

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: President Don Boles called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the May 2, 2017 board meeting minutes with a correction that D. Martin should have been listed as a member/visitor instead of a board member. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with nine in favor and one abstained (Slattery). Lynda Coombs explained the July board meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, July 11th, due to the Fourth of July holiday.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Brian Schroeder is coordinating the Rollin' on the River event on July 23rd. Mike Lewis asked what this show is to which Schroeder explained it is one of the largest car shows in Cincinnati. Schroeder said it runs from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and people are welcome to bring karts to display. Lewis replied he will bring a Kid Kart. Lee McCready said volunteers are needed for the Lebanon Blues Festival on August 5, 2017. Ray McKibben asked if the trailer contains all of the supplies needed for the shows. Don Boles replied we will have to check. Boles reported Voss Chevrolet is having a show in July and asked us to bring some karts. He will find out the date and coordinate the show if we are not racing.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready explained he has five pit spot maps; one is in the tower and one near the Cradlebaugh's pit spot. He said they are marked with little reserved stickers. McCready is looking for a place and a way to hang others so they are readily available. Aaron Banfield asked about locating one in the grid area. McCready replied that is a good spot and we need one where people come in. Jeff Roberts stated it needs to be beyond the booth so people do not hold up the line. He suggested locating it at the pole past the booth. Gary Gregg said that would be fine. Brian Schroeder asked about putting one at the white trailer. Roberts responded it needs to be close so workers at the ticket booth can direct people right there. Mike Lewis asked if there has been any thought about putting it on the website. Rick Wagar replied if it is emailed to Josh Wagar, he will post it. Banfield suggested listing the available spots. John Horn said every track he has been to has paid spots and free spots and we could point people to the fence row where the free ones are. Boles stated a lot of people wanted to buy them to which Horn replied if we are sold out, we should have more. Boles said the next thing that needs addressed is having too many cars in the pit area.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben reported the billboard is complete and thanked Jeff Roberts for his artwork. Brent Warren stated it looks good. McKibben explained signs are being put up this Friday and the billboard is designed to be expanded. Don Boles said the pavilion needs to be pressure washed. McKibben offered to bring a pressure washer once a date is set. Boles would like to schedule it for the week after the 206 Cup event so it has time to dry. Brent Warren noted there are shingles missing on the tower. Lynda Coombs said she wanted to extend thanks to Brent Warren once again for sealing the tower. She reported it has made a tremendous difference in the amount of cleanup that needs to be done at the start of race days.

RULES COMMITTEE: No report.

CHAMP RACE COMMITTEE: Pat Slattery reported plans are going on for the Champ Race and asked how many people Gary Gregg expects will come through the gate. Gregg replied we need to go by the numbers of the upcoming Saturday races. Slattery said he is looking for good ideas for the Champ Race. Rick Coombs mentioned there will be a kart race at Indy the same weekend and wonders if this will affect our numbers. Slattery suggested asking at the driver's meeting. He said he would have been going if we didn't have the Champ Race. Dawn Schroeder asked if Slattery needs help with prizes to which Slattery said she can help if she wants to and he got them two years ago. Schroeder said they were great prizes. Slattery needs help rounding up games, such as corn hole. Aaron Banfield explained the Vets were asked to help and if they need to do more, please let him know. Don Boles made a motion to appropriate up to \$500 for prizes. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 TIRES: Don Boles reported Reid Smith has quite a bit going on with tires and we should know more next month. Ted Cradlebaugh said tires need to be tested now during the summer period of the year and not wait until fall.

HELMETS: No report.

