

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked that cell phones be turned down.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the April 2, 2019 board meeting minutes with corrections to the spelling of Spirit4Racing. 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 reported Swap Meet expenses have been paid.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs explained he has been in contact with the Marriott in West Chester regarding the 2020 banquet and a meeting will be scheduled in June at the earliest to discuss details.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Jeanette Holliday reported the promotional items should arrive this week. Brian Schroeder said the Rollin on the River event will be July 28, 2019 which is the day after the Butler County Fair ends. Josh Johnson discussed the need for volunteers at the Butler County Fair. Lynda Coombs suggested having a matrix listing volunteers then look at where the gaps are. Michael Lewis will create an Excel sign-up sheet and publish information online. Johnson explained the booth package provides fourteen tickets. Aaron Banfield offered to go in together to obtain more and will talk with Johnson tomorrow. Banfield discussed the Mushroom Rally being held at Full Throttle Indoor Karting on Saturday & Sunday, June 15th & 16th, and June 22nd & 23rd with a start time of 8:00 a.m. There will be a food booth and activities. Banfield will provide space for OVKA to set up a display. Jeanette Holliday offered to coordinate the event. Ray McKibben reported a chassis is needed for a 206 engine to be displayed at events. Banfield will reach out to kart manufacturers to see if they would donate a bent one.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported more pit spots have been rented and we are close to where we were last year. Brian Schroeder reported a few people have expressed interest in billboard space and are asking where to have graphics made. Aaron Banfield explained pricing depends on artwork design as that is where the cost comes in. Schroeder said it would be good to have sign companies we can refer people to. Ray McKibben suggested having a sheet that tells what all is involved that could be given out. He is willing to be the contact person for assistance with installation. McCready and Johnson are contacts for renting billboard space. Banfield will reach out to a sign company to see if they will come out to the track. He noted McKibben did a nice job building the billboard structure.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ken Kuethe and Brent Warren discussed fence repairs and upgrades. Ray McKibben offered to look at fence material and rolling gates. McKibben thanked Travis Myers who along with McKibben helped reseal the grid. He anticipates working on the northern pit area sometime this year.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Ken Kuethe said he feels things went well with tech this past weekend.

TECHNOLOGY: Brent Warren said the PA has been working well. Ken Kuethe reported some people have noted it is loud right outside. Warren explained all that is tunable. Gary Gregg added

each individual speaker can be adjusted. Michael Lewis said he would rather it be loud than to not hear it. Lewis reported a PayPal account has been created for use next year with pit spot reservations. He asked that people let him know if there is too much or too little information on Facebook.

OLD BUSINESS:

TIRES: Rick Coombs asked that the board keep in mind the tire contract needs to be looked at for next year. Aaron Banfield reported he has put together an RFP letter with a timeline.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIRE SAFETY: Ray McKibben explained there is a fire ring at the north end and one at the south end. There are to be no nails or screws in wood that is used in the fire rings. Aaron Banfield noted fire extinguishers are required. Brent Warren said it is in the rulebook and Brian Schroeder explained the fire extinguishers have to be visible. Ken Kuethe will make an announcement about this.

REQUEST TO MOVE UP: The board discussed a request to move from junior-age classes to senior-classes that was received from Rachel Butschie, mother of Makayla Parson. The following six board members affirmed this request and feel there are no safety concerns with this action: Aaron Banfield, Gary Gregg, Michael Lewis, Ray McKibben, Brian Schroeder and Brent Warren. Lynda Coombs will submit a request to WKA.

CHAMP RACE: Brian Schroeder explained Dawn Schroeder is coordinating the Champ Race and asked if a specific amount of money should be allotted. Following discussion, consensus was to not expend funds for a DJ and divert those funds to other things. A determination was made to continue having a dunk tank. It was noted in the past, a cotton candy machine was a big hit. Gary Gregg will make arrangements for the meal. Schroeder will report back next month.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Rick Coombs, motioned to adjourn to executive session at 7:59 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The board discussed a concern brought forth by a member. Brent Warren requested to go on record that he feels the board messed up in how they made the decision on Red Line oil.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: Don Boles, seconded by Michael Lewis, motioned to adjourn executive session at 9:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2019, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75).
- Mushroom Rally - Saturday & Sunday, June 15th & 16th, and June 22nd & 23rd, Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45246
- Butler County Fair - Sunday, July 21, 2019 to Saturday, July 27, 2019, 1715 Fairgrove Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45011
- Rollin on the River Charity Car Show - Sunday, July 28, 2019 Fernbank Park, 50 Thornton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45233

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Talk with Josh Johnson about tickets for the Butler County Fair, reach out to kart manufacturers to see if they would donate a bent chassis, contact sign company about coming to the track.
- Lynda Coombs – Submit request to move up to WKA.
- Gary Gregg – Make arrangements for the Champ Race meal.
- Jeanette Holliday – Coordinate Mushroom Rally.
- Josh Johnson – Along with Lee McCready, serve as contact person for billboard rental information.
- Ken Kuethe – Announce about the fire extinguisher rule.
- Michael Lewis – Create a volunteer sign-up sheet for the Butler County Fair and publish information online.
- Lee McCready – Along with Josh Johnson, serve as contact person for billboard rental information.
- Ray McKibben – Serve as contact person for assistance with billboard installation, look into fence materials and rolling gates.
- Brian Schroeder – Report back next month about Champ Race plans.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: M. Cook, L. Coombs, R. Hartman, R. Helton, C. Holliday, J. Holliday, V. Oatts, M. Parson and B. Warren.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 5/15/19.