

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked that cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate. He explained that Lee McCready cannot be here this evening and asked that Lee be kept in our prayers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the July 10, 2018 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield and passed unanimously.

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

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Ken Kuethe extended thanks to Craig and Jenny Bogan, Ray McKibben and Rick Jackson for transporting the show trailer to and from the Lebanon Blues Festival and the Bogans, Don Boles, Marlene Cook, and Rick and Lynda Coombs for staffing the booth. Boles reported there was a lot of interest from people who stopped by the booth. Kuethe explained there is interest in obtaining a blown-up 206 engine that could be used for displaying on a chassis at shows. He noted this is one of our bigger classes. Brian Schroeder replied he brought this up a few months ago and got shot down. Lynda Coombs discussed how it would be helpful to have another kart to display in addition to the kid kart so we do not have to depend on people to bring one. Aaron Banfield said he has an intact bottom end 206 that he will donate if somebody can donate the top end. Kuethe asked if there is room in the trailer. Boles replied we can reorganize the trailer and McKibben discussed options for mounting the kart. Banfield will work with McKibben on this. Ted Cradlebaugh explained the trailer used to haul two full-size chasses. McKibben reported a case is needed for the canopy and Boles said a box is needed for the television. Rick Coombs discussed getting a new canopy with the OVKA name on it. Cradlebaugh ordered the one we have currently and will provide information. As he recalls, the cost was \$1,600 to \$1,700. Rick Coombs discussed the importance of having 1¼" tubing and noted printing is expensive. McKibben said our art work is already on file and he asked Cradlebaugh to check into a canopy case. Brent Warren looked up information and reported canopy bags with wheels cost \$40 to \$60. Boles said we need a long style. Lynda Coombs explained we have had a longstanding policy of a one-time annual gate fee reimbursement for DARF members. She asked if it would be possible to allow them entry and sign the sheet at the gate rather than having them pay then seek reimbursement. Gary Gregg said he is agreeable to this. Kuethe reported he had a call from Rick Monroe with DARF and asked if we can put DARF on our website. Boles said we should ask to be on DARF's website also. Kuethe will talk with them about this.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Michal Lewis explained Lee McCready requested the sponsor form be clearer about where financial owness is for banners and banner size. Lewis changed the Excel file and sent it to McCready and Heather Cradlebaugh and is awaiting approval. Ted Cradlebaugh explained we are waiting until McCready approves the brochure. Ken Kuethe will follow up with McCready then let Lewis know. Ray McKibben explained Shelley Powers said banners need to be 3' by 8' for the fence and billboards 4' by 8'.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben asked if we can plan now for clean-up day. He said he has a hot water pressure washer and he will need some help. Gary Gregg said the pavilion needs to be pressure cleaned then treated. Don Boles added the bathroom floors and buildings need painted. Aaron Banfield will put a post for three to four volunteers who will get a volunteer credit to help with this. McKibben said one pressure washer should be enough to which

Brent Warren replied he wants to be able to run more than one. Banfield said this will be announced at driver's meetings and he will make an ongoing list for when members want to earn volunteer credits. Boles said he thinks we should go back to using Ps for participation. Kuethe replied there is no shortage of getting people; it's getting the date. McKibben explained part two will be the sealing. Gregg said we have some sealant but will need more. Warren reported the grid markings are peeling and need to be blasted then allow a week or two to dry. He said this will have to wait until after the season. Gregg explained he is having people come look at roof damage on the pavilion and tower. McKibben said he would like to make to clear he wants the same crew for pressure washing and sealing. Cradlebaugh said he will get crack filler. McKibben stated the pit area road is in need of attention. Warren added we need to blast off and seal the pavement before we paint it in the spring. Kuethe said we have clean-up day and the month of October. Warren explained it is a lot of work to do the sealing and a lot of people will be needed. Boles said to be careful what sealer is used because it can get sticky.