FUEL / FUEL TANK: Gary Gregg reported there was no cost for the fuel tank and it has 91 octane in it. Brian Schroeder made a motion to accept the tank. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. Rick Wagar stated he is making comments for a person who is not here right now. He said this is not a safety issue and opens the rulebook. Brent Warren replied it does not open the rulebook. Rick Wagar explained it seems we rushed this judgement and have not really assessed the feelings of the general membership. He further stated we are talking about going from pump one to this. Don Boles suggested we allow either one until the Champ Race. Jeff Roberts replied the 91 octane track fuel will probably run better. Aaron Banfield said the 206s run better on lower octane. Ray McKibben stated it is a bit of a safety issue because years ago there were issues with stuff people were using to amp it up that could be smelled on the grid. Ken Kuethe responded that is ridiculous. McKibben further stated on a tech issue, we had many people fail because of the fuel coming out of pump one. He reported they do fill the pump one tank on Sundays and 91 octane at our track will eliminate that issue. McKibben said quite a few members he talked with want to buy fuel at the track and be done with it and the Champ Race would probably be a good time to start selling it. He added he is against mixing 93 and 91 unless we don't tech fuel. Roberts replied on behalf of the core group, they are ready to move forward with this at the next race. Mike Lewis asked if it would change for Kid Karts as Comers run like garbage on 110. Brian Schroeder disagreed. Boles stated it won't pre-detonate in the hot summer according to a fuel guy he talked with in Cincinnati. Lewis explained they have two motors in the Kid Karts this would affect. Banfield stated the 206s run BP93. Boles said we can buy a few gallons of 93. Dawn Schroeder said we don't buy it now. Rick Wagar stated Dylan Cradlebaugh has his hands full now pumping fuel. Kuethe added it will double. Banfield said it will more than double and suggested having a second fuel person. Ted Cradlebaugh responded we should be okay as he is going to relieve Dylan. He noted a lot of people come for fuel after 9:30 a.m. Rick Coombs said he and Heather Cradlebaugh can announce the time fuel dispensing is over. Roberts asked if fuel is available on Saturdays to which Cradlebaugh responded if he is there. Banfield said he agrees with Rick Wagar's point this is reopening the rulebook and he thinks Wagar's question should be addressed. Warren replied we also have the problem that three-fourths failed fuel tech. Warren said there are several issues; we don't know when the fuel is delivered and 87 octane

in the line from the guy in front before you. Cradlebaugh explained the reason we did not disqualify people was there was so much variance. Warren stated why wait to do this. Jeff Roberts made a motion we start selling fuel this coming race at \$4.00 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren. Schroeder/McKibben withdrew their motion. Banfield asked Lynda Coombs if she is okay with this in the computer system to which Coombs said yes. Josh Wagar arrived and Boles explained he had told Josh Wagar that the four strokes kept flunking fuel tech. Josh Wagar replied the rulebook is closed but whatever. He further stated he believes the motion was for safety only and his biggest issue was it needed to come to the board and vote. Boles responded he will have to take the blame for that. Wagar stated it didn't follow proper procedures to which Boles apologized. Josh Wagar further stated fuel needs to cut off at some point and it always was 10:00 a.m. when late sign-in ends. Boles asked what will happen if somebody shows up with the wrong fuel. Cradlebaugh replied they will fail. Roberts' motion was then voted on and passed with twelve in favor and one abstained (Wagar). Warren discussed the fuel nozzle and said he thinks it should be calibrated with a gallon jug. Gary Gregg replied he already has that. Ted Cradlebaugh explained when people throw two jugs and oil together, it puts them on the edge and said they need to mix smaller quantities. He suggested upgrading the generator. McKibben offered to assist with this.

NEW BUSINESS:

80cc SHIFTERS: Don Boles explained he was contacted by a racer from the Columbus area who would like to run an 80cc Shifter class with us. Gary Gregg replied they could be put behind the TaG class. Boles said he was told there are sixteen guys hunting for a place to race. Boles told him they could not be involved in the prizes. Ted Cradlebaugh asked why they can't get 50%. Josh Wagar explained they could if they take out a membership. John Horn noted the rule is already there that they can become a class. Josh Wagar replied it has to be a WKA class and this is not. Boles reported WKA has been contacted and has approved the class as a local option with the stipulation the competitors have to have previous racing experience to race a shifter. Brent Warren replied he has seen them practicing at the track on Wednesday evenings. Horn suggested having them bring their karts and put a watch on them. Rick Wagar asked if we are putting the cart before the horse. Boles responded he wanted to bring this before the board. Josh Wagar said the Bridgestone contract says they have to be on Bridgestone tires. He stated they could make four average if ten or twelve show up and they would get participation prizes. Ken Kuethe said we are opening up our rules. Josh Wagar replied he does not see why we are talking about adding another class when we haven't had them show up. Rick Coombs noted the rulebook says it has to be a WKA class and Josh Wagar added they are not a WKA class. Lynda Coombs replied it would be a local option class to which Josh Wagar responded it would be like the 420s but they came to the board before the season. Jeff Roberts asked if there is any way they can come run. Josh Wagar stated we have heard shifter rumors for years. Rick Wagar asked what if two show up this Saturday. Boles replied we won't let them race. Kuethe noted we let a Clone run. Rick Wagar explained he let one run and ended up giving their money back. He said why don't we wait and see if any show up and asked if we have WKA approval. Lynda Coombs replied yes with the stipulation Boles mentioned. Josh Wagar stated we have to know if there is something of like speed they can run with. Kuethe noted we are on the short track and said they will have to shift all the way through the kinks. Warren stated WKA has an approved shifter class to which Boles replied they do for 125cc but not 80cc. Ted Cradlebaugh stated he could agree with all of this but they need to be on our tires and use our fuel. Boles explained they submitted the rules they use other places and suggested we wait and see if they come as it could be a good test of tires. Brian Schroeder responded no, it could burn up tires. Aaron Banfield said he believes we have twelve run groups and asked how long this will add. Josh Wagar replied about 45 minutes for the day. Banfield stated as he understands, the current rule was set back when entries had dropped and asked what's our purpose – to increase entries or national racers. He said he doesn't know we have a purpose and we go this direction then this comes up and we go that

direction. Banfield asked if we are running off another group. Ted Cradlebaugh said we could put them in front of the 420s. Ray McKibben stated we have run 125s with TaGs; Horn added the 125s went first. Warren responded this track is the worst to try it on to put with TaGs. Boles stated they have to run by themselves. Warren discussed the length of the race day being long, including for the workers. Roberts asked if we are starting later on Saturdays now to which Josh Wagar replied yes we are. Gregg said we need to finish by midnight. Rick Wagar stated if they want to race with us, they need to approach us during the off season. Gary Gregg made a motion if the 80cc shifters come, require our tires by the Champ Race, our fuel now and placement to be determined by the Race Director. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed with eleven in favor and two opposed (Schroeder and Wagar). Horn said he has been involved with this club for years and has said we need to run this like a business. He stated he takes calls after 7:00 p.m. and takes the business.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

RACE DAY STAFFING: Rick Wagar said we have nine more official races plus the Charity Race. He explained he will not be at the August 19th race so a Race Director will be needed. He further stated his role serving as Race Director is for this year only so it needs to be thought about now for next year. He said someone is needed to commit for this year for training then fill the position next year. Don Boles reported we will need people for two-cycle and four-cycle tech next year. Josh Wagar stated we typically have a Tech Director and Assistant Tech Director. Pat Slattery asked if we would have one for two-cycle and one for four-cycle to which Boles replied we could do that.

RACING AGE: On behalf of a parent, Ray McKibben asked if a 15-year-old who raced in the Junior class last year can continue to run Juniors. Josh Wagar replied she can if she hasn't raced in a Senior class. McKibben said she has not.

PRO SWIFT CLASS: Brian Schroeder reported he received a call explaining this weekend and next, it is anticipated there will be three racers in the Pro Swift class and the rulebook states four average are needed. Josh Wagar replied it is four average and if they want to get trophies, they will have to find a few people. Schroeder replied there are a couple looking to get engines.

MISSION STATEMENT: Aaron Banfield suggested forming a committee to develop a mission statement for the club to define our intent. Josh Wagar checked to see if the OVKA by-laws contains this which they do not. Lynda Coombs read from the by-laws,

"ARTICLE I – PURPOSE - To provide events for kart racing competition.

- 1) This includes:
 - a) Providing a racetrack to compete on through purchase, lease, rental or any other legal means of obtaining rights to use of said racetrack.
 - b) Providing all workers necessary to successfully put on racing competitions.
 - c) Providing all equipment necessary to successfully put on racing competitions.
 - d) Providing all rules and regulations necessary to successfully put on racing competitions.
 - e) Promoting the sport of karting through events geared toward increasing knowledge, about, and awareness of the sport.

