolved. Again, Trustee Moore took minutes in VP Stowell's absence.

The meeting was reopened to guests and staff.

Treasurer Missy Nelson Tate presented the financial report to the trustees. WKA's financial situation continues to improve and showed a profit of \$48,232.76 in 2009. This is compared to a \$4,610.10 profit in 2008 and major losses in 2007 and 2006. This was achieved in spite of a reduction in revenue in all areas of the business. Although WKA posted a profit, the association continues to have a cash flow problem during the winter months, and measures have been taken to control cash during this period. As she has in all recent financial reports, Nelson advised the trustees that WKA has to turn around the trend in shrinking revenues, and she asked that all of the trustees work in their districts to sign up more master tracks and establish divisional series. In addition, Tate suggested forming a committee whose focus would be to brainstorm additional areas needing attention within the organization; help find partnerships for items; and identify ways to expose the association as a whole.

Dresang, Stowell and Williams returned to the meeting.

Executive Director Gilder presented a proposal for revised pit pass pricing. He reported that by offering a two day pit pass for the current price of a single day pass would make the program much more attractive and meet our competitors' pit pass pricing. A motion was made and seconded to approve the motion. Trustees Harper, Gettys, Moore, Kassy, Rumsey, Ferris, Guilbeault, Jacobsen and Williams voted in the affirmative. Trustee Granata voted in the negative. The motion passed.

At 2:55 PM Trustee Guilbeault left the meeting. Trustee Gettys left the meeting and gave his proxy to his 4-cycle Representative, Johnny Bartlett.

Vice President Stowell reported on the Race Official Training Program. The program will provide training for race officials in track safety, young driver development, and race official training. These three topics are the focus areas of the FIA Foundation Grant program. WKA will add three additional topics: Track and Series Management, Insurance, and Marketing. WKA Master Tracks and Series Race Directors will be surveyed to identify what they want to get out of the program and what they can contribute through their own "best practices." The first round of training will be through seminars at PRK, KartFest, and KMI in 2010/2011. The training materials will be adapted for use in live internet based training in 2011/2012.

At 3:25 PM Treasurer Tate left the meeting.

Executive Director Gilder continued his report.

- Online magazine: As reported earlier in the meeting, the first electronic issue is on line and the second issue will be posted shortly.
- IAME sponsorship: IAME has committed to a program that has two stages, the first of which includes advertising and donation to the Association. It should be complete in the coming week. The second stage is in ongoing discussions that should result in a very good program for the WKA members when completed.
- Employee performance reviews: Three reviews were given last week. Two more will be given on Gilder's next trip to Charlotte.
- Dirt series awards: The Dirt series went to money awards at Daytona. Feedback from competitors indicated interest in going back to trophies and plaques. The next Dirt event has already been announced as a money race, but competitors will be surveyed at the event to determine whether future events will be money or other awards.
- Dirt tires: As of now, Firestone, Hoosier and Vega are the approved tires.
- Dirt race official meeting: A meeting is being schedule with dirt track and series officials to identify ways to work together in race scheduling.
- Town hall meetings: Meetings were held at KartFest for members racing Dirt, Pavement and Gold Cup. Competitors in the Pavement and Gold Cup Series expressed an interest in programs to eliminate tire prep in those series.

President Dresang reported that he had renegotiated the office building lease. This new three year lease will result in a savings to WKA of \$800 per month.

Executive Director Gilder presented a proposal to address the performance advantage of the Comer P51 piston port engine. The inlet port does not conform to the specification provided by the manufacturer and documented in the WKA Technical Manual. Because the problem was just identified and there are many of these engines in the NRRS sprint and road race classes, Gilder was reluctant to disqualify these drivers since the engine had been allowed to run. Under a supplemental rule, a 10 pound weight handicap was added to karts with these engines at the recent NRRS event at Kershaw. Gilder proposed that the trustees make the supplemental rule permanent. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve Gilder's proposal, and Trustee Moore seconded. All trustees voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Gilder then reported that the "gas and oil" fuel rule in the NRRS was

adjusted to change the Digatron meter baseline from -75 to -45. This change was implemented at the recent Kershaw NRRS event under a supplemental rule authorized by the NRRS committee. No competitors were disqualified under this rule. Trustee Steve Jacobsen moved to accept the proposal. Trustee Moore seconded the motion. All trustees voted in the affirmative.

