

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked that phones be turned down.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the February 6, 2018 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Lynda Coombs asked the board if they want to maintain Karting 101 fees at a lower rate than regular race days, specifically \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Brian Schroeder suggested leaving the fees at that rate. Rick Coombs said he thinks the fees should be at the regular rate of \$35. Schroeder replied he thinks the lower rate will make it more inviting. Consensus of the board was to charge the lower rates.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Ken Kuethe provided bank balances. The Roberts Center and board insurance are to be paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: In follow up to Doug Benson's inquiry last month, Lynda Coombs reported the fee OVKA paid to participate in the KMI Show was \$312.50 in 2009 which was the last year the show was held. She said as she recalls the fee was half the regular rate because of our not-for-profit status. 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 explained an auction is held on Saturday. Ray McKibben discussed options for a new booth. Brian Schroeder asked if there is a reason we need a podium wrap. Ken Kuethe replied he does not see a reason to buy one but he will defer to the people who do the shows more. Boles explained the podium is used when we have a smaller space. Lynda Coombs said the podium gives us the option of putting the brochures and candy basket on it at events such as the Indy Circle Track Show where we have less space. Brent Warren asked if we use the lights. Ted Cradlebaugh explained they are broken and it would be nice to have them. McKibben suggested looking at other options for lights. Warren responded these lights are specifically designed to be mounted on the booth. McKibben noted we would get a warranty. Aaron Banfield said the lights look great when they are up and discussed the need to take good care of them. Schroeder said he is not against this and asked if they light up the pictures. He raised the question whether we need them. Banfield explained how the lights draw attention. Lynda Coombs said lights are needed at the Lebanon Blues Festival which lasts until late in the evening. Ray McKibben made a motion to purchase the booth with lights for \$1,700. The motion was second by Brian Schroeder and passed unanimously. Boles stated he would like to specify this booth is for indoor shows where the wind could mess it up. Banfield said with this expenditure, \$340 needs to be moved to the savings account. McKibben suggested people meet at Full Throttle to learn how to set up the new booth. Boles asked if anyone is going to fix the old booths. McKibben reported he has a source for replacement carpet for the old booths and he has to get the dimensions to him. He anticipates a cost of \$200 to \$300. McKibben said we can use the broken booth for a permanent display. Banfield discussed taking carpet from one old booth and installing it on the other one. Lee McCready asked if we are putting up a booth at Full Throttle. Michael Lewis replied he is making a board to display there. McKibben said he would like to see if we can come up with repair pieces for booth number two. Lynda Coombs noted the metal poles are broken which McKibben said he can address. Schroeder stated he sees no reason to have three booths. Kuethe said we're not doing anything with the old one. Banfield pointed out we will have two

functional booths. McKibben discussed coming up with parts for the oldest booth if the cost is only \$20 or \$30. Kuethe thanked McKibben for all of his work in locating a new booth.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready explained April 1st is the date pit spot applications are due after which spots become open. He said right now we have hit a dry spell and he expects there will be a rush to get them in. McCready reported there are ten sponsors for sure and no confirmed billboard rentals although there are some leads. Dan Fiehrer asked what kind of board is being used on the billboards. Aaron Banfield replied it will be foam core or corrugated aluminum on plywood backing. Fiehrer said he wants something that will last. Ray McKibben explained the billboard panels are 4' by 8' and are screwed in. He suggested using vinyl printing. McCready stated he is still looking for somebody to do signs for these people and stated nobody wants to write a blank check. Banfield responded a 4' by 8' printed ready-to-go sign would be about \$200 to print once artwork is done. He stated artwork could easily take twenty hours. Banfield added the cautionary part is if the art file is a low resolution picture, it will be grainy when it is blown up. McCready replied you can't tell somebody you don't know what the price is; nobody buys a car from me with a blank check. Banfield explained a vector print-ready high resolution file is needed. He suggested the billboard be taken down at the end of the season. Don Boles said it might be cheaper to wrap the billboard. Brent Warren responded the problem with wrap is it is inkjet print and he thinks vinyl graphic may be better. Pat Slattery asked what a good resolution is. Heather Cradlebaugh explained it needs to be a vector file and said if the file is high resolution, it will be clear; if not high resolution, there will be jagged edges. She provided the following information: Artwork file requirements are .ai, .eps, or high resolution PDF original vector art.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ken Kuethe reminded everyone that track clean-up day will be Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lynda Coombs asked for guidance about ordering food. Consensus was to keep it the same as last year. Kuethe will go to track to assess the work that needs to be done.

RULES COMMITTEE: Pat Slattery urged anybody with questions or concerns to contact him or any board member. Ken Kuethe will mention this at the driver's meeting.