RACING ENVIRONMENT: Aaron Banfield reported at the previous race while six to eight-year old children were sitting on the grid, people were yelling the "f" word and there were board members present. Banfield asked that we do something about this. Don Boles replied we can talk with them. Banfield inquired what the rulebook says about this as he thinks there is something about people going home. He said it is frustrating when children hear this. Boles explained he was doing all he

could and he needed some help. Ken Kuethe stated it needs to be announced at the driver's meeting that they will not race and will be sent home. Rick Wagar said he will take care of it at the next race. Ray McKibben pointed out the Race Director and Assistant Race Director handle these situations. Banfield said if he personally loses his temper, he should not be there. Rick Wagar discussed how as Race Director, he is in charge of the day and he was not aware of these situations. He explained he or Ken Kuethe can leave the track and take care of it. Kuethe said he was not aware of the swearing and hopefully, we don't have to get to the point of waiting for a board member. John Horn apologized for any language he spouted off. Lynda Coombs discussed language she sometimes hears at the lineup board which she has addressed herself.

RACE DAY: John Horn said he is not knocking Rick Wagar but he sees time during the day where for two, three or four minutes Wagar has to go to the scale lane and asked if that should be Ken Kuethe. Wagar replied he goes to give a quick message and if he can get Kuethe to go do it, he will. Kuethe added Wagar utilizes him a lot. Pat Slattery stated fifteen minutes after the last practice should be when the driver's meeting takes place. Brent Warren discussed not having enough time to which Rick Wagar said he will take a look at the classes and break them up. Warren replied that will lengthen the day. Dawn Schroeder asked how many people come to the stragglers practice. Rick Wagar responded three to five and explained if they are in the same age classes, they can run at the same time. He further stated if they have a serious issue on the second warm-up, such as a loss of brakes, he will let them go out with the stragglers. Dawn Schroeder reported GoPro does not have stragglers practice. Rick Wagar replied it is a long-standing practice we have. Dawn Schroeder replied we had talked about taking out one round.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Randy Landes said he would like the board to purchase a new LO206 engine so we have a standard and replace some missing tech tools. Aaron Banfield said he has a list and a set of tools from Briggs that can be gone through to compare. He can reach out to Briggs about obtaining a set. Brent Warren suggested seeing if a meter can be obtained. Austin Williamson asked what we are doing to tech 420s. Jeff Roberts replied we do have a full list and he will continue to help with that.

TaG TIRES: Brent Warren said there are serious issues with TaG tires not holding up after one race. He added he doesn't feel it's fair having some racers coming in taking points from others. Ken Kuethe responded one of them was disqualified. Warren said there is the potential for people to run other tires. Kuethe replied we have had people for years jump in and take points. Warren said we haven't had this kind of situation. Don Boles stated wasn't this agreed on by the class. Ted Cradlebaugh replied by everybody except Warren. Kuethe reported their tires aren't having this issue after two races. Pat Slattery stated the board should have voted on this. Boles asked how they want to run the tires. Cradlebaugh responded six sets over the next twelve races and manage the best you can. John Horn said let's assume Dylan Cradlebaugh hasn't used any new sets yet then all of a sudden he's to the end and pulls out all new tires and I could show up and say used. Cradlebaugh replied they all now are marked. He further stated Horn is saying he could scuff in the night before. Cradlebaugh explained we had a meeting Sunday and didn't have to agree to this. He said Horn is fastest with new tires and second fastest with an old set. Warren said you chose the wrong class to do this and they ran TaG based on the rules at the time. Horn replied he thinks we would have these karts without this rule. Gary Gregg stated last year we had only four at the end of the year. Horn reported they ran YLMs the last two races. Pat Slattery said he thinks you messed up adding more tires. Horn explained he had talked with Cradlebaugh about having a softer tire that could go two races and on the website, it says the YLM is softer but when they showed up, they weren't. Warren stated we are over a second slower than race tires. Kuethe said he will practice on them until they are down. Cradlebaugh asked Warren what he is looking for to which Warren replied he thinks we