Trustee Harper departed the meeting.

Gilder raised the issue of the proposed NRRS brake tether rule. He noted that this had to be in place before WKA's return to Road America. Trustee Moore volunteered to prepare a draft and present it at the next meeting. He asked VP Stowell to provide him with a copy of the CIK rule.

Vice President Stowell presented the 4-cycle Tech Committee report and asked that the following rules be approved:

TM 99 704.38 and TM 101 706.37 BLOCK

[ADD]

The hole between the valve lifters shall be a maximum of 0.250" no-go.

TM 98 704.4.5 SLIDE

[REPLACE]

Minimum length top edge of slide to deepest part of cut away 1.148" NO-GO (A10). Must be stock as from the factory.

[WITH]

Must be stock as from the factory. Measure depth of cut away by backing idle screw out to seat the slide on the bottom of the venturi. With the slide in this position a 0.075" no-go may not pass between cut out and bottom of venturi. Slide can also be measured by removing the slide from the carburetor and placing it on a flat surface and attempting to insert the 0.075" no-go gauge on the cut-out.

TM 94 701.6.11

[REPLACE]

Felt or foam washer must be on carb shaft under lever. Rubber seal must be in proper location in carb body for air seal around throttle shaft. If there is not a recess in the carb body (older carbs) for the rubber seal the rubber seal is not a tech item, but the felt/foam washer still needs to be on throttle shaft.

[WITH]

Rubber seal must be in proper location in carb body for air seal around throttle shaft. If there is not a recess in the carb body (older carbs) for the rubber seal the rubber seal is not a tech item.

Bartlett moved to accept the three proposals. Rumsey seconded the motion. All seven trustees present voted in the affirmative.

At the advice of VP Bartlett, the following proposal was referred back to the 4-cycle Tech Committee.

TM 98 704.4.3 VENTURI

[ADD] Fuel nozzle must extend into the venturi no less than 0.040" and no more than 0.060". Nozzle must have stock configuration on top. No notching or grinding.

Also referred to the committee was a proposal from Past Trustee Jerry Cole that the cam gear in Animal Modified engines be made open. An example of a broken stock gear was provided in support of this proposal.

VP Stowell asked that a proposal from the Manufacturer's Cup Committee to increase the weight in the Tag Masters and Heavy classes be raised 10 pounds. Trustee Ferris move to accept the proposal. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stowell also presented a proposal to change the minimum age in the 2-cycle Local Option Rookie Class from 8 to 7. Trustee Jacobsen made a motion to approve the proposal. Trustee Rumsey seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Director of Operations Buddy Long presented reports on the status of the Dirt, Pavement and Gold Cup Series.

At 6:22 PM, Trustee Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Rumsey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. Stowell
WKA Vice President

**WKA Board of Trustees Conference Call
Monday, March 29, 2010**

The WKA Board of Trustees met by conference call on Monday, March 29, 2010.

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Johnny Bartlett – Vice President 4-cycle
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Trustees: Steve Jacobsen -- District 1 Trustee
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Don Guilbeault – District 9 Trustee
Kevin Williams -- District 10 Trustee

Office: Van Gilder – Executive Director

Guests: Ron Byrd – WKA CPA

Absent: Missy Nelson Tate – Treasurer

WKA President Rick Dresang called the special meeting to order at 7:10 PM. He stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to provide input from Ron Byrd, WKA's CPA; Missy Nelson Tate, WKA Treasurer; and Angelo Buffomante, WKA Secretary and Attorney regarding the employment status of WKA Trustee Bobby Gettys.

Dresang noted that Treasurer Tate was not available to be on the call due to a work conflict. However, she had provided her input in writing in an E-mail to the Trustees. In that E-mail, Ms. Tate reported her credentials to be WKA Treasurer and to weigh in on the contractor versus employee issue. In her report to the trustees she states, "As it relates to the Gettys trustee eligibility issue, I fully believe WKA has established its relationship as it relates to Bobby's services in the correct direction." That direction is to classify Bobby Gettys as a contractor in his role as tech inspector.

