

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. He asked that cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate. Kuethe explained Jeff Roberts resigned from the board last month, Pat Slattery submitted his resignation via email and thirty minutes ago Reid Smith sent an email saying he will submit his resignation prior to the next board meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs explained it is necessary to make a correction to the April 1, 2018 board meeting minutes and asked Ray McKibben to provide details of the correction. McKibben said the conversation regarding the 206 rules was between Steve Vermeer and Craig Bogan. Coombs made a motion to accept the April 1, 2018 board meeting minutes with this correction. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Ken Kuethe provided bank balances. Gary Gregg explained it will be necessary to change banks due to the branch closing. He said Lynda Coombs mentioned Fifth third Bank as a possible option. Coombs said it is her understanding there are branches in Eaton and Wilmington.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Ken Kuethe will reach out about the Pumpkin Run event being held at the Clermont County Fairgrounds on October 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. He noted this is not a race weekend for us. Ray McKibben reported the new booth arrived and was set up at Full Throttle to be looked over. He said with it having magnetic ends, it is real easy to set up and tear down. McKibben stated we need to get it ready for shows. Don Boles suggested using it for indoor shows and using the old booth for outdoor shows. McKibben discovered the light bar was not included. Aaron Banfield will check into this. Lee McCready reported he received information regarding the Lebanon Blues Festival asking if we want our name in the program. McCready will email this information to the board for them to look at. Kuethe inquired if there is an advantage to be in the program and said we can look at the information. Dawn Schroeder pointed out the Blues Festival is the night before a race. Aaron Banfield discussed doing some polling of people to learn how they found out about OVKA. Ted Cradlebaugh said he ask Heather to assist with this. Kuethe will ask Tracy to help also and said it can be done even it means walking through the pits during the day. Dawn Schroeder said they could stand where painting is done. She reported an email was received confirming OVKA will be on the Rollin' on the River flyer.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reported we have a new banner sponsor and new billboard sponsor. He thanked everyone for putting the word out and discussed how sponsorship can help increase business for people. McCready explained the 4 J'S Restaurant is waiting on their banners. Don Boles reported a couple of guys from Tennessee said they liked our club and track.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ken Kuethe explained we need to stain the pavilion and wash the buildings. Aaron Banfield said we will pick a date with the Vets as they are going to assist with this. Ray McKibben will provide a pressure washer. McKibben reported Jeff Roberts drop off boards done in vinyl for the billboard. He said help will be needed to install them. Rick Wagar offered to assist. McKibben suggested purchasing one or two picnic tables and put one in the gravel area outside the tower. Rick Coombs said he likes the idea of two and suggested adding two more for the concession stand area to which Wagar agreed. Kuethe replied cost would be around \$1,000 and

McKibben stated he thinks we can get three of them under \$1,000. Banfield asked if we can get them locally. Josh Johnson responded he thinks Costco sells them. Wagar said if they are composite material, we don't have to do maintenance on them and suggested looking at Costco to which Kuethe agreed. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if we have a local lumber yard. Banfield reported one of the Vets works at a lumber yard and he will talk with him. Cradlebaugh discussed the possibility of making it a sponsorship opportunity for a lumber yard. McKibben will report back next month. Cradlebaugh said he has been asking for a few years about getting some banners and suggested asking Grand Products for some. McKibben reported he had asked MyChron for a banner. Banfield asked if we want banners from non-sponsors. Kuethe replied if they are racing related. Cradlebaugh suggested on hotter days we put up pop-ups for older people. McKibben reported turn one was pretty heavily damaged from the day we raced in the rain so he smoothed out the area. He also explained there are ruts in the pit area. Gary Gregg said he will get a loader and fix them.

**CHAMP RACE:** Ken Kuethe will reach out to Pat Slattery to see if he is interested in serving as chairperson for the Champ Race. If not, someone will need to fill this role. Aaron Banfield said the Vets have taken care of the games in previous years and asked if Virgil Oatts would be interested in working with them. Gary Gregg asked if the Vets would be interested in doing the cooking for the event. Banfield will check with them and said one of the racers has access to a large grill. Gregg said he can check with the caterer we had last year also. Don Boles reported he booked a face painter. Kuethe asked if we plan to have a DJ. Lynda Coombs replied we need to let him know. Banfield said he prefers a DJ over a live band to which Cradlebaugh and Kuethe agreed. McKibben asked if he should reserve a dunk tank. Consensus was to do so.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**RADIOS:** Aaron Banfield thanked Ray McKibben for getting the radios worked out. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he had an issue with his headset. McKibben will check into this. Cradlebaugh said he may need a double-ear headset.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh asked how tech went. Don Boles replied there were no complaints. Cradlebaugh asked who did tech on the 420's. Ray McKibben reported Craig Bogan took care of that class. Aaron Banfield reported he was provided a list from Jim Hendricks of what needs to be teched. McKibben discussed the importance of properly securing lead weights on karts, using metal washers and not having rods sticking out. Randy Landes said he thinks the WKA specification is 5/16" and Cradlebaugh added they have to be double nutted. Banfield said if the weight is more than five pounds, it has to be double bolted. Michael Lewis replied that is unless you stack them. Cradlebaugh said that is what pre-tech is for to which Rick Wagar agreed. McKibben stated let's be more vigilant and discussed washer sizes. Banfield said he will get a box of washers and have them there. Landes asked if fuel was obtained. Gary Gregg reported we now have a cushion.

