

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. He noted we had a great race day and extended thanks to Ted Cradlebaugh and Lynda Coombs for their coordination.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the May 7, 2019 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Coombs explained the July board meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, July 9, 2019, due to the Fourth of July holiday.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ken Kuethe provided bank balances. Aaron Banfield read Brian Schroeder's motion and meeting dialog from December 5, 2017, "Brian Schroeder made a motion to move \$5,000 from checking to savings with the intent to be used for lighting in the future then do again in 2018 and be ready in 2019. Don Boles said he thinks it should be a percentage. Aaron Banfield suggested from this point forward to tack on 20% of every expenditure and in five years there should be a year's operating budget. Schroeder said he feels like we are not moving forward. He added we bought a retrieval vehicle and transponders and suggested budgeting for something. Lee McCready asked what lights are going to cost. Schroeder replied \$15,000 to \$20,000. Rick Coombs responded the last bid was \$38,000. Coombs amended Schroeder's motion to set aside \$5,000 this year then 20% of expenses for 2018. The amendment was seconded by Reid Smith. Don Boles said this is quite a bit of money which he thinks it is high. Ray McKibben asked how much a year can we average expenses. Rick Wagar said if the 20% is adopted, halfway through it can be reduced to 10% if needed. Banfield noted this is for expenses the board approves and Wagar added it is capital expenses. Coombs's amendment was voted on and passed unanimously followed by Schroeder's motion which passed unanimously." Banfield then made a motion that we add to the track improvement fund 20% of all board expenditures starting in 2019, excluding the banquet. This should continue until a time that this board votes to amend the amount or stop the savings. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren. Ray McKibben asked if this includes the Champ Race. Banfield and Gary Gregg explained Champ Race money never goes in. The motion passed unanimously. Banfield noted that in 2018, the savings account was changed to be called the Track Improvement Fund.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported a meeting with the Marriott in West Chester regarding the 2020 banquet still needs to be scheduled and may be held in June or July.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Coverage for the Butler County Fair being held Sunday, July 21, 2019 to Saturday, July 27, 2019 was discussed. Josh Johnson explained the trailer can be dropped off to the side for an additional \$25. Set up is Friday and Saturday, July 19th and 20th, which is our Champ Race weekend. There is no move in on Sunday, the opening day of the fair. Exit day is after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday or all day Sunday, July 28th. Brian Schroeder discussed Rollin' On The River being held Sunday, July 28, 2019. He will obtain more tri-fold flyers. Aaron Banfield noted it is ten days until the Mushroom Rally at Full Throttle Indoor Karting being held Saturday & Sunday, June 15th & 16th, and June 22nd & 23rd. Jeanette Holliday and Dawn Schroeder are coordinating OVKA's participation in this event. Holliday reported on promotional items that were ordered explaining the pens look good but the clips are being reprinted.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Josh Johnson reported there are 23 open pit spots remaining. Ray McKibben thanked Ron Swift for renting billboard space. McKibben explained billboard sheets need

to be pulled from the garage. Aaron Banfield reported he will be meeting with a sign company from Cincinnati tomorrow.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben explained the sealing will be finished sometime this year. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested putting patch on some of the corners. Cradlebaugh and McKibben discussed testing the lights. Gary Gregg said the pavilion and steps need sealed. McKibben replied it would be nice to have four people to help with these things. Aaron Banfield will post the need for four people over two days on Facebook.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh requested an executive session

TECHNOLOGY: Aaron Banfield offered to do Facebook Live feeds during race days. He will work with Michael Lewis, Gary Gregg and Rex Johnson for the upcoming Saturday evening race.

OLD BUSINESS:

REQUEST TO MOVE UP: Ken Kuethe reported WKA approved the request for Makayla Parson to move up to senior classes.

