

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 said there is quite a bit to get through this evening.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the September 4, 2018 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Ken Kuethe provided bank balances. Kuethe and Aaron Banfield discussed the transfer of funds to the track improvement fund. Banfield will email the board with a spreadsheet.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Ted Cradlebaugh will contact the previous vendor regarding purchasing another canopy and flag. Aaron Banfield explained he might have a 206 kart available for shows.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready thanked Josh Johnson for reworking pit spot tracking sheets and Michael Lewis for updating the sponsor opportunities and pit spot forms. Lewis reported he has provided Gary Osterholt with the files to upload to the website.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ken Kuethe thanked all of the people who volunteered this past weekend at Clean-up Day. He said a lot was accomplished including blowing out cracks in the track and putting away crash bags. Brent Warren reported he talked with Bogen Communications in Memphis regarding our PA system and they can provide a flat repair rate of \$482. Other options are to find someone locally or purchase a new one for \$1,250. Aaron Banfield suggested making a motion and shipping the PA to Bogen. Warren replied he does not have all of the information yet and raised the question whether we want to spend \$500 on it. Banfield said he thinks \$482 is good if it comes with a warranty. Warren explained it is a flat rate of \$482 no matter what is wrong with it. Ray McKibben said there is another module Warren would like to add that has to do with voice modulation and would keep the drivers from being blown out. Rick Wagar suggested the matter be tabled until we have all of the information to which Banfield agreed. Banfield thanked Warren for working on this. Warren said looking to the future, he would like to keep replacing the old horns on the back burner. Kuethe said he assumes the track sealing is going to be done this Sunday. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested waiting until spring to do the Rhino patching. McKibben replied it is going to be warm and suggested it be done on Sunday because there is some exposed aggregate. Gary Gregg explained McKibben is talking about freezing and thawing. Cradlebaugh suggested calling someone in to seal the parking area and grid. Warren noted there is asphalt that is completely gone. Gregg said he has someone he can contact. Restroom repairs and whitewashing buildings were discussed. Banfield said the Vets will assist with whitewashing. Warren discussed replacing the tower doors which Banfield will provide. McKibben reported he and Travis Myers pressure washed the deck. He said the pavilion needs sealed soon and volunteers will be needed. McKibben explained he estimates twenty gallons of sealer will be needed. He said the steps were mentioned to him as needing attention and he will screw the nail pops. Following further discussion, October 13th was decided on and Banfield will post the need for volunteers. Gregg explained he is going to put shingles on all three roofs.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Ken Kuethe said he thinks we will be fine for having tech workers in place next year.

RULES COMMITTEE: Ken Kuethe reported the first Rules Committee will be at 11:00 a.m. this coming Saturday, October 6, 2018, at Full Throttle Indoor Karting. Rick Wagar explained the voting board members will be Ted Cradlebaugh, Ken Kuethe and Ray McKibben. General voting members will be Ray Brown, Bret Carter and Glenn Sheppard. Kuethe asked if there are other board members interested as he will not be able to. Don Boles will fill the third voting board member position. Wagar explained he votes only in the event of a tie. He detailed the procedures which include review of suggestions and discussing other items that come up while going through the rulebook. Wagar will email the list of items to the committee and board. He extended thanks to Aaron Banfield for providing a meeting location and said anyone is welcome to attend. Ray McKibben asked if this information needs to be posted. Kuethe will email it to Gary Osterholt. Brian Schroeder asked how long the meeting will be. Wagar explained the first meeting is typically sixty to ninety minutes and subsequent meetings are longer.