CHAMP RACE: Dawn Schroeder requested she be provided a budget for the 2019 Champ Race. She explained around \$300 was spent and there are still half the prizes left. Brian Schroeder asked if we want to say how much we want to spend for the whole Champ Race including the dunk tank, face painter, DJ, and food. Lynda Coombs discussed amounts spent this year for the photographer, face painter and DJ. Ken Kuethe asked that we get the information together. Brian Schroeder asked to have one person in charge, Dawn Schroeder, and know how much we paid. Kuethe said that Dawn Schroeder can spend up to \$300 for prizes. Dawn replied she would like to make some games and decide whether they are temporary or permanent then store them.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Ken Kuethe reported we have a new fuel meter. Rick Coombs said we talked about washers on weights last month and some people had not seen one come through a seat. He provided a seat for inspection and said this is why we need fender washers. Ray McKibben stated that is a thick seat and shows why a bigger washer is needed. Aaron Banfield explained Craig Bogan is talking about three washers per weight. Ted Cradlebaugh said they make seat washers. He further stated if you keep the lead tight, it's not going to happen and we are trying to keep weights from falling off. Kuethe replied this is a Rules Committee item. McKibben discussed people not putting washers on. Kuethe asked that those people be sent to him as he can provide washers. Gary Gregg said this is a safety issue. McKibben stated this Board has not put this as mandatory. Ronald Swift said he thinks at the end of the day, it is whoever is doing tech that should look at it. McKibben asked Brent Warren if he wanted to make a motion. Warren replied no. McKibben said we need to determine the size. Banfield stated there needs to be some discretion of tech. Don Boles explained the nut sinks into the washer. Brian Schroeder said it needs to be a minimum of 1" to which Kuethe added or 1¼". Warren said if it is the right weight, you don't need a special washer. Banfield explained an issue with a weight that someone had made. Cradlebaugh stated if the Tech Director says you have to fix it, you have to fix it. Kuethe said it sounds like the concern is with the type of weight. Warren stated Bogan tried to enforce everybody has to have two fender washers on their weights and he can't do that as it's not in our rules. Rick Wagar said we don't need the rule today and we can discuss the rules language. McKibben reported WKA is going to double nuts. Banfield said he has a problem with using conical washers. Kuethe replied this is for the Rules Committee.

RULES COMMITTEE: Ken Kuethe reported Rick Wagar has offered to chair the Rules Committee. Wagar explained the committee is to consist of a specific number of board members and general members and he asks that interested person approach him. Wagar asked that Ted Cradlebaugh announce this at the driver's meetings and forward names to Wagar. Don Boles stated he thinks general members need to have one year experience. Kuethe will put this on the OVKA website

asking interested persons to contact Wagar and himself. He added he agrees that committee members need to understand. McKibben asked if the meetings are closed to which Wagar said they are open meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEBSITE UPDATES: Ken Kuethe reported he reached out to Brent Warren regarding oils not all being listed on our website. Kuethe thanked Warren for providing a detailed list of information that needs to be updated on the OVKA website. Warren said he cannot take all the credit because Kristen and his boys helped too. Kuethe will work with Gary Osterholt and Michael Lewis on the updates. Ted Cradlebaugh explained every year this needs to be done. Ray McKibben suggested having a Technology Committee chaired by Michael Lewis and include this in committee reports. Cradlebaugh said he hates to say this but it is the President's job to go through it. Kuethe replied it is his job to bring it up and please don't throw this on him and the next President. He added there needs to be more eyes on it.

RADIOS: Brent Warren inquired how much was spent on radios. Ray McKibben said Elaine Gregg has the bill. Warren asked if we siphoned our percentage. Banfield replied he will go through the minutes. Don Boles suggested this year putting a total of \$5,000 in the fund. Banfield replied he thinks we can dip into the fund if we have to. Ken Kuethe said we need to get the total at the end of the year.

YAMAHA SENIOR Y PIPE WEIGHT: Ken Kuethe explained he talked with Sean Birkle and thinks Birkle brought it up to the racers regarding raising the weight for Yamaha Senior Y Pipe. Kuethe got the impression the other races shot it down. Ted Cradlebaugh said this can go on the Rules Committee list. Kuethe explained he left it to Birkle to get with the members of that class and bring to him. Ronald Swift asked if WKA will come out with pipe rules to which Kuethe replied no and we can set our weights. Brian Schroeder said he and Aaron Banfield talked and asked why we as a club in September or October don't put out there the classes we will run next year. Banfield stated right now we have ten run groups and he heard a lot of feedback that the days are running really good. He said the tower and track people are efficient and he suggests looking at a way to run together in ten run groups. Jason Doran responded as long as they are spaced enough. Schroeder discussed putting together the class structure in September and people having until November to come to the board. Banfield said he does not like turning karts away but it either has to be a WKA approved class or approved by WKA. He added he thinks ten run groups is the right number then try to get the others to fit. Brent Warren said he thinks we should continue to do it the way we have been. Kuethe stated according to our rulebook, it says we will lose Junior 206, KA100, TaG and Shifters next year. Schroeder replied if we don't meet the four average and we're going to drop it, we need to know now. Banfield stated if we, as a club, say we are going to stick with ten run groups, we find a way to fit them in mid-season. Warren replied we should try to accommodate anybody that shows up. Kuethe said we need to talk to the Rules Committee chairperson and rescind the rule. Ray McKibben noted it was a board decision. Kuethe replied then we as a board need to rescind that rule unless people petition like the 206 Junior did. He said we need to look at the class structure because we need places to put anybody. Rick Wagar responded we have to have some sort of published class structure; it's a good idea. He said he is not in favor of pushing people in but he thinks the club wants to do that. Ronald Swift said he agrees with Banfield and suggested limiting it to twelve classes and maybe others can run with some other class. Warren said to keep in mind if we put out a class structure in the fall, it could go either way and maybe Yamahas will come; New Castle plans to run them. Ted Cradlebaugh asked what is wrong with the class structure now. Schroeder discussed how it doesn't allow for others. Kuethe added we will lose three classes. Schroeder said if Rotax shows up, we would run them. Banfield responded we can't because of insurance. McKibben said the