CPA Byrd reported that there were many factors that the IRS considers in determining whether someone is a sub-contractor or an employee. In reviewing Trustee Gettys' position, there are several factors that support the position that he is a contractor, not an employee. Among these are that Gettys supplies his own tools, performs the same service for other racing tracks and associations, schedules his own time in driving to and from the events, and was not trained by WKA. Based on his analysis, CPA Byrd believes strongly that Trustee Gettys is correctly classified as a contractor.

Finally, Secretary Buffomante also supports the position that Gettys is that of a contractor, not an employee.

At 7:30 PM, CPA Byrd left the call.

Secretary Buffomante then reported on subsequent research that he had done regarding the issue of conflict of interest, particularly as it relates to Trustee Williams' position with CKI. This research indicated that in non-profit associations such as WKA, it would be virtually impossible to find qualified people to serve in board, officer or volunteer positions who had absolutely no potential conflict of interest. He noted that Article XII of WKA's Code of Regulations states the following:

SECTION I: Conflict of Interest: A conflict of interest exists where a WKA Trustee, Officer, employee, contractor, or volunteer has a personal interest sufficient to appear to influence the objective exercise of her or her official duties. These potential conflicts may include but not be limited to financial conflict, loyalty to multiple organizations, or conflicting roles and relationships within the organization. All Trustees, Officers, employees, contractors and volunteers are expected to disclose all potential conflicts of interest and, when significant, must abstain from decisions where such conflicts exist.

Vice President Stowell reported that at the March 20 meeting, Secretary Buffomante had recommended that WKA officers meet with the principals of CKI to gain an understanding of the organization's direction and determine its relationship with WKA. As a result of Buffomante's suggestion, VP Stowell and Trustee Williams scheduled a meeting between WKA's President, VP and Secretary/Attorney with CKI principals Phil DeLaO and R. J. Valentine on Thursday, April 8 at the CKI event at New Castle, Indiana.

It was also suggested by the WKA trustees that Phil DeLaO and R. J. Valentine be invited to present at the next WKA trustee meeting in Charlotte.

At 7:40 PM, Dresang, Stowell, Bartlett, and Gilder left the conference call. Remaining in the meeting were the following:

Officers: Angelo Buffomante - Secretary

Trustees: Steve Jacobsen -- District 1 Trustee
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Bobby Moore – District 4 Trustee
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Don Guilbeault – District 9 Trustee
Kevin Williams -- District 10 Trustee

Trustee Harper called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and the Board agreed that he would Chair the meeting, with Secretary Buffomante taking the minutes with the aid of Trustee Harper.

ITEM # 1: Trustee Granata moved to accept the employee manual as presented to the Board on 3/19/10. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moore. Granata stated that the manual was extremely well done and needed to be approved. After further discussion, a vote was taken. MOTION CARRIED 10-0 .

ITEM # 2: Question regarding Trustee Williams possible disqualification as a Trustee due to his affiliation with CKI. Trustee Williams stated that he did not feel his employment with CKI would cause a conflict with his duties at the WKA and should any vote be taken that concerned the CKI, he would abstain. He stated that the WKA and CKI are working towards the same goal of helping Karting. Trustee Harper stated that several rumors had arisen regarding this issue and that was not good for the WKA. Sec. Buffomante advised the Board that the Conflict of Issue sections of the Code of Regulations do not prevent an employee of a WKA related group from being a Trustee as long as that employment is disclosed and the member abstains from any vote that would involve his employer. Motion by Granata, second by Harper to remove Trustee Williams from the Board and race director of the Man. Cup. After discussion on the motion the Granata and Harper agreed to withdraw the motion. Trustee Granata then moved to remove Trustee Williams from all of his duties with the WKA. Trustee Harper seconded the motion. After further discussion a vote was taken, 3 in favor (Harper, Rumsey, Granata), 6 opposed (Jacobsen, Gettys, Moore, Kassy, Ferris, Guilbeault), 1 abstain (Williams). MOTION FAILED. 3-6-1

