

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Don Boles called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked that cell phones be turned down or placed on vibrate. He explained there is a lot to discuss tonight and directed that only one person at a time speak and sidebar conversations be taken outside.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the November 7, 2017 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Don Boles provided the bank balance on behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg. Gary Gregg explained reconciliation with the track is being worked on.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Brian Schroeder reported a check will be mailed for participation in the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show in January. He explained OVKA will be moved next to Full Throttle so the entire strip will be karts. Schroeder said volunteers will be needed in the booth and to provide karts for display. Don Boles reported the DARF Banquet of Champions was held this past Saturday evening and was a great time. He said Geoffrey Crutchleo and Thomas Schrage were DARF class champion award recipients. At the banquet Boles presented a donation to DARF from Charity Race proceeds. He explained DARF has helped out a lot of racers. Pictures from the banquet are online.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reported pit spot reservations have started coming in. Ray McKibben said someone posted about having an extra-long rig. Ron Swift replied it was him with a fifty-three foot rig. McKibben explained Swift can talk with McCready about it.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ted Cradlebaugh pointed out there was a missed opportunity to seal the track when the weather was sixty degrees.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Pat Slattery said everybody on the board was sent the new rulebook at the conclusion of four Rules Committee sessions. He thanked Rick Wagar and Lynda Coombs for their help, as well as the committee participants. Slattery explained there are some misprints to be corrected. Ted Cradlebaugh added Heather Cradlebaugh has a list and will work with Wagar on it. Wagar said he has worked on editing and unless there are any specific questions with the exception of tires he makes a motion to accept the 2018 rulebook. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Brian Schroeder inquired about the weight for the Swift class. Wagar said he will correct it as Pro Swift Sportsman should be 245#. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Don Boles thanked Rick Wagar and said he did a good job.

**SWAP MEET:** Ray McKibben reported Craig Bogan has requested he be provided Swap Meet flyers for distribution up north. Don Boles will contact Doug Benson about this.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported banquet preparations are underway and reservations are coming in. Ray McKibben said the Briggs 206 prizes will be handed out at the banquet. He explained a lot of manufacturers ran out of generators due to the hurricane so pressure washers have been substituted.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2018 TIRES:** For the sake of visitors in attendance, Reid Smith explained this is the year the tire contract expires so RFPs were obtained. He said tonight is where the rubber hits the road. Derek Hughes stated he is here this evening to answer any questions about the tire testing data. He said in talking with people, he has found the data can be a little confusing. Brent Warren read some of the data and Smith replied it's a tradeoff. Don Boles stated we can only go on what was tested. Smith explained we opened up a window for proposals to be amended and all the companies had a good handle on what our club looks like. Boles said money should not be the controlling factor to which Pat Slattery asked what would. Boles replied durability and the racers. Brian Schroeder asked what tracks run Vega and Hoosiers. Smith replied that would have been a question three months ago and explained this is a tiny sport and there are lots of politics. Schroeder said he is trying to grasp how widespread those tires are because Bridgestones are everywhere and the last place he heard where Hoosiers are is Mooresville. Boles said in his opinion some tires did better and we need a good tire for the club. He further stated he doesn't expect us to be on these forever as new tires will be coming out. Schroeder noted our track has different asphalt and said we need a tire for our track. Ray McKibben reported a parent told him he had to put on new tires to maintain competitiveness and when racing for a championship, you don't want to disappoint your kid. Following discussion of tire pricing and contract variations, Rick Coombs made a motion that by looking at this data we go with Hoosier tires for a two-year contract. The motion was seconded by Lee McCready. Ted Cradlebaugh pointed out the data shows Hoosier lasting longer and Bridgestone and Vega nearly tired. Hughes replied you need to look at the comments which tell what was being evaluated, such as grip and how the kart felt. He said it is a subjective rating. Cradlebaugh and Pat Slattery discussed benefits for the banquet. McKibben said tire cost is a big factor. Slattery suggested the board vote one tire out then vote on the remaining two to which Smith agreed. Cradlebaugh asked about voting on all three. Slattery replied six people could vote for one tire; let's get a majority of the board. Boles said the voting needs to be out in the open in front of the club and not on paper. Cradlebaugh responded that's wrong; we can put our name on it. Ted Cradlebaugh amended Rick Coombs's motion to vote on eliminating one tire manufacturer now then vote on the two that are left. The amendment was seconded by Ray McKibben. Smith said he thinks it is a good idea for the board to be in complete agreement how we vote and the board could ballot all three or vote. Aaron Banfield said let's vote to eliminate one then go to the next one. Coombs said if we are going to do it that way, he will pull his motion. Smith noted we have a three-way dynamic here where the final vote represents the majority. Boles asked why not raise hands. Schroeder said to use paper which was then distributed. Smith explained to rank the order, your preference, in order to eliminate one then we are going to re-ballot the top two. Counting of votes was conducted by Lynda Coombs and Derek Hughes and overseen by Don Boles and Reid Smith.