current thought is there won't be any 206 Juniors. Kuethe said there will be 206 Junior and he will come up with a class structure for people to look at. Warren asked why we don't actually find junior-age drivers to come to our club. Don Boles responded we get what we get. McKibben said Warren has a good point and raised the question how we can target that age group. Michael Lewis responded several people are not excited about the pea-pick format and Kid Karts are getting lapped in twelve laps. Cradlebaugh responded we could black flag them like WKA does. Kuethe added getting lapped is going to happen. Lewis said that was the same thing he was hearing and it is when they are all bunched together in the first lap. Kuethe asked where they are going to go where they don't get lapped and said we've lost these people. McKibben discussed the use of various social media to target age groups. Brian Schroeder made a motion that any new racer to our club can have a one-time \$25 race fee for the remainder of the 2018 race season. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Boles stated this needs to be posted on the website. Kuethe will get with Gary Osterholt about this shortly. Swift suggested offering a \$5.00 discount if you refer a new racer. Kuethe replied that is something to talk about.

BUCKEYE KARTING CHALLENGE: Brian Schroeder reported he talked to Scott Benton and they had 78 at their last race and 63 at Adkins. He said after hearing from us, they will race rain or shine. Schroeder discussed scheduling an event whether it is before or after our season. He said they have events scheduled in Cleveland Memorial Day weekend and after our season. Schroeder said we would have one race day to fit in our schedule and they are willing to overlap one on the same day. He explained they had a clause all other tracks have to stay closed but if that doesn't happen, they are okay with it. Brian Schroeder made a motion we enter into the Buckeye Karting Challenge. He said he thinks it will bring other racers. Rick Coombs asked what tires they require. Schroeder replied they have an open tire rule. Aaron Banfield asked if this is a club or track decision to host this event. Schroeder responded both. Don Boles said he would like them to be the last race. Schroeder replied we would be their first race because we are the furthest south; it would be before Karting 101. He explained it is a one day event with practice the day before. Coombs said we could have them on a Saturday and our race on a Sunday. Ted Cradlebaugh reported that is how we did it with Circleville. Schroeder said they are waiting on us so they can have their schedule by October or November. Ken Kuethe stated he thinks he can have our schedule ready by then. Banfield said if they want to come to G & J, they can call Gary Gregg. Schroeder noted we would have to get workers. Cradlebaugh stated it is easy to get workers and Banfield said he is willing to work the event and get other people who will. Schroeder said no motion is needed to which Banfield agreed. Schroeder will talk with Benton so he can get with Gregg.

TRANSPONDERS: Ray McKibben explained he is in the process of getting a cabinet for transponders.

FUEL METER: Ken Kuethe reported we have a new fuel meter. Brian Schroeder noted we never sent the old one back. Lynda Coombs explained they no longer service that model. Brent Warren said we can get a 10% credit to which Aaron Banfield replied for \$78, he suggests keeping it.

NEW BUSINESS:

FUEL TANK: Ray McKibben explained Steve Rumsey sent an email about a fuel tank and pump that are available for \$1,000. McKibben stated Gary Gregg said we don't need another tank. Ken Kuethe will let Rumsey know.

CHARITY RACE: Ken Kuethe discussed an email from Ronald Swift proposing a race between OVKA420 and Yamaha Y Pipe (Senior or Masters at 345#) at the Charity Race. The 420 class would be started on the outside and the pipes on the inside. Swift explained he is trying to get a bigger

class. Don Boles said the 420s will run all over them in the corners and the pipes on top end. Swift stated he has looked at the lap times and Mychron data and the biggest thing will be starting them in two rows. Kuethe asked Swift to discuss this with Ted Cradlebaugh and get the logistics together.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

420 RULES: Ronald Swift said the 420 rules changed mid-year and everybody in the class agreed to sort things out. He explained he has the revised rules and some things we have been doing. Ken Kuethe asked that Swift get with Craig Bogan. Don Boles said we need to get the class together and vote. Swift will email the rules to Kuethe in both Word and PDF versions. Swift explained the biggest thing is clarifying the carburetor rules.

