

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He noted there are quite a few things to get through this evening and asked that people keep it brief.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the November 5, 2019 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe and passed unanimously. Coombs explained that board members need to have their annual dues paid by the annual meeting, as well as any member who plans to vote at that meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Kuethe reported an invoice has been submitted for the tire sponsorship funds. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested using the money to pay toward debt owed to the track. Aaron Banfield explained Gary Gregg will be providing a firm number of what is owed.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported banquet preparations are up and running. He explained banquet registrations are down compared to previous years. Michael Lewis will post a reminder on the website. Coombs extended thanks to Rob Lehmann for his generous donation to OVKA. Dan Fiehrer reported when he booked his room at the Marriott, he was told only single beds were available. Lynda Coombs will follow up about this.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Brian Schroeder discussed plans for the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show. Several people offered to staff the booth for this event. Don Boles said someone needs to check on having tri-fold flyers printed for this show. Schroeder will talk with his wife about taking care of ordering them. Aaron Banfield noted we have chip clips and pens for promotional items. Ray McKibben discussed an email he sent to the board about obtaining a case, stand and stand case for the new television at a cost of \$431.97. He explained the new television is more fragile. Lynda Coombs shared information about specially designed heavy cardboard boxes for televisions at an approximate cost of \$23.98. Banfield replied with the cardboard box, we have to be more careful. He suggested for now going with the box the television came in. Ken Kuethe approved the purchase of the television stand and stand case which McKibben will order. Boles inquired about new pictures for the show booths. McKibben said he taking care of this.

SWAP MEET: Aaron Banfield explained he has been in contact with Doug Benson who reported 2,500 Swap Meet flyers are to be delivered to Banfield and the remainder will be sent to kart shops. Banfield will provide flyers to Craig Bogan for him to distribute. Banfield discussed symposiums that are being planned. He said people will be needed to show others around. Banfield discussed pricing for Facebook advertising and will be looking into how to target for less.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: No report.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Dylan Cradlebaugh discussed the sticky surface of the track in turn one. Ted Cradlebaugh said something will need to be done about it in the spring.

TECH DEPARTMENT: No report.

TECHNOLOGY: As previously discussed, Michael Lewis will publish a reminder about registering for the banquet.

OLD BUSINESS:

RULES COMMITTEE: There was discussion of changes needed to the rulebook including removing the schedule as it will not be available prior to the printing of the rulebook pending election of the President who sets the schedule. Aaron Banfield explained this way the rulebook can be printed in time for the banquet. Using Motul oil was discussed with consensus being no objection to three oils. Ron Swift asked if oils can be mixed to which Banfield replied, "No". Don Boles explained racers will have to say what oil they are using. Burriss oil was discussed and Banfield said it needs to be made clear that 2020 will be the last year for Burriss oil and the intent of the board is not using it the following year. Brian Schroeder said he doesn't know if everyone is okay with Kid Karts going to a points class and asked about teaching the kids. Michael Lewis explained this is because Kid Kart attendance was down and nothing changes except for running for points. McKibben suggested defining probation. During discussion, Banfield explained probation is where a racer is being watched. No further action was taken. Pat Slattery asked about scrubbing tires. Ken Kuethe responded that was shot down. Aaron Banfield, Ted Cradlebaugh, Gary Gregg, Josh Johnson and Michael Lewis said they are in favor of allowing tire scrubbing. Following further discussion of pros and cons, Banfield said this is not a motion. Rick Coombs reported the number of drops were changed from two to three by the Rules Committee and said this will result in a loss of income. Cradlebaugh replied it helps more people who work Saturday. Coombs explained he wanted this brought out to the board to keep in mind a year from in the event there is a financial impact. Boles added you're penalizing the people who come to all the races to which Bruce Wyke disagreed explaining people who miss three races have to count all their races. McKibben raised the question of having twelve races with one drop. Banfield explained the results of the poll conducted showed 76% wanted the same or more races. McKibben reported there was a huge number who raced five or less races and sixty or seventy non-member entries. Wyke discussed how more drops may convert some people. Ray McKibben made a motion to accept the rulebook for the 2020 season with minor formatting adjustments and spelling. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously.

2020 SCHEDULE: There was discussion of our schedule in relationship to the Buckeye Karting Championship. Aaron Banfield explained the Buckeye series has booked one weekend at G & J Kartway. He discussed allowing the President to set the schedule to include travelling. Brian Schroeder stated this is not following the rules as it has to be emailed seven days prior and only brought up if in old business. Lynda Coombs explained there was discussion in October and it was an oversight on her part. Following further discussion, Banfield made a motion we give the President the ability to set the schedule to include travel date/dates. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously.