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First round:

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Banfield	Vega	Hoosier	Bridgestone
Calvert	Bridgestone	Vega	Hoosier
Coombs	Hoosier	Bridgestone	Vega
Cradlebaugh	Vega	Hoosier	Bridgestone
Gregg	Bridgestone	Hoosier	Vega
Landes	Bridgestone	Hoosier	Vega
McCready	Hoosier	Bridgestone	Vega
McKibben	Hoosier	Vega	Bridgestone
Roberts	Vega	Hoosier	Bridgestone
Schroeder	Bridgestone	Vega	Hoosier
Slattery	Bridgestone	Hoosier	Vega
Smith	Hoosier	Bridgestone	Vega
Warren	Hoosier	Bridgestone	Vega

Based on round one voting, Vega tires were eliminated. A second vote was taken with the results as follows:

	Tire Choice (Bridgestone or Hoosier)
Banfield	Bridgestone
Calvert	Bridgestone
Coombs	Hoosier
Cradlebaugh	Hoosier
Gregg	Bridgestone
Landes	Bridgestone
McCready	Hoosier
McKibben	Hoosier
Roberts	Hoosier
Schroeder	Bridgestone
Slattery	Bridgestone
Smith	Bridgestone
Warren	Hoosier

Based on round two voting, Bridgestone tires were voted as the club tire. Rick Wagar asked if it should say YLC for the rulebook. Smith replied for now, yes. Warren said he strongly encourages the board to consider YNB as it is an impressive tire but is not available in 6.0. Wagar explained if there is the potential to negotiate a different compound, he needs to know. McKibben said to list Bridgestone as the spec tire and if the compound changes, it can be updated on the website. Cradlebaugh said the compound needs to be put in the rulebook to which Wagar agreed and said a tech update can be done. Cradlebaugh asked if this is a two or three year contract. Smith replied he suggests two years. Boles added they said it can be two years with the option of a third year. Smith thanked everyone for their seriousness and gravity they put into this. Cradlebaugh extended thanks to all of the drivers and Brody and Brent Warren for testing TaG on their own. Hughes reported he blew up two clutches and some drivers blew up cans. Warren said he has not been reimbursed for his expenses for tire testing. Boles replied they received fuel and oil. Warren explained he had to rent two engines and the club has the money and should pay for doing it. Smith replied people

should do it for the good of the club. Warren explained he did not know they would be doing 200 laps. Smith stated he thinks this should be tabled until the next meeting. Warren responded he brought it up 2 ½ months ago and gave the President the invoice at a Rules Committee meeting. Smith said we destroy the value to the club and Warren was not required to do this. Warren said he was told before the start of the first day he would be covered for anything he incurred. Boles replied no I did not and said there was a misunderstanding. Slattery asked how many drivers there were to which Smith replied seven. Smith explained everyone involved incurred some expense. Hughes reported a driver cracked a seat. Smith added someone cracked a frame and the board should consider this from a position of equity and Warren's expenses. Cradlebaugh stated this should have been brought to the board before. Smith replied he didn't come to the board for any kind of budget and questions should have been brought before. Hughes asked to be reimbursed for copy expenses. Cradlebaugh asked that the expense information be sent to the board. Boles said we will have to get in touch with every person. Smith added we have to open a process of open accounting; we have to do for everybody if we do it for one or it gets into inequity. Banfield stated we have to say it is for these seven drivers. McKibben said there is time and labor to which Warren replied he is not saying that. Boles tabled the matter.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Tabled per request by Aaron Banfield.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh noted the list of parts painted was sent to Rick Wagar. He said the 206 information needs to be obtained through Mr. Klaus. Ray McKibben replied Craig Bogan will get the information. Wagar said it is not going to be put in the rulebook. Cradlebaugh explained it will be posted at the track. Ray Brown asked if there is somebody who is going to do two-cycle tech. Don Boles will be reaching out to people. Cradlebaugh explained it is the President's job to find these positions. Brown explained he and Ron Pierce are willing to train them. McKibben reported Craig Bogan is working with David Klaus and Steve Vermeer regarding 206 tech. He added if everything comes together, there will be training at the Swap Meet which will be open to everybody.