SWAP MEET: Lynda Coombs reported Doug Benson informed her that the reason she was quoted a higher room rate for the Swap Meet hotel was because the block of rooms had been booked and he had not been informed of this. Once he contacted the hotel, more rooms were released at the lower rate. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed Swap Meet gate attendance.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs distributed a banquet report. He reported we are under contract for the 2018 banquet which will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Lynda Coombs explained the new owners of Liberty Sportswear will be shutting down around the holidays and with the banquet date being a week earlier, it will be necessary to have the jacket order submitted promptly following the conclusion of the racing season. Brian Schroeder asked if we figured out what happened to the name plates on the trophies. Lynda Coombs explained the new owners of the company were not aware the name plates were to be on the trophies. She contacted them and they provided the plates which Coombs started distributing at the Swap Meet. Lynda said they can easily be attached to the trophies. Ken Kuethe noted Rick Coombs stayed under the banquet budget and said he did a fantastic job. Rick Coombs explained one area he would like to change for the next banquet is to increase the number of women's prizes because they are the backbone to all of us. He reported at this past banquet six gate/race entry passes were given away; previously it was five.

OLD BUSINESS:

RADIOS: Aaron Banfield reported he did stress load testing on the twelve radios and found one bad battery and five that will not last through race day in addition to one radio that needs to be fixed. He reported he spoke with Lynda Coombs today about radio needs. Coombs explained the EMTs need two radios, the tower needs two, plus it would be a good idea to have some spares. Ted Cradlebaugh said he thought we had more than twelve radios. Heather Cradlebaugh added we had some given to us. Ray McKibben explained we have six newer radios with lithium batteries and six older ones. The donated radios are older and not on the same frequency. Aaron Banfield offered to attempt to reprogram them. Kuethe said based on his count of needing sixteen radios, we are four short. McKibben said he needs to be able to buy six new lithium batteries. Ted Cradlebaugh said we can use the radios we have and charge the batteries then hand them out if they go out. McKibben will gather information and get back with the board. Warren asked if the matter will be revisited in April. Banfield replied we need it addressed before then to get the radios here. Brian Schroeder asked if we need to allocate funds now. Banfield responded let's get the information and follow up by email. McKibben will provide Kuethe and Banfield with information.

STAGING LANES: Aaron Banfield will see that the staging lanes are painted.

MISSION STATEMENT: Deferred.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Lynda Coombs asked how many tech manuals need to be ordered and said one is needed for the tower. Ken Kuethe asked her to order five. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if anybody has stepped up to do two-cycle tech. Ken Kuethe will contact Ray Brown to see what he can do then will email the board. Cradlebaugh said if Bogan is doing 206, pre-tech has to be decided. Ray McKibben explained Bogan and Matt Abel both attended the 206 seminar. Kuethe will talk with Bogan this week. Aaron Banfield stated we don't want too many people expecting to be Tech Director. McKibben reported Bogan purchased three tool boxes and is working on them. Gary Gregg said more keys need to be made. Brent Warren provided a locksmith resource. Lynda Coombs will work on having keys made.

INSURANCE: Gary Gregg said he wants insurance on the radios and transponders. He discussed how the transponders need to be taken care of over the winter and said there are twenty or thirty in the cabinet. Don Boles reported he has two boxes. Brian Schroeder took care of them last year and charged them. Dan Fiehrer explained he bought a used transponder off e-Bay and was told it is real important to charge it once a month. Gregg said it extends the life. Schroeder explained on the newer style you pull the cord and it goes into hibernation. Mike Lewis said a guy out of Texas will replace batteries in the yellow transponders. Gregg replied McKibben has done it; we can do it locally. Gregg said we need the number of transponders we have. Lynda Coombs will work on obtaining this information. Brian Schroeder said it should be 87.

KA100 KART: Dan Fiehrer said he thinks the KA100 is an up and coming engine and it will be run on a national level. He was surprised New Castle is not running it this year. Fiehrer said this would be an opportunity at OVKA and he realizes it wasn't voted in as a class but he thinks the club should provide it and have it on the entry form. Ken Kuethe replied at this point it is not a class. Fiehrer said the club has promoted if somebody shows up, we will run it. He further stated if we ignore this, it would be like ignoring the 206 two years ago. Gary Gregg suggested figuring out how much to weight it up to run with the Yamaha. Fiehrer said he does not want to do that because he wants to run the Yamaha too. Aaron Banfield asked if Fiehrer has a count. Fiehrer said if we had twelve people who were going to run TaG for sure, he wouldn't be pushing it. Kuethe replied we are not going to have any TaG and it sounds like we will have two or three KA on a semi-regular basis and

