

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

INSTALLATION OF 2018 OFFICERS: At 7:01 p.m. outgoing President Don Boles turned over the offices of President and Vice-President to Ken Kuethe and Aaron Banfield. Boles said he appreciates all of the people who helped him during his term. Boles received a round of applause.

CALL TO ORDER: President Ken Kuethe asked that attendees be respectful of each other and there be no sidebar conversations. He noted the agenda has a timeframe for this meeting of 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. which he would like to try to finish by.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the January 13, 2018 annual general membership meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Gary Gregg provided bank balances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Don Boles discussed the upcoming DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Show being held Friday, March 9, 2018 through Sunday, March 10, 2018, at the Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua. He said there is a \$50 fee to participate in the event which Ken Kuethe appropriated. Boles explained two kids are needed to participate in a driving video game event on Saturday. Sean Birkle said he might be interested and Brent Warren offered to check with his family. To volunteer to help at the OVKA booth, contact Boles. Ray McKibben reported he is working on replacing the carpet panels and making repairs to the old show booth. He explained the old booth has a better frame than the newer one. McKibben suggested looking into a 10' by 10' panel for the OVKA canopy. Rick Coombs replied he disagrees with this because the wind could cause it to become a sail. McKibben is researching new booth options and will email the board. Boles discussed the need for the booth material to be fire retardant. Lee McCready said the Lebanon Blues Festival requires us to have a fire extinguisher. Lynda Coombs reported one was purchased last year. Boles stated the plan is to set up the old booth at Full Throttle. Michael Lewis explained he is in the process of having a board made for display at Full Throttle. Ronald Swift offered to obtain information about Dayton Cars and Coffee shows held at Austin Landing. Ken Kuethe said the biggest issue is staffing on off weekends. Aaron Banfield stated he thinks it is a good idea. Warren offered to help. Boles reported the OVKA trailer is set up and anybody can tow it. Lynda Coombs explained the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs show will be moving their event to one week later next year which has impacted the banquet date.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported there was interest and activity regarding pit spots at the Swap Meet this past weekend. Ken Kuethe said the new billboards look pretty empty and we need a way to encourage sponsors to put up a billboard. Jeff Roberts explained he is leery to do billboard graphics because of a terrible experience he had with material. Aaron Banfield discussed a potential resource for billboard printing which he will check into. He explained they will print an image on a board but do not do art work. Roberts discussed how artwork can take hours so there can't be a set price for that. Brent Warren inquired about the series sponsors. Kuethe will reach out to them.