**FUTURE PLANNING / OVKA SAVINGS:** Brian Schroeder made a motion to move \$5,000 from checking to savings with the intent to be used for lighting in the future then do again in 2018 and be ready in 2019. Don Boles said he thinks it should be a percentage. Aaron Banfield suggested from this point forward to tack on 20% of every expenditure and in five years there should be a year's operating budget. Schroeder said he feels like we are not moving forward. He added we bought a retrieval vehicle and transponders and suggested budgeting for something. Lee McCready asked what lights are going to cost. Schroeder replied \$15,000 to \$20,000. Rick Coombs responded the last bid was \$38,000. Coombs amended Schroeder's motion to set aside \$5,000 this year then 20% of expenses for 2018. The amendment was seconded by Reid Smith. Don Boles said this is quite a bit of money which he thinks it is high. Ray McKibben asked how much a year can we average expenses. Rick Wagar said if the 20% is adopted, halfway through it can be reduced to 10% if needed. Banfield noted this is for expenses the board approves and Wagar added it is capital expenses. Coombs's amendment was voted on and passed unanimously followed by Schroeder's motion which passed unanimously.

**INSURANCE:** Tabled per request by Gary Gregg.

**RACE DIRECTOR:** Don Boles reported one person is interested in the Race Director position for 2018. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked who to which Ray McKibben replied he is interested. McKibben noted he worked with Ted Cradlebaugh and Rick Wagar this past season.

**CHARITY RACE:** Don Boles reported a check was presented to DARF at their banquet this past Saturday. He explained the rest of the Charity Race proceeds were donated to Gratis EMS and two churches.

**RADIOS:** Tabled until the month before the new season per request by Ray McKibben.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**LAPTOP, SOFTWARE LICENSE & SETUP:** Lynda Coombs discussed adding a fourth laptop at registration. She obtained a quote from Lightning Event Management in the amount of \$420 to add a new registration license, setup support, configuration and timing license transfer. Brent Warren can assist with identifying a laptop that will meet our needs. Ray McKibben asked about software compatibility with Windows 10. Coombs said that needs to be determined and she can conduct testing on a personal laptop. Reid Smith said the person making the software should be willing to do the testing. Coombs replied they are willing to do so. Brent Warren made a motion to appropriate up to \$1,700 for a laptop and computer setup/licensing fees. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously.

**LO206 ENGINE TECH:** See Swap Meet section.

#### **2018 OFFICERS:**

- **PRESIDENT:** Rick Coombs nominated Don Boles for President. Boles accepted the nomination. Aaron Banfield nominated Ken Kuethe for President. Kuethe accepted the nomination via email.
- **VICE-PRESIDENT:** Brent Warren nominated Aaron Banfield for Vice-President. Banfield accepted the nomination. Rick Coombs nominated Ray McKibben for Vice-President. McKibben accepted the nomination. Gary Gregg nominated Reid Smith for Vice-President. Smith accepted the nomination.
- **SECRETARY:** Rick Wagar nominated Lynda Coombs for Secretary. Coombs accepted the nomination.
- **TREASURER:** Rick Wagar nominated Jason Gregg for Treasurer. Gary Gregg accepted the nomination on behalf of Jason Gregg. Aaron Banfield nominated Brian Schroeder for Treasurer. Schroeder accepted the nomination.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**2018 SCHEDULE:** Don Boles presented a 2018 schedule. Brent Warren asked the Saturday, August 18, 2018 date be moved to Sunday due to school. Brian Schroeder said four evening races before school starts is rough. Boles said we are going to go with this and whoever is elected President can change it. Lee McCready pointed out the Lebanon Blues Festival is August 4, 2018 and a race is scheduled that day. Schroeder added there is an evening race the night before the Rollin on the River event on July 22, 2018. Boles explained the KRA schedule is not out yet. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked if we want to try to go back to travelling. Boles responded no.