that is why changes were made to the rulebook. Pat Slattery said he knows we have fourteen classes and we don't want more but he thinks we can get a class for KA and slot with Shifters or TaG. He added he thinks there will be a pretty good group as he has sold three. Banfield said the Race Director has discretion to determine running them with TaG or Shifters and we could see. Ted Cradlebaugh replied he agrees that motor is up and coming and is a little faster. He said the TaGs are floating out. Slattery stated he would like to make it a class and publicize it now to let people know we will welcome it. Fiehrer said he would like to have a senior KA100 for right now. Brent Warren explained he wholeheartedly disagreed when we made changes to our rules and this is the reason. He added they could run behind TaG or Shifters. Ted Cradlebaugh told Fiehrer and Slattery they have got to go out and get people for this class. Slattery replied we have people. Fiehrer explained it is not being asked for this to be a points class. Kuethe replied he is all for six or seven races and making it a points class. McKibben said if they run five or six races and pay their money, they should be in the hunt for a jacket. Slattery stated if they don't show up, we can drop the class. Pat Slattery then made a motion we set up a KA100 Senior points class at 360# with WKA rules. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren. Banfield said it could be an exhibition class to which Dylan Cradlebaugh responded then it would not be a points class. Don Boles said this is up and coming and we can find a place to put them. McKibben said if this passes, karters will know. Lynda Coombs said she needs to know to prepare the entry form for printing. Randy Landes asked isn't it in the rules it has to be presented the year before. Lynda Coombs replied it is. Warren stated we should never have put that rule in. Slattery said this can be put on our website and Facebook for all to know and there may be racers at New Castle who would come. Banfield said he is in favor of this and it makes sense. He raised the question what happens when next month someone comes in asking for something like the Bambino because we have a rule in the rulebook. Warren said do we want to be letting new classes in every month, no. Brian Schroeder suggested for next year looking at having a sportsman mixed group. Banfield added maybe have a senior run group. He noted we lost a class this year. Kuethe discussed how so many people say we have too many classes and not enough laps. McKibben stated this has been on the radar since last summer. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Ted Cradlebaugh asked Slattery to look into if any special tools will be needed.

LO206 SPORTSMAN SLIDES: Ray McKibben explained last month there was discussion about red verses green slides. He reported Steve Vermeer with the 206 Cup emailed that they are running the green slides. New Castle is running green slides as well as Mid-State Kart Club. Pat Slattery asked which slide is faster. Aaron Banfield replied green. Ken Kuethe asked McKibben if we are to run the green slide to which McKibben said yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHEDULE PROCESS: Ray McKibben suggested changing how we develop the schedule for the next season to provide for the sitting President to present a draft race schedule for the upcoming race season at the November board meeting for input/suggestions. A final race schedule would be presented by the President at the December board meeting with a one week delay allowed for unforeseen changes. Aaron Banfield said this would help people be able to plan vacations. Brent Warren added people could give their input and there would be the opportunity to discuss it with the track owner. McKibben said he is not looking for a vote this evening and he will email this proposal to the board. Ken Kuethe stated he does not know if we need a by-law change or if it would pass but he will work to get the schedule for the incoming President. He explained a lot goes into it including consideration of kids going back to school. Kuethe said he plans to spend a lot of time going out talking to people and will discuss with them whether they want double race weekends and avoiding two or three races in a row. Warren suggested publishing a draft so people can look at it. Kuethe stated it doesn't matter who does the schedule, we are not going to satisfy everybody. Gary Gregg said it is hard to make the schedule in November or December because of not knowing what WKA is

going to do. Slattery replied their schedule was out. Kuethe offered to go over how he developed the schedule and noted there is a lower percentage who race WKA. Slattery said we shortened the season. Lynda Coombs explained in the past a draft schedule was shared and some people thought it was a final schedule. Warren said when a schedule is presented, if there are people who do not like it, we need to listen and if there is one to emphasize it's WKA. Brian Schroeder suggested having it on the November board meeting agenda to talk about. Don Boles explained he only had one person call him with concern about the schedule. Kuethe said he had never seen a draft schedule and does not remember Ted Cradlebaugh asking about it. Kuethe committed to having his schedule out as early as possible. Cradlebaugh replied the schedule could be cut to twelve races which would open up two dates. Slattery said he would like to see double races. Kuethe responded he is not sure how people would like driving 1½ hours. Boles explained a racer told him he has to work either Saturday or Sunday. Banfield said we as board members we should be asking people what they think regarding double headers. McKibben added board members need to give this feedback to Kuethe. Warren said this might be a great topic for a club-wide survey.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

RACE DIRECTOR: Gary Gregg reported Dave Fox might be interested in being Race Director. Gregg explained Fox was Race Director about twenty years ago. Aaron Banfield suggested he get in touch with Ted Cradlebaugh. Cradlebaugh inquired about the plan for Larry Brown. Banfield replied Brown is on board with Cradlebaugh for training.