SWAP MEET: Gary Gregg discussed Swap Meet income and expenses and said proceeds were better than last year. Doug Benson thanked Brian Schroeder and Ted Cradlebaugh for their help with the event. He explained Schroeder made sure all of the workers were in place. Benson reported he heard a few people say the show was smaller than last year. He said last year was exceptional and unusually large. Benson discussed table sales and said vendors like the building. Ken Kuethe asked if we reach out to vendors to thank them. Benson replied he prefers to do this through Facebook and Bob's 4-Cycle. Michael Lewis said Survey Monkey could easily be used or it could be put on Bob's 4-Cycle. He explained email addresses would be needed. Benson reported having talked with Rick and Lynda Coombs who felt attendance was down at the Indy Circle Track. Benson said one of our Swap Meet vendors reported selling more this year. Ray McKibben asked if we are locked in for next year. Benson replied we are for one more year. McKibben stated everybody's happy with this place. Aaron Banfield asked if there are other venues out there. Brian Schroeder responded it's not good jumping around. Benson said he heard complaints that the motel had sold out. Rick Coombs asked if there is any way to get a special room rate. Lynda Coombs explained they had been quoted \$146. Benson asked her to provide a copy of this. Brent Warren asked if anybody said anything about the price. Benson replied Ted and Heather Cradlebaugh sold armbands and did not say anything. Angie Calvert reported she did hear people comment. Sean Birkle suggested advertising through the e-Karting News forum and said it is constantly updating. Banfield asked if there are other places we ought to be looking at to promote this. Don Boles said we used to send boxes of Swap Meet flyers to kart shops who would include them in their shipments. McKibben asked if there is any way to have the flyers ready by the October board meeting. Benson replied we could do it in the summer time. Banfield reported there were several people who were at the Cavalcade show who came to the Swap Meet. Boles explained he received several calls from people new to karting and raised the question how to get to new people. McKibben explained while at the Swap Meet, he will walk with people to show them what they need to get started. Boles reported someone told him they paid \$18 at a kart show. Kuethe responded he does not think we need to look at changing the price. Boles stated we need to put the price on the flyer. Kuethe asked if we would get more bang for our buck giving \$1,000 away \$100 at a time. Rick Coombs responded that is not a bad idea. Boles said we should still make the last drawing higher. Angie Calvert reported parents thought it would be cool if their kid won and she noted some families paid \$60 to \$80. Kuethe extended thanks to Benson for all of his work and said we appreciate it.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ken Kuethe discussed working on the bathrooms. Gary Gregg said we need to seal but will have to wait for it to be warmer. Ronald Swift reported it is impossible to find a trash can in the back area. Gregg replied we can get more. Kuethe said we can mention during announcements and the driver's meeting to ask people to share. Brian Schroeder asked if we are okay on crash bags to which Kuethe stated we should be good.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs thanked everyone who helped with the banquet and Lynda Coombs for all of the work she did. He explained the board was emailed about the Cavalcade of Customs Show affecting the 2018 banquet date so now the banquet will be a week earlier on January 5, 2019. Coombs said it will make things a little tighter but it was the only way we could go without changing venues. Coombs is waiting for one more invoice so he will provide the banquet expense report next month. He reported there was a concern about the volume of the PA system which will be addressed for the next banquet. Brent Warren said the desserts were delicious but there was no option for people with nut allergies. Lynda Coombs explained that was addressed that evening and fruit was provided. Rick Coombs added it will be on their radar next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

RACERS APPRECIATION DAY: Brian Schroeder said he would like to look at having a Racers Appreciation Day one or two times this year and keep it spontaneous. Don Boles said there ought to be more notice. Schroeder replied it would be two or three weeks. Brent Warren stated he thinks toward the end of the season is good for people who are out of the points and he is not opposed to having it two times.

STAGING LANES: Aaron Banfield said he will paint staging lanes when the weather turns before we race.

TIRE TESTING REIMBURSEMENT: Don Boles explained the intent for tire testing reimbursement was for oil and fuel. Brent Warren discussed how testers essentially did six races over the two days and everyone except for the Warrens had some type of mechanical issue including clutches, broken karts and a TCI. Warren said he had asked what we were doing. Ken Kuethe replied oil and gas was discussed. Warren said he has not been reimbursed for oil and tire testing cost him \$700 for two engines he rented. Kuethe stated renting engines doesn't make sense to him and his son could have done testing. Warren explained he asked what the plan was and if he had known, he wouldn't have volunteered. Warren further stated no one told him he was going to get reimbursed for the engines but other people had expenses too over two long, hard days. Aaron Banfield asked what Warren is asking for. Warren replied the two engines should be reimbursable as they did not rent them for any other purpose and his two karts were the only ones without a failure like everyone else who had unplanned failures that affected the data. He added maybe it's a couple of entries. Brian Schroeder asked how many drivers there were. Warren replied there were seven drivers with one who ran in two. Ray McKibben responded he does not mind looking at a couple of entries and in the future, as in previous board meetings, we come to the board and ask for funds. Jeff Calvert asked what is going to be done for everybody else. Boles explained they received volunteer credits. Rick Coombs made a motion to provide two race entries for seven drivers and four race entries for one driver in recognition of their participation in tire testing. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. Calvert said he knows going in with his kart something is going to happen. Warren replied they didn't know and he asked repeatedly what the plan was. The motion was voted on and passed with nine in favor, one opposed and one abstained (roll call: Calvert-no, Coombs-yes, Gregg-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-yes, Warren-abstained, Banfield-yes, Boles-yes). Warren asked if he gets paid for the \$96.53 spent for oil and said he turned the invoice into Boles. A check will be issued this evening.