TECHNOLOGY: Michael Lewis explained he emailed the board regarding the list of website update suggestions submitted by Brent Warren. Ken Kuethe said he will take a look at it. Lewis noted he is not the Facebook administrator and said he did not know if he had the authority to make changes. Kuethe replied he will get back with Lewis tomorrow. Kuethe asked that if anyone sees something wrong to let Gary Osterholt know. Warren said the executive team should be interfacing with Osterholt. Aaron Banfield said he agrees that if someone sees errors, they should inform the three of us. Warren suggested having a common contact to which Kuethe agreed.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Lynda Coombs distributed a spreadsheet detailing class averages. Rick Coombs explained the LO206 Junior class did not meet the 4.0 average having an average of 3.461. Rick Wagar noted there are two classes, KA100 and 80cc Shifters, who are not even close. Michael Lewis made a motion to not provide a jacket for the LO206 Junior class but go with an eagle. He said he has talked with the parent. The motion was seconded by McKibben. A discussion ensued regarding second place in the LO206 Junior class. McKibben, seconded by Brian Schroeder, amended the motion to include a trophy for second place. Ted Cradlebaugh said so neither one gets a jacket. Aaron Banfield explained first place gets a jacket in another class. Kuethe said he thinks we have had one class every year experience this. McKibben's amendment was voted on and passed with twelve in favor and one abstained (Coombs). Lewis's motion was then voted on and passed with twelve in favor and one abstained (Coombs). Lynda Coombs asked for clarification about the 50% policy for sportsman-age drivers and whether the intent is for those youth who get a 50% trophy to not receive a plaque as this is not spelled out in the rulebook. Wagar said he thinks this should be voted on so it is recorded in the minutes. Lynda Coombs explained years ago a member would pay for trophies for sportsman-age drivers who did not qualify for a trophy if they had 50% participation. This policy then was carried on by the club. She explained with the new policy this past season of not receiving a plaque if you earned a trophy, she would like to be clear on what the board wants to do about the 50% trophy recipients pertaining to plaques. McKibben said he does not think this falls under everybody's a winner. Warren stated make it a ribbon if you want to; that trophy that says seventh gets progressively smaller as they go down the line. Clint Holliday made a motion if you receive a trophy, you do not receive a plaque. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe and passed unanimously.

SWAP MEET: Lynda Coombs reported the Swap Meet flyer was submitted to WKA for publication in the WKA tech manual. Ray McKibben asked when flyers will be available so they can be distributed to kart shops and part suppliers. Coombs said that would go through Doug Benson. Ken Kuethe will

talk with Benson about it. McKibben said he would like to have them by the next board meeting. Ted Cradlebaugh said Heather could provide a quote for printing them. Dawn Schroeder explained the tri-fold flyers were ten or eleven cents at Staples.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRANSPONDER CABINET: Ken Kuethe thanked Ray McKibben for installing a cabinet for the transponders and re-organizing the other cabinet for the radios. Ted Cradlebaugh explained someone needs to take care of these over the winter. Lynda Coombs reported one transponder was severely damaged and two have charging issues. McKibben is looking into this. Brent Warren reported one headset is bad. Rick Coombs said he informed McKibben about it.

BUCKEYE KARTING CHALLENGE: Brian Schroeder reported the dates have been determined for the Buckeye Karting Challenge. Move-in will be on Friday, April 26, 2019 with practice on Saturday, April 27, 2019 and the race will be on Sunday, April 28, 2019. Schroeder asked Ken Kuethe if he is planning on starting the OVKA race season prior to that. Kuethe replied yes. Schroeder explained Buckeye Karting Challenge will have their own Race Director and tower workers and other workers will need to be lined up. Rick Wagar asked who is working the tower to which Schroeder replied they will relinquish that. Schroeder will coordinate workers for this event.