BUCKEYE KARTING CHALLENGE: Brian Schroeder reported Scott Benton is still working on getting a race at G & J Kartway next year for his series. Benton plans to come to the next board meeting with Rick Chapman and will have information to the board prior to that. Rick Coombs asked if he wants us to schedule off for their five weekends. Schroeder explained they race on a Saturday so we can race on Sunday. He said he was told they will have their schedule out in October. Ray McKibben stated we need to look at if the membership is interested in going. Schroeder reported Benton had no intent for 2018 to run 206 Sportsman but there was a lot of interest so it was added. He said a lot of their classes mimic ours.

SPIRIT4RACING: Virgil Oatts discussed continuing the Spirit4Racing sponsorship with OVKA and made a motion for OVKA to provide four entries, eight gate passes and a pit spot. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously.

KID KART FUEL: Michael Lewis said he brought up fuel for Comers a couple of meetings ago. He explained he has to get the fuel and he needs a case of Burris Castor and Burris Blend. Aaron Banfield said if there is none at the track, he will donate it. Gary Gregg asked why they can't use what we sell. Banfield replied it slows them down. Ted Cradlebaugh added it is cheaper. Lewis reported at a Rules Committee meeting, a parent said it is not fair to tell them to go to pump one. Banfield asked Lewis if they get their fuel from him. Lewis explained the Comer will and the 206 can be sent to the pump. Brian Schroeder explained there are seven LO206 karters and there is a 2½ jug that when it runs out, they get another gallon or two. Banfield said he thinks Lewis can police this. Warren stated he hates to put more work on Lewis. With Kid Kart fuel being provided, Lewis suggested the entry fee be adjusted \$2.00. Cradlebaugh asked why we would raise the Kid Kart price. Lewis explained last year, we stopped providing fuel. Consensus was for the Kid Kart entry fee to be \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Schroeder discussed how parents wanted to mix different oil. Lewi replied in the rulebook, they have to run Burris and synthetic. Rick Coombs noted Senior is open. Lewis reported WKA is requiring Kid Karts run 110 Red Line. Warren said there is ambiguity regarding Kid Kart fuel because the chart is different; it doesn't spec an oil and it

should be Burris. He added when it comes to printed rules, he is not a fan of ambiguity. Lewis responded we can do a tech update. Kuethe tabled the matter.

LO206 ENGINE TECH: Ray McKibben said we need to purchase an LO206 engine for tech purposes which will be used for comparison. Rick Coombs asked what the cost is. McKibben replied \$500. Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$500 for LO206 tech. The motion as seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh. Pat Slattery asked what about TaG and Yamaha. McKibben explained Briggs and Stratton said to use an engine for comparison; it is a standard they set. He further stated the engine will be marked and engraved. The motion was voted on and passed with seven in favor, three opposed and one abstained (roll call: Gregg-yes, Landes-yes, McCreedy-yes, McKibben-yes, Schroeder-no, Slattery-no, Warren-no, Banfield-abstained, Boles-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes).

ADJOURNMENT: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- 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
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, 2018 Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Attempt to reprogram donated radios, paint staging lanes.
- Don Boles – Coordinate OVKA's participation at the DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Show.
- Lynda Coombs – Order food for track clean-up day, order five tech manuals, have keys made, provide Gary Gregg with number of transponders.
- Gary Gregg – Contact Michael Davis about equipment insurance.
- Ken Kuethe – Assess work that needs to be done at track clean-up day, mention at the driver's meeting that any questions or concerns can be directed to Rulebook Chairperson, Pat Slattery, or any board member, contact Ray Brown regarding two-cycle tech then email the board, contact Craig Bogan regarding 206 tech.
- Ray McKibben – Order show booth, repair old show booth, provide Kuethe and Banfield with information regarding radios.
- Ronald Swift – Obtain information about Cars and Coffee shows at Austin Landing (February 2018).
- Brent Warren – Assist with Cars and Coffee shows (February 2018).
- Adam Webb – Look into American flag that had been flown by a military division (February 2018).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Banfield, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, L. McCreedy, R. McKibben, B. Schroeder, P. Slattery, and B. Warren.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer, M. Lewis, and V. Oatts.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/24//18