RACE FORMAT: Michael Lewis said he has heard a couple of times that Kid Karts and Sportsman-age drivers are important for the club. He stated if the club is concerned about retention, it needs to be on the record that Kid Kart parents are concerned about pea-pick. Ken Kuethe explained his phone number is on the website and they should give him a call. Don Boles said this is how they get experience. Kuethe stated he fails to see how the pea-pick changes how many times they will get lapped and suggested there be some driver coaching. Lewis asked about taking a vote of the parents to which Kuethe said he can do that. Lewis said he is concerned with the board not wanting to open a can of worms. Rick Wagar replied every Kid Kart Director has moved kids around. Ted Cradlebaugh said he believes we have changed our format quite a bit and he thinks what's causing it is the lines we put there. He further stated maybe it is because they go to Nationals and are trying to be a points class but they are a learning class and pea-pick makes you a racer. Lewis said he would agree with that but at what age. Aaron Banfield said his kids have learned more with pea-pick. Ray McKibben explained that with kids he works with, he teaches them how to look ahead and drive. Lewis replied they make mistakes. Banfield said this is a fine topic for the agenda for people to come and discuss it and put a time limit. Kuethe added or it could be discussed at the track. Boles discussed learning to come from the tail. Kuethe said if he misspoke, it's not that we don't want every racer. He said he is relatively new having been here nine years and he scheduled more qualifying and winner-take-all formats because he is not a big fan of pea-pick. Lewis said there are three people saying they are not coming back. Josh Johnson asked if that is because of pea-pick. Lewis explained on the starts they have to get through eight and after the first few laps, it's more stretched out. He further stated their brains don't work as fast at five and six-years-old. Brent Warren made a motion to go to 100% qualifying all the time. Due to the lack of a second, motion died. Warren said and that is how that's going to go and his motion was serious because his kids hate pea-pick. Banfield said we can take a look at it and Lewis with the Race Director have that discretion. Lewis extended his thanks.

TIRE DISPOSAL: Ray McKibben reported Shelley Powers found two tires left from the 206 series compared to ten tires found at the last OVKA race. McKibben said Powers asked that it be announced that people are to take their tires with them. Kuethe will see this is announced.

CRASH BAGS: Aaron Banfield made a motion to appropriate \$750 for ten crash bags. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Gary Gregg will order the crash bags. Brent Warren noted money needs to be moved to savings.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Don Boles, seconded by Ken Kuethe, motioned to adjourn to executive session at 9:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session was called to order at 9:23p.m. Ken Kuethe explained a letter with tracking was sent to Reid Smith with no response received. It was determined per the by-

laws with the number of meetings missed, no vote is needed. There was discussion regarding the by-laws specification for attendance at three consecutive board meetings in order to be elected as a board member. Rick Wagar's re-nomination was postponed until he can be present at three consecutive meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT: Rick Coombs, seconded by Don Boles, motioned to adjourn the executive session at 9:43 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 4, 2018 Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Work with Ray McKibben on putting together a 206 kart for shows, post for three to four people who will earn a volunteer credit to help with pressure washing, go through the minutes to determine amounts that should be shifted to the savings account.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Provide information about the canopy, get crack filler.
- Gary Gregg – Order ten crash bags.
- Ken Kuethe – Contact DARF about having them listed on the OVKA website and OVKA on their website, check with Lee McCready about the sponsor form and brochure, work with Gary Osterholt and Michael Lewis regarding website updates, draft a 2019 class structure, inform Gary Osterholt of \$25 entry fee motion for new racers, inform Steve Rumsey a fuel tank is not needed, announce that people are to take their tires with them.
- Ray McKibben – Work with Aaron Banfield on putting together a 206 kart for shows.
- Brian Schroeder – Talk with Doug Benton regarding getting with Gary Gregg to schedule a Buckeye Karting Challenge race.
- Ronald Swift – Email 420 rules in Word and PDF formats to Ken Kuethe.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Banfield, D. Boles, J. Calvert, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, J. Johnson, K. Kuethe, M. Lewis, R. McKibben, B. Schroeder, and B. Warren.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, J. Doran, C. Holliday, J. Holliday, D. Schroeder, R. Swift, and R. Wagar.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 8/26/18.