ITEM # 3: Protest of election results in District 3 by WKA Member Brian Davies. The Board reviewed Mr. Davies protest and allegation that the winner, Mr. Gettys was not eligible to be a Trustee since he was employed by the WKA. Earlier in the conference call, WKA's CPA, Ron Byrd; WKA Treasurer, Missy Nelson Tate; and Executive Director, Van Gilder provided information that substantiated the position that Trustee Gettys is correctly classified as a subcontractor under the IRS guidelines. Trustee Granata disputed this claim. Trustee Ferris moved to deny Member Davies protest of the election. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Seven trustees voted in favor of the motion, (Jacobsen, Moore, Kassy, Rumsey, Ferris, Guilbeault, Williams), two opposed the motion (Harper, Granata), one abstained (Gettys). MOTION CARRIED 7-2-1.

ITEM # 4: Several members of the Board were concerned about the procedure used to select members of WKA committees. Referring to the Code of Regulations a motion was made by Rumsey, second by Jacobsen that all current and future appointees to WKA committees be approved by the Board. Nine trustees voted in favor of the motion; one opposed (Williams). MOTION CARRIED 9-1.

ITEM # 5: SPEC FUEL: The Board was advised by Trustee Kassy that the issue is still being investigated and any decision of the Board regarding this issue must allow for proper notice to the members. Trustee Harper agreed and stated that the members should be surveyed at each of the remaining road races. Also requested that the Road Race Committee continue to investigate and report back to the Board at its earliest convenience.

With no other business at hand, Trustee Ferris moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Moore seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 10-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Angelo A. Buffomante
WKA Secretary

**WKA Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
May 27, 2010**

The WKA Board of Trustees met by conference call on Thursday, May 27, 2010.

Those in attendance were:

Officers: Rick Dresang – President
Trustees: Steve Jacobsen -- District 1 Trustee
Robby Harper – District 2 Trustee
Bobby Gettys – District 3 Trustee
Bobby Moore – District 4 Trustee
Bill Kassy – District 5 Trustee
Steve Rumsey -- District 6 Trustee
Tony Granata -- District 7 Trustee
John Ferris – District 8 Trustee
Don Guilbeault – District 9 Trustee
Kevin Williams -- District 10 Trustee
Office: Van Gilder – Executive Director
Buddy Long – Director of Operations
Absent: Dan Stowell – Vice President 2-cycle
Johnny Bartlett – Vice President 4-cycle
Angelo Buffomante – Secretary
Missy Nelson Tate -- Treasurer

The meeting was called to order by WKA President, Rick Dresang, at 8:07 EST.

1. WKA Member Linda Willareth

President Dresang explained Linda Willareth's request to address the WKA Board at a future meeting. At the date of this request, 05/26/2010, her membership had lapsed thus no action was required by the Board of Trustees.

2. Kevin Williams WKA positions

Dresang explained his decision to eliminate the position on the Executive Board of Ambassador to CIK in the United States. After a positive meeting with Trustee Kevin Williams, he and Dresang agreed that this would be in the best interest of WKA to help eliminate controversy and perceived conflicts of interest the Board had concerning this matter.

[After Dresang's report on his decision on this matter, Trustee Moore departed from the published agenda and made a motion that has since been deemed to be inconsistent with the *WKA Code of Regulations* and the *Trustee Responsibilities and Guidelines*. As a result, this motion has been redacted from the minutes and has been rescinded by a vote of the Trustees at their June 28 meeting.]

Trustee Moore's wife entered the call to inform the Board that Bobby was having a health concern and would be leaving the call.

3. Manufacturer's Cup Survey

There was discussion on doing a survey in the Manufacturer's Cup series addressing topics such as tires. Trustee Granata made a motion to mail a Tire Survey to all Man Cup competitors prior to the 2010 NCMP race. The survey would be designed by WKA office and approved by the board prior to mailing. Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Tony Barton's suspension

Dresang brought to the Board's attention his discussion with Tony Barton and his suspension situation.

Don Guilbeault asked that a monthly conference call be scheduled so the executive director could keep the trustees up to date on WKA activities. No vote was taken on this request.

The trustees scheduled another conference call for Tuesday, June 22

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 EST.

