

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Don Boles called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the April 4, 2017 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with eight in favor and one abstained (Landes).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Don Boles provided the bank balance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Brian Schroeder explained we can take as many karts as we would like to the Rollin' on the River event on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Schroeder to volunteer. Reid Smith noted this event has a lot of traffic. Lee McCready said it is time to send the registration for the Lebanon Blues Festival being held August 5<sup>th</sup>. McCready made a motion to appropriate \$375 for three spots and electric. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. McCready will assist with registration paperwork for the event.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reported reserved pit spots are just about gone with only a few left. He sent an email to the board with a picture of the spots.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Lee McCready said the new billboard is looking terrific to which Ken Kuethe agreed. McCready has not heard from some race sponsors about whether they will be using billboard space. Ray McKibben explained Jeff Roberts is making signs for the top that will have G & J Kartway - Home of OVKA. He stated the project came in way under budget and thanked the crew who helped: Geoffrey Crutchley, Patrick Hagens, Ray McKibben, Christopher Pettit, Reid Smith, Frank Tvrdy, Rick Wagar, Brent Warren, Brody Warren, Austin Williamson, and Rick Coombs for providing equipment. Special thanks to Beavercreek Rental for use of equipment. Don Boles explained the pavilion will be addressed as soon as the weather is stable. He said it needs to be sealed and have a few shingles replaced. Reid Smith inquired about sealing the deck to which Boles replied it will be done at the same time. Brian Schroeder stated turn four had a lot of holes dug by karts this past weekend and asked if it should be filled. Gary Gregg responded he can do that. Lynda Coombs asked about installing something to shield the lineup board papers from the wind. Gregg suggested using a plastic strip or Plexiglas. Reid Smith said the Plexiglas could be pulled out and the papers slipped under. Rick Wagar stated it could be screwed to each end of the board. Randy Landes pointed out that if it is locked down, people will not be able to look through the pages. Gregg said it could be put on the bottom end. Boles added it could be something like a bungee cord. Coombs asked what needs to happen to move forward with this. Gregg replied measurements need to be taken. Rick Wagar offered to take on this project.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Gary Gregg asked if Kid Karts are receiving awards for first, second and third places then giving everyone the same at the banquet. Brian Schroeder acknowledged that is the case and said we will still do tech and address it if they blatantly fail. Rick Wagar asked if they are qualifying to which Schroeder said it is group qualifying. Lynda Coombs explained when we run three heats combined, computer calculations need to be done for finishing positions. Don Boles stated

Josh Wagar wanted to convey the rulebook is closed unless it is safety-related or TaG tires. Boles reported WKA's email said to please take care of the chain guards. Schroeder said it would have to be figured out how to mount it to the cassette. Ray McKibben reported he checked with Kevin from Briggs and Stratton and it is not in the LO206 Cup. Rick Coombs replied we need this clarified. Brent Warren stated WKA says all karts. Boles said he would like for this to be place by this race. Schroeder replied it will take time to order everything. Warren read rule 256.2 from the WKA tech manual Gold Cup section, "Chain Guards: All chain, or gear-driven karts must be equipped with a chain, or gear guard designed to retain a broken chain, or gear. Outboard drive systems will be allowed only if the chain and sprockets are completely enclosed from front, rear, top and outside." He noted it doesn't say it has to cover a certain amount. He further stated in Man Cup they say it has to cover 25% and has a picture. Rick Wagar asked about publishing this information on our website. Warren replied as long as WKA won't have a problem with this to which Gregg replied they won't. McKibben said 206 racers need notice. Boles responded they will get that in pre-tech. Warren asked if we will require it by race five to which Boles replied yes.

**CHAMP RACE COMMITTEE:** Don Boles reported Pat Slattery will be happy to oversee the Champ Race and the Vets will help. Boles extended appreciation to Slattery and the Vets. Slattery said he would love suggestions about the event. Brian Schroeder discussed an email he sent to the board about a band who charges \$1,000 and said a budget is needed. Lynda Coombs said she had responded to that email explaining in the past we have paid \$350 for a disc jockey. Gary Gregg suggested looking closer for a band that would be less costly. Schroeder explained it is the cover band, Stagger Lee, who has been around for ten to fifteen years. Lynda Coombs asked if they would lower the cost. Brent Warren stated he is fine with a DJ to which Rick Wagar agreed. Rick Coombs asked if Gregg plans to secure the same catering company. Gregg said he would like to and will work with them on changing the menu a little. Randy Landes stated it may be lighter that weekend due to a kart race at Indy. Lynda Coombs asked Slattery if he wants her to order the trophies to which Slattery replied yes. Schroeder will ask his wife to order the Kid Kart trophies. Wagar offered to make sure the trophies get picked up. Ray McKibben asked if workers can enter the mechanics race to which Wagar replied why not? Ken Kuethe asked if the rulebook says the top five receive trophies. Lynda Coombs read from Appendix E in the OVKA rulebook, "The top five finishers in each class will receive an award except Kid Kart participants who all receive an award." She explained typically for small classes, five trophies are not ordered so as to not have them left over and for picture purposes are borrowed from another class then ordered after the event if they are needed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2018 TIRES:** Reid Smith reported things are moving along on schedule and he has received one proposal so far. Additionally, he has received boxes of tires for testing. Smith said there is plenty of time for proposals to come in and he feels things are looking good.