CHAMP RACE: Dawn Schroeder reported she and Jeanette Holliday have been working on Champ Race plans and inquired about having a budget. Brian Schroeder replied nothing has ever been set. Following discussion, Dawn Schroeder made a motion to appropriate up to \$2,500 for the Champ Race. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with nine in favor and three opposed (roll call: Calvert-yes, Coombs-no, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Johnson-yes, Landes-no, Lewis-yes, McKibben-no, Schroeder-yes, Warren-yes, Banfield-yes, Boles-yes).

TIRES: Aaron Banfield reported he received an email from Bridgestone asking if we want to add a third year and he would like to get some direction from the board. Ray McKibben raised the question why not look at others. Gary Gregg suggested sticking with Bridgestones. Rick Coombs asked if YLC tires are going to be around and made a motion we accept the contract with Bridgestone through 2020. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe. Discussion ensued regarding tire compounds then Coombs withdrew his motion. Banfield will obtain more information and the matter will be discussed at the upcoming race on Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION:

US RACEGEAR: Aaron Banfield explained US Racegear has moved and Banfield and Ken Kuethe were able to select some items using gift cards the club had.

ANTI-SCUFFING RULE: Gary Gregg discussed an incident where a driver was moved to the tail and suggested there be reconsideration of the anti-scuffing rule. Following discussion, Brian Schroeder noted the rules are set in stone for now and this is for next year's rules. Josh Johnson said it could be for juniors and above and Ted Cradlebaugh added we could make it for seniors only. Aaron Banfield suggested tabling this and giving it consideration for testing at the Charity Race.

EXPENSES: Don Boles discussed thinking about lowering expenses for the future. Gary Gregg pointed out the entry fees have not been raised in years and reported there was an insurance increase in April. He also discussed the facility cost for the Swap Meet. Aaron Banfield said he thinks having an Introduction to Karting class at the Swap Meet would promote karting and that vendors would attend.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Gary Gregg discussed helping the families in the Dayton area who were impacted by the recent destruction due to bad weather. Ray McKibben suggested reaching out to DARF to ask if we can help some racers. Aaron Banfield recommended determining what the best way to help is and suggested putting a post on Facebook and asking at the driver's meeting. Michael Lewis will put a note on Facebook.

REQUESTS TO MOVE UP: Brent Warren suggested there be thought about the requests to move up as he does not think it is best for the club. He further stated he is not in favor of requests that are a year off. As Race Director, Ted Cradlebaugh was not aware of the most recent request until after the fact. Ray McKibben asked if we should modify the rule to make sure the Race Director is included. Ken Kuethe tabled the matter as it is for the Rules Committee.

ENGINE PACKAGE REQUEST: Aaron Banfield requested his sportsman-age driver be able to run the Rotax Micro Max Evo engine as a local option as a non-points entry. Lynda Coombs will email the request to WKA.

GRATITUDE: Michael Lewis reported he had a member call to express their gratitude to registration and Ted Cradlebaugh to the best race experience they have had all year. Ken Kuethe said he agrees that registration and the race day ran well. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Dylan Cradlebaugh for getting things started.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn to executive session at 8:43 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Brian Schroeder discussed reimbursing the Tech Director for a purchase he made. Further information is needed before a determination can be made. Some tech procedures were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: Rick Coombs, seconded by Brian Schroeder, motioned to adjourn executive session at 9:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Mushroom Rally - Saturday & Sunday, June 15th & 16th, and June 22nd & 23rd, Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45246
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 9, 2019, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- 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
- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 3, 2019, Lebanon, OH

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Post on Facebook that four people over two days are needed for sealing work, do Facebook Live feeds during race days, obtain more information about tires.
- Lynda Coombs – Email WKA regarding allowing the Rotax Micro Max Evo engine as a sportsman-age local option.
- Jeanette Holliday – Coordinate Mushroom Rally.
- Michael Lewis – Put post on Facebook asking what help is needed due to the weather damage in the Dayton area.

- Ray McKibben – Coordinate sealing work.
- Brian Schroeder – Obtain tri-fold flyers.
- Dawn Schroeder – Coordinate Mushroom Rally.

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

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 6/17/19