Respectfully submitted,

The WKA Trustees

**WKA Board of Trustees
Conference Call
Monday, June 28, 2010
Minutes**

The WKA Board of Trustees met by conference call on Monday, June 28, 2010.

Those in attendance were:

Officers: Rick Dresang – President
Dan Stowell – Vice President 2-cycle
Angelo Buffomante – Secretary
Missy Nelson Tate – Treasurer
Trustees: Bobby Gettys – District 3 Trustee
Bill Kassy – District 5 Trustee
John Ferris – District 8 Trustee
Kevin Williams -- District 10 Trustee
Absent: Johnny Bartlett – Vice President 4-cycle

The meeting was called to order by WKA President, Rick Dresang, at 8:05 PM EDT.

Moore's motion from May 27 conference call

The first order of business was to rescind a motion made during the May 27, 2010 conference call meeting by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Harper and approved by six trustees. Trustee Kassy moved to rescind the motion, and Trustee Ferris seconded the motion. Trustees Kassy, Ferris and Gettys voted to approve the motion. Trustee Williams abstained. This motion regarding Trustee Williams was rescinded because it failed to conform to provisions in the *WKA Code of Regulations* and the *Trustee Responsibilities and Guidelines* document and may have put WKA at risk of litigation.

Suspended member's associate members

Dresang next reported that several WKA members had contacted him asking about the effect of the recent suspensions on the ability of associate members to continue racing in WKA sanctioned events. The trustees and officers agreed that it is not their intention to impact the racing of the suspended members' children. The trustees discussed several alternatives and decided that the current Technical Manual provides for this situation. To compete in national and divisional/regional series, dependents may race as temporary members. However, using that approach, they would not be eligible for transfer bonus points at divisional/regional events or national points at national events. If they wish to be eligible for national points, the other parent or a legal guardian can become a master member.

Next communication with suspended members

The next discussion topic was to outline the next communication to the master members who have appealed their suspensions. The trustees agreed that we need to send these members a letter stating that we have received their appeal and a meeting with the Board of Trustees or its appointed committee will be scheduled as soon as possible. In the meantime they are to avoid discussing the matter with any WKA trustees, officers, and staff; and the current trustees, officers and staff will be advised not to discuss the matter with them. If they have dependents who wish to continue racing and accumulate divisional/regional bonus transfers or national points, they will need to have the other spouse or a legal guardian become a master member. They will be advised as to when they can meet with the board or its appointed committee.

WKA membership communication

The trustees then discussed the best way to address the WKA members' requests for more information about the suspensions. The first step will be to post the minutes of the May 27 and June 28 conference calls. A web post will announce the minutes posting and summarize the decisions including the confirmation of the board's decision to uphold the suspensions. To provide them with a fair hearing, the trustees can present their case to the board or a committee established by the board. The trustees also agreed that the members need to know more about the current situation. They also need to know more about how WKA is organized and the provisions of the *Code of Regulations* and the *Trustee Responsibilities and Guidelines* and how they apply to the current situation.

May 27 conference call minutes

Tony Granata wrote and submitted minutes for the May 27 conference call, and they were approved by a majority of the trustees by E-mail. However, they contain a reference to the motion made by Moore that has since been rescinded. Because this motion failed to conform to provisions in the *WKA Code of Regulations* and *Trustee Responsibilities and Guidelines*, the trustees discussed posting these minutes but redacting the reference to the Moore motion. Approval of these minutes is an agreement by the trustees that the minutes reflect what happened at the meeting but not an approval of what was done at the meeting. Gettys made a motion to approve the minutes with the reference to the Moore motion redacted. Kassy seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved by Ferris, Gettys and Kassy. Williams abstained.

Discussion and confirmation of member suspensions

The next topic on the agenda was President Dresang's June 22 decision

to suspend the six trustees involved in the action to remove Kevin Williams from his position as WKA District 10 Trustee. Dresang acted under the authority granted to him by the WKA Code of Regulations. His suspensions were supported by the WKA Executive Committee and the Personnel Committee. According to the *Code of Regulations*, his suspensions are effective until confirmed by the Board of Trustees at their next meeting.