**TaG TIRES:** On behalf of Ted Cradlebaugh, Don Boles stated TaG tire information is posted on our website and there is no further discussion as of now.

**HELMETS:** On behalf of Ted Cradlebaugh, Don Boles explained beginning at race five, drivers must have helmets as required by WKA. Lynda Coombs asked the board if they want her to email Marie Borsuk to withdraw the request for a further extension to which Gary Gregg replied it's in the rules and must be in place at race five. Brian Schroeder pointed out there will not be a meeting again before race five and he hasn't looked to see if any more helmets are available. Boles responded that Cradlebaugh said only five or six racers did not have them and the helmets are supposed to come in next week.

**RACE MONITOR:** Lynda Coombs reported our software provider partnered with Race Monitor staff to work out some issues with compatibility. She said she and Rick Coombs conducted testing with the changes and we will see how things go at the next race. Brent Warren reported he spoke with Blue Sky Cable today who explained they had a complete system outage from storms and they are running on backup. Blue Sky verified our modem and our link should be restored tomorrow which Warren plans to check. Pat Slattery inquired if the changes to the software involved the finishes to which Lynda Coombs replied yes. He asked if we can look at Racelaps also. Coombs explained while running the race, only one feed is able to take place. She asked that people let her know how it functions at the next race.

**DRIVER CLASS ELIGIBILITY:** Don Boles reported WKA approved Matt Lyda racing in the Yamaha Junior class.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FUEL:** Don Boles explained Ted Cradlebaugh would like the board to talk about fuel for the 206 and 420 classes. Ray McKibben said he was asked to look into fuel tanks. He discussed pricing and provided literature about both 250-gallon and 500-gallon tanks. McKibben explained he talked with Gary Gregg about fuel delivery and up to four types are available. Brent Warren said he thinks a 250 gallon tank might be a little small and Ken Kuethe stated 500 might be also. McKibben said he did not get pricing for a 1,000 gallon tank. Brian Schroeder said we need to get a 1,000 gallon tank. Don Boles noted regular pump gas will spoil. McKibben explained the fuel supplier can get us non-ethanol the same as New Castle. Aaron Banfield stated he has twenty karts that run four-stroke and he is fine with not having to go to the pump. McKibben reported people are worried about fuel being teched and about going to get fuel. He said the LO206 does not burn like the 420 or two-cycle. Gary Gregg said he will talk with his distributor about non-ethanol fuel. He added he hates to see us do this because of complaints that have been heard about the line for 110 fuel. Dylan Cradlebaugh responded that if another tank is added, that is double the work and something will have to be worked out. Brian Schroeder pointed out this can't happen because the rulebook states we use 93 octane. Gregg replied we need to walk slowly with this since last year we had very few 206s. Gregg said to tell people this weekend it is pump one and Ted Cradlebaugh can get a sample on Saturday and Sunday.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**SPIRIT 4 RACING:** Virgil Oatts stated he anticipates four kids racing this year with Spirit 4 Racing. Don Boles explained we have a policy in place that provides for four entries, eight gate passes and a pit spot.

**LO206 JUNIOR POINTS:** Reid Smith said a member raised a question about the LO206 Junior class dropping race one since there were only two entrants. Brent Warren replied they were all underweight at the first race. Randy Landes stated he disqualified them on the sheet. Lynda Coombs replied she recalls being told to let them go and they can be marked as zeros if she is directed to do so. Ray McKibben said he has to report all DQs so he prefers they be zeros. Rick Coombs asked if this class would be a thirteen race series with two drops. Jeff Calvert responded it would be only one. Dylan Cradlebaugh stated everybody is going to drop that zero and they should have two drops. Warren responded we'll check with the others and discuss this.

**BRIGGS WEEKLY RACING SERIES:** Ray McKibben explained beginning with race four, 206 finishes will be reported for the Briggs Weekly Racing Series. He stated they increased from ten to eleven races.

**RETIREMENT:** Congratulations to Lee McCready who began retirement today.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rick Coombs, seconded by Jeff Calvert, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, 2017, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Rollin' On The River Charity Car Show – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, July 23, 2017, Fernbank Park, Route 50 West, River Road, Sayler Park, OH
- Lebanon blues Festival – Saturday, August 5, 2017, Lebanon, OH

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Lynda Coombs – Order Champ Race trophies.
- Gary Gregg – Fill hole in turn four, talk with fuel distributor about non-ethanol fuel.
- Lee McCready – Assist with registration paperwork for the Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Pat Slattery – Coordinate Champ Race with the assistance of the Vets.
- Reid Smith – Provide monthly updates about responses from tire companies.
- Rick Wagar – Oversee modifications to the lineup board, assist with pick up of Champ Race trophies.
- Brent Warren – Discuss LO206 Junior points with others in the class.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Boles, J. Calvert, R. Coombs, G. Gregg, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, D. Martin, L. McCready, R. McKibben, B. Schroeder, P. Slattery, R. Smith, and B. Warren.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** A. Banfield, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, V. Oatts, and R. Wagar.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 5/14/17.