should follow the rules in the rulebook. Boles stated he thought they were coming up with something to save the class and Cradlebaugh replied we were. Boles said it is not fair to people who can't put tires on every week. Warren stated he is perfectly fine with the rules as they are in our rulebook. Josh Wagar explained on most everything, TaG has generally been a majority rule. Warren responded when they decided to run this class, they didn't know this was going to happen. He further stated these new rules were put in place after the second race and haven't brought us new karts and we did not agree. Kuethe replied he had talked with Warren over the winter about this. Warren responded he had said if tires would last two races, he is all for it and this is the wrong class and track to try this on. Brody Warren said it is a safety issue. Cradlebaugh explained the class has already agreed to this and everybody showed up to the meeting on Sunday to which Horn agreed. Brent Warren stated originally at race two, not everyone showed up. Kuethe stated he doesn't know if there is anything as a board we can do; the rulebook is the rulebook. Gary Gregg said the only thing the board did was empower the TaG class to get some rules together to save the class when it was down to four karts. Kuethe stated he thinks there is no reason to prolong the board meeting. Josh Wagar responded somebody needs to make a motion one way or the other. McKibben suggested the class get together at the upcoming Saturday race. Gregg asked if harder tires have been tried to which Horn said he has not. Cradlebaugh said he would like to see Warren make a motion. Ray McKibben made a motion we empower the TaG class to meet and discuss to make necessary changes as they deem based on majority vote and involve the President. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Brian Schroeder suggested after they meet, it is to be brought back to the board for a final decision. Gregg replied that's not right; we've empowered them for the weights. Jeff Roberts noted we can't change the rulebook now. Slattery stated he doesn't know why the TaG class is more important now. Cradlebaugh replied with multiple engines, we tried to address the tires to save the class. Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to stick with what they decided or go back to what the rulebook says. Warren replied so we're opening the rulebook. Lynda Coombs asked why the Race Director and Assistant Race Director would not be included in McKibben's motion. Rick Wagar replied because they both have a dog in the hunt. Cradlebaugh explained in TaG with weights and engines, it's been the class that decided. Brody Warren suggested saying to put new tires on a set at a time. Cradlebaugh replied he wanted that to happen but you guys didn't. Warren stated there is no way to consider all of the different possibilities and that is his point. Gregg replied look at the shifters – tires are a big part. Warren noted we don't have these rules for any other class. Gregg responded that is because we are trying to keep the class. Warren said the intent was for saving tires. He further stated you're going to exclude people and should not be telling people how to spend their money; the idea was to have tires last two races. Cradlebaugh responded we said to manage any way you want with six new sets. Horn said he won't use four new sets until the end and will use used. Warren replied I rest my case; there is no way to police. Kuethe said you guys have made your point; you've blown up the whole intent. Warren stated you found tires that worked for you. Cradlebaugh said the board can end this and say to go back. Josh Wagar made a motion to continue to let the TaG class decide the matter when their meeting is or was. If this fails, they follow what's printed in the rulebook and we move on with our lives. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. McKibben/Coombs and Cradlebaugh rescinded their previous motions. Josh Wagar's motion was voted on and passed with six in favor, three opposed and four abstained (roll call: Kuethe-abstained, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-no, Schroeder-no, Slattery-no, Wagar-yes, Warren-abstained, Calvert-abstained, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-abstained, Gregg-yes).

ADJOURNMENT: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Josh Wagar, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., **SECOND** Tuesday, July 11, 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, Saylor Park, OH
- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 5, 2017, Lebanon, OH

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Contact Briggs about tech tools.
- Don Boles – Obtain information about the Voss Chevrolet Show in July.
- Mike Lewis – Provide a Kid Kart for the Rollin' On The River Show.
- Ray McKibben – Provide pressure washer for pavilion cleaning, assist with looking into upgrading fuel generator.
- Brian Schroeder – Coordinate the Rollin' On The River Show.
- Pat Slattery – Coordinate Champ Race with the assistance of the Vets.
- Reid Smith – Provide monthly updates about responses from tire companies.
- Rick Wagar – At the next race, address the use of inappropriate language.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Banfield, A. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, J. Horn, M. Lewis, V. Oatts, D. Schroeder, R. Wagar and Brody Warren.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 6/26/17.