The trustees' discussed this topic at length. Some of the key points raised during the discussion include: (1) The action against Williams was in conflict with the standards and procedures set in the *WKA Code of Regulations* and the *WKA Trustee Responsibilities and Guidelines*. (2) It was not consistent with a precedent set in WKA's relationship with Stars of Karting from 2000 to 2009. (3) It exposed WKA to potential litigation. In addition WKA's insurance carrier has advised WKA that its Directors and Officer Liability coverage would probably not apply if the rules and regulations published in the *Code* and *Responsibilities* documents were not followed.

After a lengthy discussion Trustee Kassy moved to confirm that President Dresang's suspension of the six trustees was appropriate and to uphold the suspensions. Ferris seconded the motion. Trustees Ferris, Gettys and Kassy voted for the motion. Trustee Williams abstained. The trustees have the right to appeal their suspensions to the board or committee established by the board by submitting a request in writing to the President or Secretary of the Association.

Replacement trustees

The trustees will select replacements from among the current 2-cycle and 4-cycle representatives, prior candidates for trustee or past trustees from within each district. Stowell reported on his conversation with several potential candidates. The trustees agreed that the new trustees will be put in place initially on a temporary basis pending the outcome of the appeal hearings. The objective is to have the replacements in place as soon as possible to represent their respective districts and be prepared to vote on upcoming Tech Manual proposals. However, they will not be asked to participate in the appeal hearings.

NRRS brake linkage back up rule

The following brake linkage back up rule was proposed to the trustees:
[ADD]

305.1.1 Brake linkage back up and 355.1.1 Brake linkage back up
There must be a second link between the brake pedal and the master cylinder that will function in the event that the primary linkage fails. The secondary linkage must not interfere with the operation of the primary linkage or bias bar if so equipped. The secondary linkage may be a second rod or a cable. If a rod is used, it must conform to the specifications of the primary rod. If a cable is used, it must be at least 1/16" in diameter and clamped with a two (2) screw flat plate clamp (CIK Style) or a swag style crimp fitting.

Ferris moved to approve the rule effective at the beginning of the 2011 Competition Year. Kassy seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Impact racing suits

WKA Technical Director Stowell reported that certain Impact flame resistant driving suits and belts made from 2005 through 2008 do not meet SFI specifications. He proposed that all Impact suits manufactured during this period be made illegal after the end of the 2010 competition year. Belts will already become illegal based on the two year replacement cycle defined in the Technical Manual. This proposal has been reviewed by Carl Olson at SFI and Michael Davis, Sr. Trustee Ferris made a motion to approve the proposal and Gettys seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Josh Lane disciplinary action

Stowell reviewed a *Race Director Incident Report* and *WKA Protest/Appeal Form* regarding an incident at the Mid-Ohio NRRS event. Based on the information in the report and a recommendation by Buffomante, Kevin Williams moved to suspend Member Lane until the end of the 2010 competition and require him to appear before the board at its November meeting to be reinstated. The motion was seconded by

Gettys and approved unanimously.

The trustees discussed a date for a next meeting but decided to wait until replacement trustee candidates had been identified.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Angelo Buffomante
WKA Secretary

Dan Stowell
WKA Vice President

WKA Board of Trustee update

06.30.2010 –

WKA Members and Industry Partners –

The events of these last 30 days have been among the most tumultuous during WKA's history and certainly during my tenure. Along with the Executive Committee and current Trustees, I am anxious to share with you a sequence of events and facts of what has occurred over the past year and even beyond. While the recent focus has been on a specific incident that ultimately caused suspension of these members, the reality is that there has been an escalating hostile environment within the Board of Trustees. Unfortunately, the outcome was a lot of negative activity and counterproductive use of time and energy by all involved. A skewed picture has been painted for many of you, to the detriment of the organization and the members.

For now, we do need to keep the details of these recent events confidential until the suspension appeal process has run its course. Once that is complete and we are able to fully share these facts and other circumstances we are confident you will see that a significant change was needed to be able to get the organization back on track and moving forward. The WKA Executive Committee and Board of Trustees is committed to providing and sustaining a safe, competitive and fair environment for karting. As the economy and the current generations continue to evolve, it is as critical that we are equally focused on growing both the industry and WKA. This has not been the focus over the last several months, resulting in somewhat of a standstill during a time that WKA must be seen and act as a leader in the industry.