MISSION STATEMENT: Aaron Banfield, Don Boles, and Ray McKibben will schedule a meeting time tonight to discuss drafting a mission statement.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Ken Kuethe said he will stay in contact with Ted Cradlebaugh about the tech department. Don Boles reported Craig Bogan and Matt Abel attended LO206 tech training this past weekend. He said we are still looking for people to do two-cycle tech. Ray McKibben added the club purchased LO206 tech tools.

INSURANCE: Gary Gregg will be contacting Michael Davis about equipment insurance. Michael Lewis inquired about a name change he heard WKA was making and asked if it is going to affect the insurance. Don Boles replied it is his understanding they went from a not-for-profit organization to a for-profit and he does not know if it will change anything.

2018 SCHEDULE: Ken Kuethe said the 2018 schedule is set. He added next year whether he makes the schedule or not, he will see we have one that is set. Kuethe said it was brought to his

attention we still have weather dates on the schedule. Brent Warren replied we should have. Rick Coombs stated he thinks we should do away with them. Warren responded we could have a heavy downpour or lightening. Aaron Banfield stated he likes the idea of weather dates and noted a couple of years ago we had snow. Kuethe said for next year, he wants to gather information from our members about double race weekends and pointed out not everyone stays at the track. Don Boles said there are people who have to work either Saturday or Sunday. Kuethe replied he will get feedback and look at this for next year.

VIDEO PRODUCTON: Sean Birkle asked if it would be possible to put Juniors and Seniors two classes apart. Brent Warren replied sometimes that is determined by what folks are racing multiple classes or parents and their children racing. He said they will do it if they can. Aaron Banfield stated Lynda Coombs does a good job working with the Race Director on the lineup. Warren said if Birkle is working as an official that day, we can wait a minute or two. Coombs asked Birkle to remind us at the track. Don Boles discussed having Birkle make us a video for the Swap Meet. Warren reported he heard a lot of positive comments at the banquet about a video Birkle produced. Birkle asked since he will be eighteen-years-old will he be allowed to be on the track. Coombs replied with Race Director permission.

KA100 KART: Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

RACING4VETS: Adam Webb presented a plaque to OVKA and thanked everybody on the board and OVKA for their continued support for the Racing4Vets program for several years. He explained they have two programs – one indoor once a month at both Full Throttle locations with thirty to forty military veterans and the outdoor program with OVKA with three veterans in OVKA420 and one in LO206 Senior last year. Webb asked for the board's consideration of sponsorship for the group for this upcoming season. Don Boles made a motion to continue providing four race entries, eight pit passes and a pit spot for this year. The motion was seconded by Brian Schroeder and passed unanimously. Warren complimented their grilling ability and Boles said he appreciates how they have helped out a lot. Aaron Banfield stated the program has grown nicely and it is amazing what they have done. He reported they have veterans lined up for the four seats with OVKA. Kuethe explained he is responsible for seeing that the American flag is raised at our events and asked if the veterans would be interested in doing this. Webb replied, "It would be an honor, sir." Ray McKibben discussed how in the past, someone provided OVKA with an American flag that had been flown by a military division and asked if this is something Webb could assist with. Webb agreed to look into it.

BUCKEYE KARTING CHALLENGE: Brian Schroeder reported last week he spoke with Scott Benton regarding the Buckeye Karting Challenge then Schroeder and some others met with him prior to the Swap Meet. Schroeder explained Benton started a series that is racing at Adkins, Fremont and Thompson for a championship. They average 140 racers total. G & J Kartway was not on the schedule this year but for 2019, Benton is interested in looking at G & J and Circleville. Schroeder said they will need OVKA's help for some of the worker positions, as well as equipment. He reported they charge \$10 for the wristband and \$40 for the entry and there are awards at the conclusion of the race at each track and at the end of the year. The 2018 classes they are offering are: Kid Karts, Mini Swift, Micro Swift, Yamaha Sportsman, 206 Junior, Yamaha Junior, 206 Senior, and Yamaha Senior (pipe and can). Schroeder said they are open for suggestions. Dylan Cradlebaugh replied so that's five dates OVKA can't schedule on. Schroeder responded that's correct and Benton asked if they are racing at one of the other tracks, we not run. Cradlebaugh asked what they are doing for us. Ken Kuethe said Benton is trying to get this scheduled. Cradlebaugh asked how many people complain we are racing on two WKA dates. Schroeder stated Benton will have his schedule in the late summer

and we might do our schedule early this year. Rick Coombs said Benton is trying to make a state championship series in Ohio. Cradlebaugh replied he understands and unless OVKA switches to ten races, you're hurting OVKA. Aaron Banfield said there is plenty of time to talk with members. He further stated there were two people at the Swap Meet who said they intend to race this series and if ten or fifteen of our racers are going to then we need to consider this.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

