

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. and asked that cell phones be turned off or turned down.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the October 1, 2019 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Coombs asked the board about the 2020 membership fee. Consensus was for the fee to remain the same.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ken Kuethe provided bank balances. Aaron Banfield discussed the track improvement fund. Kuethe will submit an invoice for the funds that are to be provided per the tire contract.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported the annual mailing will be sent this coming Saturday and stated awards have been ordered.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Ken Kuethe explained the third meeting of the rules committee will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2019, at Full Throttle Indoor Karting in Springdale. He reported things have run smooth and he thinks this will be the last meeting. Aaron Banfield explained the goal is to have the rulebook draft prior to the December board meeting so it can be voted on and printed in time for the banquet.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Lynda Coombs reported we will be participating in the Cavalcade of Customs Show and the Indy Circle Track Show both of which are in January. Ray McKibben discussed updating some photos for the show booths and acquiring action photos this upcoming season. Don Boles reported he obtained a price of \$2,300 for a kart for shows which includes new bodywork. Consensus was this is too costly. Aaron Banfield is working on identifying a chassis for under \$1,000. Ray McKibben is checking into obtaining an engine. Banfield extended appreciation to Boles for making calls. McKibben will check on spare parts for the show booths.

**SWAP MEET:** There was discussion of tech seminars, vendors and the need for Swap Meet flyers. Josh Johnson explained Doug Benson was waiting to print flyers to make sure credit cards were going to be accepted so it can be included on the flyer. Lynda Coombs reported the credit card reader was utilized the last few races and worked perfectly. Banfield explained a separate account has been set up and it will be used for accepting credit card payments at the Swap Meet. Banfield will contact Benson tomorrow about the need for flyers. Ray McKibben asked that a supply of flyers be provided to Craig Bogan to take to an event in his area. Banfield will reach out to a kart parts supplier Johnson shared information about. McKibben discussed reports that Vega kart helmets will no longer be available. Dawn Schroeder explained they are not making kart helmets at all so what is in stock is it. McKibben suggested inviting DARF to the Swap Meet. Kuethe will do this when he talks with Rick Monroe.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lynda Coombs reported the 2020 pit spot application will be included in the annual mailing.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ray McKibben reported he and Norman Suitts did some track sealing. McKibben, Aaron Banfield and Ted Cradlebaugh discussed sealing methods and gravel erosion.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** No report.

**TECHNOLOGY:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TIRE COMPOUND:** Aaron Banfield made a motion that the official tires for next year are Hoosier R60B and Bridgestone YLC and the TaG class has the option of switching to Hoosier R55 with Race Director approval. The motion was seconded by Josh Johnson and passed unanimously.

**CHARITY RACE:** Ken Kuethe discussed an accounting provided by Lynda Coombs of Charity Race proceeds. Aaron Banfield made a motion to allocate \$1,445 to both DARF and Gratis EMS and \$725 each to two churches in the community. The motion was seconded by Josh Johnson and passed unanimously. Kuethe will present the DARF donation at their banquet in December.

**CLEAN-UP DAY:** Ken Kuethe thanked all of the people who volunteered at Clean-Up Day. He also extended thanks to the Warren family for all of their help with sealing the pavilion.

**RACING4VETS:** Aaron Banfield explained that the Racing4Vets team would like two KA100 karts to be able to carry points as has been done in the 420 and 206 classes. He said they plan on racing in that class either way. Following discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion that the Racing4Vets points stay with the karts in any class the Vets run in. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with eight in favor and one abstained (Banfield). Ray McKibben will have a conversation with the Briggs Weekly Racing Series regarding multiple drivers. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked McKibben to explain to Briggs what the program is.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION:** Aaron Banfield, seconded by Ray McKibben, nominated Scott Golladay to the OVKA Board of Directors. Per by-laws policy, the nomination will be voted on at next month's board meeting.