Over the next weeks and months we will share with you as much as we can. We'll start with simply putting more specifics and context to what we've already communicated. We will also have new temporary trustees in place very soon for members to direct questions and feedback. As always, feel free to contact any member of the Executive Committee or any Trustee. For those of you who have continued to be supportive, I thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time. I encourage those of you who are unsure to be open-minded as you learn more about what has transpired, where we are headed and how we plan to get there.

Respectfully –

Rick Dresang

WKA Board of Trustees – Conference Call Tuesday, July 13, 2010 Minutes

The WKA Board of Trustees met by conference call on Tuesday, July 13, 2010.

Those in attendance were:

Officers: Rick Dresang – President (Joined at 8:20PM)
Dan Stowell – Vice President 2-cycle
Angelo Buffomante – Secretary (Joined at 8:15PM)
Trustees: Bill Kassy – District 5 Trustee
John Ferris – District 8 Trustee
Kevin Williams -- District 10 Trustee
Absent: Johnny Bartlett – Vice President 4-cycle
Missy Nelson Tate – Treasurer
Bobby Gettys – District 3 Trustee

The meeting was called to order by WKA Vice President – 2-cycle, Dan Stowell, at 8:10 PM EDT. He reported that President Dresang would join the call momentarily and that Trustee Gettys was driving a rental truck from Wisconsin to Chapel Hill, NY and would not be available.

The trustees approved the minutes of the May 27 and June 28 conference calls electronically, and they have been posted on the web site.

Road America Manufacturer's Cup and Road Race Events

Stowell gave a report from WKA Executive Director Gilder regarding the previous weekend's dual event at Road America. Although entries were down, primarily in Road Race, the event went well. There was good coordination and cooperation among the Road America staff, WKA race officials and Badger Kart Club workers and volunteers.

WKA settled all financial obligations with Road America and Badger Kart Club at the end of the weekend. Road America's management was happy with how well the events ran this year and has already invited WKA back for 2011. WKA plans to do a comparison of the 2009 and 2010 events to better assess their financial performance.

Trustees Kassy and Ferris agreed with Gilder's report on how well the events went, and Kassy noted that it appeared that a higher portion of the work was done by volunteers.

(Secretary Buffomante joined the discussion at 8:15PM and President Dresang at 8:20PM)

Suspension Appeal Committees

The next topic was a discussion about how to structure the appeals process from the six members who were suspended on June 22. After long and thoughtful consideration about the options, and with advice from WKA's legal counsel, the trustees decided to set up appeals committees. The committee approach is allowed under WKA's code of regulations, SECTION VI: Suspension and Termination of Members. Each suspended member will be heard separately on conference calls scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the week of July 19. The committees will be made up of at least one trustee and one officer. The suspended members will be given some latitude in picking the trustee(s) and officer(s) and possibility of another WKA member from a list provided to them. President Dresang will notify the suspended members of the plan by E-mail on Wednesday, July 14, 2010.

Replacement Trustees

Stowell reported on his discussions with potential replacement trustees. At least one member has been identified in each district, but the trustees agreed that no decision should be made until after the appeal hearings have been conducted, and the appeal committees have reached their decisions.

President's Report

President Dresang concluded the meeting with a report on the condition of a competitor who was injured at Road America. He has been keeping

in touch with the family.

He also reported that the engine in WKA's red Chevrolet diesel truck is a complete loss. As a result, WKA rented a truck to haul the equipment needed for the next national event at Chapel Hill, New York, and Bobby and Carol Gettys are driving the truck to New York right now.

There is some good news regarding the truck. According to the Chevrolet dealership where the truck is located right now in Wisconsin, there may be a new engine available under warranty for a \$1,000 deductible. If this is the case, WKA can avoid the \$40,000 to \$50,000 cost of a new vehicle.

Next Conference Call

The trustees agreed to meet the week of July, 26 to review the results of the appeals committees.

There being no more business, the conference call was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted

D. M. Stowell
WKA Vice President 2-cycle