

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019**

**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 turned down.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the September 3, 2019 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with eight in favor and one abstained (Holliday). Lynda Coombs read a card from the Coombs family thanking OVKA for their expression of sympathy following the passing of Rick's mother. Lynda Coombs discussed the need to determine whether to enter into contract for 2020 with the Middletown Hampton Inn for board meetings and whether to have a January board meeting since the banquet is January 4, 2020. Consensus was to forgo a board meeting on January 7, 2020 and move forward with securing the meeting room for the rest of the year. Lynda Coombs explained there have been multiple racers with inaccurate transponder numbers and asked that beginning next season transponder numbers be written on the entry form at each event rather than writing "on file". Ted Cradlebaugh responded it is not that hard to put a number on a sheet to which Aaron Banfield agreed. Ken Kuethe said this can be mentioned at the next race and Ray McKibben suggested it be explained at pre-tech. Aaron Banfield made a motion to adjust the surcharge from 5% to 4%. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with nine in favor and one abstained (Boles). Lynda Coombs reported she had been asked about the amount of time credit card transactions take and explained there is a slight increase. She further reported two registration workers are able to easily share the credit card processing unit. Michael Lewis asked if there is a way the software can calculate the percentage automatically. Coombs reported the software provider will be looking into this.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ken Kuethe provided bank balances. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if we are going to address what the club owes to the track. Gary Gregg will compile information in order to discuss this further.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reviewed class averages for the KA100, Yamaha Junior, 80cc Shifters, Tag Senior classes and 206 Heavy classes. Ray McKibben inquired if the classes who do not qualify for awards are still called up to the stage to be recognized. Lynda Coombs replied they are. Aaron Banfield noted it was already determined the 206 Heavy class would not receive a jacket and would receive plaques. Following further discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh said the Yamaha Junior class should receive a trophy or something. Rick Coombs asked about the board determining the budget for the banquet. Cradlebaugh said with kart count down and money owed to the track, we can't spend and spend. Ray McKibben suggested a \$4,000 decrease and Josh Johnson recommended a 20% decrease. Rick Coombs explained grand prizes can be cut in order to adjust to a lower budget. Don Boles noted the Swap Meet funds the banquet to which Banfield explained if the Swap Meet brings in \$10,000 less, the board has to figure it out. Banfield and McKibben discussed not dictating specific prizes. Banfield and Cradlebaugh discussed the fine job Rick Coombs has done. Following further discussion, Josh Johnson made a motion to appropriate \$30,000 for the banquet. The motion was seconded by Gary Gregg and passed with eight in favor, one opposed and one abstained (roll call: Coombs-abstained, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Holliday-yes, Johnson-yes, Lewis-yes, McKibben-yes, Schroeder-yes, Banfield-yes, Boles-no). Cradlebaugh thanked the board for thinking this through.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Don Boles is communicating with Coyote about obtaining a kart for shows. Brian Schroeder reported the Cavalcade of Customs Show will be January 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He explained tents, banners and flags cannot be used and asked if we want to attend. Gary Gregg responded he thinks we should. Schroeder made a motion to appropriate \$1,100. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed with nine in favor and one absent (Lewis). Aaron Banfield discussed the positive experience Full Throttle had participating in the Home and Garden Show and said they will be doing it again. Lynda Coombs discussed participating in the Indy Circle Track Show in January and said it is a good opportunity to distribute information about the Swap Meet. Schroeder asked if Swap Meet flyers are available. Banfield will reach out to Doug Benson about this.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Josh Johnson reported Lee McCready is doing better.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ray McKibben discussed repairs he is making to the golf cart. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested coming up with something for corner workers, especially in turn one that would get them up in the air approximately ten feet. Gary Gregg and Aaron Banfield will look at what they have available. Ray McKibben offered to put up a stand this weekend and obtain feedback.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** No report.

**TECHNOLOGY:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TIRES:** There was discussion of tire options and the officers were given direction. More information will be forthcoming.