**INSURANCE:** Gary Gregg will check into insuring the transponders. Lynda Coombs told Gregg she confirmed there are 92 transponders. Ted Cradlebaugh asked what the latest word is about WKA. Gregg reported he talked with Michael Davis who assured him there is no problem. Gregg received a call from another insurance company.

**KA100 TECH TOOLS:** Cradlebaugh reported Pat Slattery ordered KA tech tools at a cost of \$150. Cradlebaugh said what he saw of the class, it looks like a pretty cool package. Ken Kuethe said we had three last week.

**TIRE CONTRACT:** Ken Kuethe reported he talked with Keith Freber today. He explained the tire contract was never signed and Freber was going to get it to him this afternoon via email. He will look at the tire contract then get it back to Freber and it should be taken care of within a week or so.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION:** Ken Kuethe noted this topic was already discussed and there are three spots open. Ray McKibben asked if he can make a nomination. Don Boles replied we need to think about it and said we need people who are workers. Aaron Banfield said technically one resignation has not yet been submitted. Michael Lewis stated he wouldn't mind throwing his name in if it pleases the board. McKibben nominated Lewis to the OVKA Board of Directors. Kuethe seconded the nomination which will be voted on next month. Rick Wagar said we don't have to have fifteen board members. McKibben reported Josh Johnson is also interested in being on the board. Banfield explained Lewis is the only one here who meets the qualifications.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**RACES 1 & 2:** Aaron Banfield thanked Ted Cradlebaugh, track staff, Lynda Coombs and tower staff for all of their work at the first two races. He said he thinks they could not have done a better job. Rick Coombs explained one issue is people not having their paperwork all filled out when they come to registration. Ken Kuethe asked if Tray could help with that. Lynda Coombs replied yes, to help talk with people in line to make sure they have everything needed to register. Kuethe reported Tracy asked why they can't paint early as he does not change tires or carburetor. Cradlebaugh responded there are people who do. Dawn Schroeder explained last year during the driver's meetings they did painting. Cradlebaugh said racers need to understand if they want to change something, they need to ask. Rick Wagar stated we could have the track announcer call up karters before the driver's meeting. Don Boles said there are so many people pushing up late. Banfield stated we have painters and a Tech Director who will address this.

**GOLF CART:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported the golf cart needs to be worked on because it will die if we don't do something. He thinks there is an issue with the clutch and possibly the tires. Cradlebaugh added the electric cart can't be used in the rain. Ray McKibben said he will install a new clutch pack. He further stated the electric retrieval vehicle has skinny tires which causes more ruts.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Don Boles, seconded by Ray McKibben, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2018 Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Rollin' on the River Charity Car Show – 8:00 a.m., Saturday, July 22, 2018, Fernbank Park, Route 50 West / River Road, Sayler Park, OH
- Lebanon Blues Festival – 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, August 4, 2018, Lebanon, OH

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

- Aaron Banfield – Check into missing light bar for new show booth, check into lumber for picnic tables, check with the Vets regarding cooking for the Champ Race, obtain washers to have at the track.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Ask Heather Cradlebaugh to assist with polling people to learn how they found out about OVKA.
- Gary Gregg – Fix ruts in the pit areas, check with caterer regarding the Champ Race, check into insurance for transponders.

- Ken Kuethe – Reach out about the Pumpkin Run event, ask Tracy Kuethe to assist with polling people to learn how they found out about OVKA, address tire contract.
- Ken Kuethe – Obtain information about the Pumpkin Run Show, ask Tracy Kuethe to assist with polling people to learn how they found out about OVKA, reach out to Pat Slattery regarding Champ Race.
- Ray McKibben – Provide a pressure washer for washing track buildings, coordinate installation of billboard panels, report next month regarding picnic tables, check into issue with Cradlebaugh’s headset, install clutch pack on golf cart.
- Rick Wagar – Assist Ray McKibben with installing billboard panels.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Banfield, D. Boles, J. Calvert, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, L. McCready, and R. McKibben.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** A. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, J. Johnson, M. Lewis, V. Oatts, D. Schroeder, and R. Wagar.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 5/21/18