2019 CLASS STRUCTURE: Ken Kuethe explained based on our current rules, we lose KA100, 80cc Shifters, Pro Swift, LO206 Junior and TaG. Kuethe suggested looking at LO206 Junior because there will be 206 Sportsman coming up. Rick Wagar added Senior Novice Yamaha is another class that per our rules would be discontinued. Ray McKibben asked if Kuethe wants the board to vote class by class. Gary Gregg stated the 206 is a coming class. Kuethe suggested keeping nine classes, none just mentioned, and maybe keep 206 Junior. He said there could be WKA pickup classes where Shifters, TaGs and KAs could run and a Junior pickup class. Kuethe suggested not having a more or more rule where somebody would be turned away. Ted Cradlebaugh said we are not turning anybody away to which Brent Warren responded you are. Wagar said we still have language in there but he does not know if it precludes us from taking similar speeds and abilities and putting them with other classes. Kuethe reviewed the ten run groups this year that included Kid Karts, Yamaha Sportsman, 206 Sportsman, Yamaha Junior, 206 Junior, Senior Y Pipe, Yamaha Masters, 206 Senior, OVKA 420, and Shifters/KA100. Rick Coombs noted at the Charity Race, Ted Cradlebaugh ran five classes on the track at the same time and they all got along. McKibben noted this could be an issue for people who run two classes. Aaron Banfield explained that is two entries out of one hundred. Kuethe said TaG could be with the KA/Shifter group. He further stated if we follow the rulebook, we are going to eight classes. Brian Schroeder suggested leaving Sportsman in a bubble. Banfield discussed having a pickup run group and publicize it. Don Boles asked if we can put these three classes together to which Banfield replied sure. Warren reported there is a driver who wants to run TaG Junior. Kuethe responded a TaG Junior could be put with Junior 206. Wagar suggested this be discussed in Rules Committee. Kuethe said it's the board who determines it. Schroeder stated he thinks the wording is fine in the rulebook and asked that the classes be decided on now as opposed to March. Wagar suggested renaming the class to 80cc Shifters/TaG/and all others. Warren asked if there is anything else we want to add and said he likes Wagar's suggestion to name it a combination class with 80cc Shifters/KA/TaG. Michael Lewis reported he was approached by a member about a non-WKA class, specifically, Rotax and asked what he is to tell them. Lynda Coombs explained non-WKA classes need to be submitted to WKA for approval and need to include all of the specifications. Schroeder said the way our rules are written, they can come before the board in November with four. Wagar responded the four or more policy is gone but it does say they can come before the board by November. Warren said he thought that happened after the rulebook was written. Lynda Coombs read from page 29 of the 2018 rulebook, "The above classes

are the only classes offered by OVKA. A proposal to add a class to the OVKA class structure for the following race season must be presented to the board for approval no later than the November board meeting of the current race season". Wagar replied that still stands and Coombs is going to have to look it up in the minutes. Banfield noted it would have to be sent to WKA. McKibben asked if a pickup class that fulfills the requirements would be able to be a points class. Banfield responded if the KA class has five next year, they should be a points class. Schroeder said in the March board minutes it says KA is non-points and there are points listed. Lynda Coombs replied she needs to remove them. Schroeder responded it's fine. Lewis asked who submits a class proposal to which Lynda Coombs said she would and all of the specifications will be needed. Schroeder said we have discussed ten run groups and asked if we need to make a motion for what classes we are going to offer. Banfield asked that the matter be postponed until next month. Warren said WKA has adopted the pushback bumper. Lewis replied it is for this season and all of next year except Kid Karts. Schroeder noted WKA does not allow full bodywork but we do. Rick Coombs suggested putting off the pushback bumper for a year. Kuethe reported WKA is looking at video review. Warren said WKA will be having changes next year. Lewis said they are getting rid of all of the Yamaha classes and adding a Sportsman 206 class and KA100 Junior. Warren said we may need to get permission for Yamaha. Kuethe replied we can have local option classes. Wagar said he can leave the WKA references we have as 2018.