OVKA WEBSITE: Ken Kuethe asked that people take a look at the OVKA website and report to him anything that needs fixed, including contact information. Michael Lewis said the parking map needs to be on there. Lee McCready replied it is listed under information and is not listed separately. Lewis said it is not updated and he will volunteer to do it. McCready explained it is changing daily to which Lewis said he could take care of it every day. Kuethe will look into it.

206 RULES: Michael Lewis reported the 206 rules are out. He said the slide changed from green to red for Sportsman (Cadet in the Briggs Series) and he asked how that is going to work out. Aaron Banfield replied the green is listed as legacy so we can keep it. Brian Schroeder said our rulebook refers to WKA who refers to the 206 rulebook and we need to state we can run the green. Kuethe asked if we can make that change. Brent Warren replied if we don't go to red, we get excluded. Ray McKibben stated if it gives us the option, as long as we follow Briggs rules, it is up to the club to go with red or green. Schroeder said the red will be 46 to 47 miles per hour and the green will be 51 to 52 miles per hour. Warren said particularly with our track it is amplified with the configurations and he thinks red is a good idea for our track. Lewis reported New Castle and GoPro are using green. McKibben asked to table the matter until next month to see what the Briggs Weekly Racing Series requires.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Doug Benson said he had people ask him about online registration for the Swap Meet and asked if we are any closer to online registration for races. Michael Lewis replied Google docs can do this. Lynda Coombs explained the software already has this feature built in but racers still have to have their karts inspected and sign a release at each event.

TRADE SHOW: Doug Benson asked Lynda Coombs for a description of the KMI Show that OVKA used to attend. Lynda explained it was a large trade show outside Chicago that included many new kart-related vendors. Rick Coombs explained vendors such as Birel, Sodi, Haas and Bridgestone were there. Don Boles added they had a finance office and it was amazing how much money was there. Benson asked if they know what the cost was. Lynda replied she can go through records to locate that information. Benson raised the question if we would want to put together our Swap Meet and a trade show over two days. Rick Coombs asked what that would add to the cost for the facility to which Benson replied probably \$5,000. Benson discussed having the Swap Meet on day one and a trade show on day two or all on Saturday and separating them. Lynda Coombs asked if Benson has reached out to new vendors from the list she provided him a few years ago. Benson responded they don't get enough value for their money. Aaron Banfield stated they do karting shows in Germany. Brian Schroeder said we could pull the partition. Randy Landes said we could go to a non-motorsports show to see what kind of interest we got. Benson stated we are the biggest karting show in the country.

ADJOURNMENT: Aaron Banfield, seconded by Don Boles, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- DARF Race Cars & Future Starts Expo – Friday through Sunday, March 9-11, 2018, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua, OH 45356
- OVKA Clean-Up Day – Saturday, March 24, 2018, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., G & J Kartway

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Check into billboard printing, paint staging lanes.
- Don Boles – Coordinate OVKA's participation at the DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Show.
- Lynda Coombs – Provide Doug Benson information regarding room rate at the Roberts Centre Holiday Inn, provide Benson with the amount paid to participate in the former KMI Show.
- Gary Gregg – Contact Michael Davis about equipment insurance.
- Ken Kuethe – Reach out to series sponsors about billboards.
- Ray McKibben – Repair old show booth, research new booth options and email information to the board, check with Briggs Weekly Racing Series regarding slides.
- Ronald Swift – Obtain information about Cars and Coffee shows at Austin Landing.
- Brent Warren – Assist with Cars and Coffee shows.
- Adam Webb – Look into American flag that had been flown by a military division.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: D. Benson, S. Birkle, A. Calvert, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, J. Doran, M. Lewis, R. Swift, and A. Webb.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 2/21/18