CLASS STRUCTURE: Aaron Banfield, having been on the winning side last month, said he would like to bring back up the age of Juniors. Banfield made a motion for Sportsman ages to be 7 to 12-years-old and Juniors to be 11 to 15-years-old. The motion was seconded by Josh Johnson. He stated once you move up, you cannot go back down. Bruce Wyke discussed WKA ages. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if the Race Director would still have discretion to move a racer back to which Banfield replied, "Yes sir". Following further discussion, the motion as voted on and passed with ten in favor and one opposed (Cradlebaugh). Cradlebaugh said the Race Director needs to be involved in requests to move up. Ken Kuethe asked if we want to add that Race Director approval is needed. Banfield explained another option is having a WKA certified Race Director as they have the authority to make that call without WKA approval and to authorize running mixed age groups. Cradlebaugh discussed how the request to move up needs to be because of a real hardship. Brian Schroeder suggested not saying the Race Director as he might not be available. Ray McKibben made a motion to add language that the Race Director is to be involved in the process for drivers to move up. Due to the lack of a second, the motion died. Following further discussion, Rick Coombs suggested to

continue to leave the decision to board members. Cradlebaugh said he would rather have five people than one. Pat Slattery asked the board to consider adding the new Rok VLR motor and explained it is a new class for WKA this year. He said it is cheaper and could run together with KA. Slattery discussed how he dials the VLR and added it is box stock. He said he is not asking for a decision today and will report back after Daytona.

NEW BUSINESS:

YAMAHA SPORTSMAN CLASS: In follow up to an email Brian Schroeder sent to the board, he discussed expanding the two-stroke Sportsman class by allowing the Mini Swift to run with the Yamaha Sportsman. Aaron Banfield noted the Swift is faster than the Yamaha and asked why someone would run an engine that isn't faster. Schroeder replied if they're new to racing and don't have enough money. He further stated our club says we will fit you in and it would be helpful for our club to say we have a place for Swift to run with Yamaha. Banfield responded he doesn't think running in the same points group makes sense. Schroeder suggested doing two run groups at the same time and if they attain four or more they get a trophy and jacket. Ray McKibben discussed making it a championship class keeping Yamaha and adding Swift. He said it won't work to run them together. Schroeder said he has seen five or six people with motors in their trailers. Following further discussion, Schroeder made a motion to run Mini Swift Sportsman with matching WKA rules at 245# with Yamaha Sportsman on the track at the same time with separate championships. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Josh Johnson asked if this is legal because it would have had to been presented in November. Banfield explained it was presented in October. Bruce Wyke asked if both Cadet karts and Yamaha karts will be allowed. Schroeder explained WKA allows either. The motion was voted on and passed with seven in favor, two opposed and two abstained (roll call: Gregg-yes, Holliday-abstained, Johnson-yes, Landes-yes, Lewis-abstained, McKibben-yes, Schroeder-yes, Banfield-yes, Boles-no, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-no).

2020 OFFICERS:

- **SECRETARY:**
 - Ken Kuethe, seconded by Ray McKibben, nominated Lynda Coombs for Secretary.
- **PRESIDENT:**
 - Rick Coombs, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, nominated Don Boles for President.
 - Pat Slattery, seconded by Brian Schroeder, nominated Ray McKibben for President.
 - Ken Kuethe, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, nominated Aaron Banfield for President.
- **VICE-PRESIDENT:**
 - Aaron Banfield, seconded by Jeanette Holliday, nominated Michael Lewis for Vice-President.
- **TREASURER:**
 - Rick Coombs, seconded by Ken Kuethe, nominated Jason Gregg for Treasurer.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

BOARD EMAILS: Michael Lewis asked if there is any guidance regarding the content of emails sent to the board. He said it is his opinion it should stay with the board until there is discussion before it becomes public. Ken Kuethe responded there is not anything in the by-laws. Lynda Coombs explained some past presidents have given that directive. Lewis discussed misrepresentation and said it caused problems and it has resulted in him not wanting to respond to board emails. Aaron Banfield said he thinks we should follow that guideline.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Aaron Banfield, seconded motioned to adjourn to executive session at 10:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Having been nominated last month, Scott Golladay was unanimously voted to the OVKA Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Rick Coombs, motioned to adjourn at 10:34 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- 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
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2020, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Lynda Coombs – Follow up with the Marriott regarding rooms for the banquet.
- Michael Lewis – Post reminder on website about registering for the banquet.
- Ray McKibben – Order television stand and stand case, obtain new pictures for the show booths.
- Dawn Schroeder – Order tri-fold flyers.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, J. Doran, D. Fiehrer, S. Golladay, P. Slattery, S. Streidl, R. Swift and B. Wyke.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 12/15/19