RAIN RACING: Ken Kuethe discussed decisions he made when bad weather was anticipated and said he erred on the side of thinking the weekend was going to be a wash as they were calling for thunderstorms. He said his personal view as a member is we should not be racing in the rain. Rick Wagar said he seconds that. Ted Cradlebaugh stated a lot of people bought rain tires. Aaron Banfield said participation levels were extremely low for the rain races we had. He asked if we are going to race in the rain, do we want to amend the participation policy. Lynda Coombs explained the information she provided includes paid, sponsor and prize entries. Don Boles said we are losing profitability. Brent Warren responded he is not sure it is a fair comparison. Banfield stated we had an average of 118 last year. Wagar explained he was going to wait to discuss in Rules Committee a suggestion given him that we go back to a form of rain points such as racers come, pay their entry fee and receive last place points if they choose not to race in the rain; those who race would earn points so it is a benefit to them. Warren replied it is taking to the track but not. Kuethe discussed the policy of taking a green flag and said care would have to be taken how it is worded. Michael Lewis said you're asking people to drive, pay and go home. Ray McKibben responded showing up and paying helps us and the track owner. He further stated there are drivers who want to put their kart away if it starts raining. Lynda Coombs said if you are going to give last place points, she suggests making it last place plus one point to place them behind the racer who earned last place. Wagar stated if the general consensus is to race in the rain, there should be a way it benefits the club and the people who come. Banfield asked if we want to race in the rain at all next year because if we don't, it becomes a moot point. Kuethe stated we keep racing in the rain then on race day it falls into the hands of the Race Director. Wagar said even though he is opposed to racing in the rain, he thought we did well this year and suggested maintaining a couple of rain dates. Warren asked where the rule is that we have to. Gary Gregg explained people could enter their kids and not even be there. Warren said he thinks it is terrible to blow an engine and not get points. He added he doesn't know why we make people take a green flag and he thinks they should be able to get last place points. Kuethe replied maybe last place minus ten. Warren noted that year before last we polled the members and suggested we do that. He said if we wait until January, we won't have a rulebook. Kuethe stated we need to determine the numbers as it was close last year. Warren said it should be the same difference between 3.9 and 4.0 for a jacket. McKibben replied we polled people at the banquet who raced 50% or more and it was the majority and we already set a precedent how we polled. Schroeder said our numbers were down and he feels we can make the decision for the club.

He further stated we can say how much of a downpour and asked how much longer are we going to sit and talk about this. McKibben responded we don't have to decide tonight. Boles stated we need to decide by next month. Warren said racing in passing showers is the worst kind, we did a terrible job being prepared for this and he does not want to say I told you so but I told you so. He asked for a show of hands how many people talked to members. Kuethe and Boles acknowledged the question. Kuethe said he did not have a lot of feedback when decisions were made. Banfield asked for a show of hands for those who feel there is enough information to decide. Boles and Jeff Calvert acknowledged the question. Warren asked Lynda Coombs if she can put a sheet in the annual mailing. Coombs replied sure if it is typed and sent to her. Banfield asked if there is lightning or a rainstorm, how points would be handled. Wagar suggested moving on and discussing this at the Rules Committee.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION: Rick Wagar withdrew his nomination to the OVKA Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS:

PIT SPOT APP: Josh Johnson reported Clint Holliday is working on a pit spot app on Google maps which will be published on the OVKA website. Holliday said it will have pit spot numbers and will be color coded if the spots are rented. He further explained it could update pricing as the season goes on and can have links everywhere. Brent Warren said this is beautiful. Michael Lewis stated there will also be hard copies. Don Boles said he really likes this idea.

CHARITY RACE: Lynda Coombs provided an accounting of proceeds from the Charity Race with comparison from 2017. Aaron Banfield made a motion to appropriate 33% to DARF, 33% to the EMS and 17% each to two churches. The motion was seconded by Brian Schroeder and passed unanimously. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested 50/50 proceeds be put toward bathroom improvements. Ken Kuethe prefers it be half of the 50/50 proceeds.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

DARF BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS: Don Boles informed Ken Kuethe the DARF Banquet of Champions will be coming the first part of December. Kuethe will follow up about this.

ADJOURNMENT: Ray McKibben, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn at 9:48 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 6, 2018, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75).
- OVKA Annual Membership Meeting & 2018 Banquet – Saturday, January 5, 2019, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, 9664 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH, 45040
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 26, 2019, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA 2019 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 2, 2019, The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Email the board a track improvement fund spreadsheet, arrange for Vets to assist with whitewashing buildings, provide doors for the tower, post the need for volunteers for pavilion sealing on October 13th.
- Lynda Coombs – Look up in minutes class creation policy change.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Contact company about purchasing a canopy and flag.

- Gary Gregg – Check into sealing of parking area and grid.
- Ken Kuethe – Email information about Rules Committee meeting to Gary Osterholt, look at list of website update suggestions from Brent Warren, talk with Doug Benson about Swap Meet flyers, follow up about DARF Banquet of Champions.
- Ray McKibben – Screw nail pops on steps alongside pavilion, look into transponder and headset concerns.
- Rick Wagar – Email list of 2019 rulebook considerations to the Rules Committee and the board.
- Brent Warren – Provide information about repairing or replacing PA amplifier.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 10/27/18.