**AGE REQUIREMENT:** Ray Brown said he heard there will be a change in the age requirement to go to Seniors. Brent Warren explained the change is not in effect until 2019. Brown confirmed that a driver who will be 15 in May can go to Seniors. Ray McKibben explained we wanted to give people a heads up.

**VIDEO PRODUCTION:** Ray McKibben explained Sean Birkle is present this evening to show a video he has produced highlighting OVKA. Birkle played the video for the board and said he can provide one that can be used for shows, on the OVKA website and on social media sites. Ted Cradlebaugh

asked that Birkle add full races to the video. Brent Warren told Birkle he has a gift. Rick Wagar asked about making the video longer for shows, perhaps five minutes. McKibben said it would be nice to have a brief one for our website. Reid Smith explained this is a sample demonstration and said maybe we can allocate some money for Birkle at some point. Birkle replied it would be helpful to have money so he could buy some equipment. Smith asked that Birkle submit a proposal after we make suggestions of what we need. McKibben suggested Birkle get with Gary Osterholt about putting this on the website. Birkle asked for permission to post the video on his site. Smith said Birkle would like permission in the form of a letter. Birkle will get with Osterholt to discuss pinning this video to the top of OVKA's site. He will also provide a proposal.

**KID KART FUEL:** Michael Lewis said it was decided the Kid Kart Director is required to go to Camden for fuel. He asked who is buying the oil and gas can. Aaron Banfield said he has a ton of Burrell oil. Brian Schroeder explained they had used two five gallon jugs.

**206 JUNIOR:** Eben Smith asked if there is any idea who is racing 206 Junior. Don Boles replied we have no idea at this time and will know at the first of the season. Reid Smith said we expect the class to grow.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rick Wagar, seconded by Jeff Calvert, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show – Friday through Sunday, January 5-7, 2018, Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45202
- OVKA Annual Membership Meeting & 2017 Banquet – Saturday, January 13, 2018, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, 9664 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH, 45040
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 27, 2018, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA 2017 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 3, 2018, The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2017, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

#### **SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Aaron Banfield – Provide oil for Kid Karts.
- Sean Birkle – Contact Gary Osterholt about pinning his video to the OVKA site, provide the Board with a proposal regarding a video presentation.
- Don Boles – Ask Doug Benson to provide Craig Bogan with Swap Meet flyers, work on locating a two-cycle tech person.
- Lynda Coombs - Volunteer at Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.
- Rick Coombs - Volunteer at Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Volunteer at Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.
- Ray McKibben – Volunteer at Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show;  
From October: Provide pressure washer to prepare pavilion for sealing, coordinate sealing of pavilion, address radio concerns.
- Jeff Roberts – From October: Fix billboard graphics, partner with new 420 tech person.
- Brian Schroeder – From October: Coordinate the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.
- Rick Wagar – From November: Help with track sealing.

- Brent Warren – From November: Help with track sealing. From October: Address PA system gain control.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Banfield, D. Boles, J. Calvert, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, R. Landes, L. McCreedy, R. McKibben, J. Roberts, B. Schroeder, P. Slattery, R. Smith, and B. Warren.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** S. Birkle, R. Brown, D. Cook, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, J. Doran, D. Hughes, M. Lewis, V. Oatts, E. Smith, R. Swift, and R. Wagar.

**NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY:** Following the meeting, there was discussion about not having a regular board meeting on the first Tuesday of January 2018 since the annual meeting is so close on January 13, 2018. Lynda Coombs emailed board members and consensus was to **not** have a board meeting on the first Tuesday. Gary Osterholt posted a notice on the OVKA website.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 12/18/17.