**CLASS STRUCTURE:** Aaron Banfield reported on a request from Bruce Wyke to adjust the Sportsman age to 7 to 11-years-old and the Junior class to 11 to 15-years-old. He explained the logic with this is it gives more competition for 7 and 8-year-olds and more time in Juniors. Ray McKibben suggested grandfathering racers if we make this change and discussed weight factors and how much lead will have to be put on karts. Banfield reported on Sportsman weights at other tracks and said we are the only one he could find running Sportsman at 265#. Ted Cradlebaugh noted there is the option of coming to the board to request to move up. Following further discussion, Aaron Banfield made a motion to adjust 206 Sportsman weight from 265# to 250# and 206 Junior weight from 320# to 310#. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Josh Johnson discussed WKA having dropped the age for Juniors, with the exception of Junior TaG, to 11-years-old and having a Sportsman weight of 250# to drive kids to Juniors. Ray McKibben said he would like to look at what other series are doing. Banfield explained this would get us in alignment with Whiteland and New Castle. The motion was voted on and passed with eight in favor and one opposed (Boles). Johnson made a motion to change the age for Junior 206 and Yamaha Junior from 12 to 15-years-old to 11 to 15-years-old. The motion was seconded by Jeanette Holliday. Johnson explained the Junior class is struggling and this opens up a whole other age and copies WKA. Ray McKibben amended the motion to table the

matter and said the board is split and he wants to do more homework on this. With no second to the amendment, Johnson's motion was voted on and failed with four opposed, one abstained (counts as a no vote), and four in favor (roll call: Banfield-no, Boles-yes, Coombs-no, Cradlebaugh-no, Gregg-yes, Holliday-yes, Johnson-yes, Landes-no, McKibben-abstained). Ray McKibben made a motion to rename the 206 Heavy class to 206 Masters Heavy with a weight of 390# and minimum age of 35-years-old. Exceptions can be made for senior age drivers weighing 200# without equipment with Race Director's approval. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Dawn Schroeder said she would like board or committee approval rather than one person. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Banfield explained Michael Lewis is working on a Kid Kart class structure with a recommendation to run for points championships scoring Comer and 206 engines separately. He said transponders would be required. There would be a prize rule for a two or more average where first and second places would receive a single race entry and two pit passes for the next season. No jackets would be awarded but for a four count average, an eagle would be awarded for first place. His proposal includes the use of track 91 non-ethanol fuel which would no longer be included in the entry fee and a tire circumference would be specified. Banfield explained Lewis is not asking for a vote right now. Ray McKibben asked that the proposal be emailed to the entire board. Don Boles asked if parents would still be on the track to which Banfield replied he would say no. McKibben suggested having parents on the track for the start only. Ken Kuethe said if this is to be in the new rulebook, it needs to be looked at rather quickly. Ted Cradlebaugh stated maybe we would get more kid karters. Kuethe discussed keeping KA, TaG and Shifters as a run group and hopes we have enough to split them out. Clint Holladay reported there have been conversations on group pages about there being a lot of waiting on race day with the day being shot only to run twenty minutes. He asked if there is a better way to run things. Kuethe said at New Castle they run twenty laps. Dylan Cradlebaugh discussed the impact if you throw a chain on the first lap and said race day could get started at 10:00 a.m. Lynda Coombs responded by doing this registration would need to close an hour earlier. Holladay said people are concerned about this and asked that it not be taken as criticism.

**2020 OFFICERS:** Ken Kuethe explained nomination of 2020 officer candidates will take place at the December board meeting.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**KID KART DIRECTOR:** Ken Kuethe reported an email was received from Chris Kutscher expressing appreciation for all of the support provided by Michael Lewis for the Kid Kart class.

**TRAVELLING:** Seth Streidl inquired about travelling based on the poll that was taken. Ken Kuethe replied his schedule will not include travelling but others may and he is not going to be President next year. Dan Fiehrer reported Trinity Karting bought a field next to their place and plan to run six races but he does not know what classes they will be running. Kuethe replied this is the first he has heard of it.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Aaron Banfield, seconded by Don Boles, motioned to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2019, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- OVKA Annual Membership Meeting & 2019 Banquet – Saturday, January 4, 2020, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, 9664 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH, 45040

- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show – Friday through Sunday, January 10-12, 2020, Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 25, 2020, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA 2020 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 1, 2020, The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Aaron Banfield – Identify a chassis for shows, contact Doug Benson tomorrow regarding the need for Swap Meet flyers, reach out to kart parts supplier.
- Ken Kuethe – Submit invoice for funds per the track improvement fund contract, invite DARF to the Swap Meet, present donation to DARF at their banquet in December.
- Ray McKibben – Check into an engine for a show kart, check on spare parts for show booths, talk with Briggs Weekly Racing Series regarding multiple drivers.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, J. Doran, D. Fiehrer, S. Golladay, T. Hale, D. Schroeder, S. Streidl, and R. Swift.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 11/24/19