**2020 SCHEDULE / POLL:** Lynda Coombs distributed data collected from a poll conducted on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Ken Kuethe reported most people would like to keep the same number of Saturday races. He added he will not have us travelling next year but this may be something for the new president to address. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested having drops to match the same number of Saturday evening races. Aaron Banfield reported the data showed average entries the same for Sundays and Saturday evening races with a drop off on Saturday day races and an increase at the Champ Race. Bruce Wyke explained he knows they cannot attend twelve races and asked about having a championship within a championship. Kuethe explained the schedule he will prepare will not have pea pick races and will be qualifying and winner-take-all races. He further stated someone else will be making the final schedule. Kuethe explained the data was a 50/50 split and did not support enough of a yes for double header races. He reported Brian Schroeder has provided the schedule for the Buckeye Karting Challenge and he will work around that. Michael Lewis noted WKA will be four races instead of six. Wyke discussed families being unable to make that much of commitment and said many clubs have a tendency to add drops such as having three. Cradlebaugh said adding more drops could hurt our entries but makes it nicer for families and he is all for three drops. Ronald Swift asked if you can pay for last place points. Dawn Schroeder explained you have to take a green flag. Swift said in any professional series, you don't get drops. Banfield stated this would be a Rules Committee conversation and he thinks other people would be interested in having this conversation. Rick Coombs explained the club has tried taking fourteen races and splitting them in two and also having overall winners. He said the drops have worked. Wyke discussed other clubs not allowing disqualifications to be droppable. Banfield replied it depends on the type of DQ.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Ken Kuethe provided the following dates for Rules Committee meetings: October 10<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup>, all on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at Full Throttle Indoor

karting in Springdale. Voting board members will be Aaron Banfield, Don Boles and Ray McKibben. Voting general members will be Jason Doran and Glenn Sheppard with one more to be determined.

**CHARITY RACE:** Ken Kuethe and Lynda Coombs discussed the chili cook-off and hot dog meal being held at the Charity Race. Kuethe thanked Scott and Riley Golladay and Ray McKibben for their willingness to assist with coordinating the cook-off and meal.

**CLEAN-UP DAY:** clean-up day will be held the day after the Charity Race. Volunteers will be needed to help close up the facility.

**RACING4VETS:** Tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION:** Ken Kuethe reported Jeff Calvert submitted his resignation from the OVKA Board of Directors. Kuethe extended thanks to Calvert for all of his assistance.

**REQUESTS TO MOVE UP:** Aaron Banfield explained the parent of Trevor Watson, who will be 15-years-old next year, has requested he be able to move to senior classes beginning at the last points race. The following five board members affirmed they are in agreement with this request and feel there are no safety concerns: Aaron Banfield, Don Boles, Gary Gregg, Ken Kuethe, and Michael Lewis. Bruce Wyke requested his son, Case Wyke, who will be 11-years-old in February of 2020, be permitted to move to junior 2-cycle and 4-cycle classes starting next year. The following six board members affirmed they are in agreement with this request and feel there are no safety concerns: Aaron Banfield, Gary Gregg, Josh Johnson, Michael Lewis, Ray McKibben, and Brian Schroeder. WKA will be contacted about these requests.

**OLD BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**STARTS:** Gary Gregg discussed the current location where starts take place and suggested starting further past the start/finish line so they start slower. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed starts in the sportsman-age classes and said they have done very well.

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** There was discussion of a recent unsportsmanlike conduct situation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Brian Schroeder, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn at 10:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Charity Race – Saturday, October 12, 2019
- OVKA Clean-Up Day – Sunday, October 13, 2019
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 5, 2019, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Aaron Banfield – Reach out to Doug Benson about Swap Meet flyers, look into a raised stand for corner workers.
- Lynda Coombs – Secure meeting room at the Hampton Inn for 2020, coordinate OVKA's participation in the Indy Circle Track Show.
- Don Boles – Obtain pricing information from Coyote for a kart frame for shows.

- Scott and Riley Golladay – Along with Ray McKibben, coordinate chili cook-off and meal.
- Gary Gregg – Look into a raised stand for corner workers.
- Ray McKibben – Put up stand this coming weekend and obtain feedback, coordinate chili cook-off and meal along with Scott and Riley Golladay.
- Brian Schroeder – Coordinate OVKA's participation in the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** M. Cook, L. Coombs, J. Doran, S. Golladay, D. Schroeder, R. Swift, C. Swindling and B. Wyke.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 10/27/19