

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 2:22 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked that cell phones be kept on silent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the December 3, 2019 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Kuethe discussed how it is hoped the upcoming Swap Meet on February 1, 2020 will generate income for the club.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs extended thanks to those who helped last night to prepare for the banquet, as well as those who will be helping this evening. He asked that comments or concerns be directed to himself or Lynda. He explained if there are groups of people who wish to sit together at the banquet, please be sure to arrive at the registration line promptly as the only reserved seats are for banquet volunteers. Coombs noted there is a restaurant and bar available, as well as seating areas in the lobby for down time between the end of this meeting and banquet registration. Lynda Coombs stated banquet registration begins at 4:00 p.m. unless final preparations are finished earlier and the banquet is scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m.

RULES COMMITTEE: Ken Kuethe thanked Aaron Banfield for taking care of editing the 2020 rulebook. Thanks were also extended to those who participated in the committee work. Kuethe reported rulebooks for the 2020 season are available today. Don Boles asked that everyone read their rulebook. Ray McKibben explained the class structure was moved to the front of the rulebook and page five contains a list of the changes.

SWAP MEET: Ken Kuethe explained volunteers are needed to help at the Swap Meet. Brian Schroder is the contact person. Aaron Banfield asked that people walk around with those who are new to familiarize them with karting equipment. Please let Schroeder know if you can assist with this. Banfield reported there will be some classes at the Swap Meet including two one-hour free sessions about the Mychron. Sign-ups will take place through the OVKA Swap Meet Facebook site. Ray McKibben encouraged people to share the Swap Meet flyers. Please let Banfield know if you would like a supply of flyers.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Don Boles said a lot of help is needed in promoting the club at shows. He explained materials are available for people to attend shows they may know of. Ken Kuethe thanked Brian Schroeder for coordinating the upcoming Cavalcade of Custom Show in Cincinnati. Schroeder reported help is needed for this show on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Schroeder made a motion to appropriate \$350 for 5,000 tri-fold flyers. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. McKibben made a motion to appropriate \$300 for new laminated pictures for the new show booth. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. McKibben extended thanks to Sean Birkle for his photos over the years. Lynda Coombs reported OVKA will be passing out Swap Meet flyers at the upcoming Indy Circle Track Show.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Josh Johnson said he will be available before and after dinner to accept payments for pit spots. He noted people will be able to pay by credit card. Lee McCready

reported he hasn't heard from sponsors yet and asked that people let him know of anyone who may be interested in sponsorship opportunities.

TECH DEPARTMENT: No report.

TECHNOLOGY: No report.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben reported Rob Schrage has offered to sell three transponders to the club. Following discussion, McKibben made a motion to appropriate \$500 to purchase three transponders. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Ken Kuethe extended special thanks to the Warren family who spent quite a bit of time making improvements at the track, including sealing the pavilion and new lights in the tower. Lynda Coombs added that when things came up that needed addressed, such as lighting in the tech barn and new counters in the tower, Warren and his family saw to it that they were taken care of. The Warren family received a round of applause.

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 OFFICERS: Ken Kuethe explained ballots were given out upon checking in for this meeting. Ballots will be collected then counted during which time meeting discussion will continue. Running for the office of President are Aaron Banfield, Don Boles and Ray McKibben. Running unopposed for Vice-President is Michael Lewis, running unopposed for Secretary is Lynda Coombs and running unopposed for Treasurer is Jason Gregg. Dan Fiehrer asked that the three presidential candidates speak to the audience. Banfield, Boles and McKibben all provided a statement.

2020 SCHEDULE: Ken Kuethe explained the 2020 schedule will be based on who is seated as President today.

CLASS STRUCTURE: Pat Slattery reported on the running of the VLR engine for juniors and seniors at the WKA race in Daytona. He said as long as we follow WKA rules, he thinks it would be good for the club to run this engine heads up with the KA. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed keeping watch on the motors in order to keep them equal and said we will have the ability to adjust if we see one outperforming the other. Ron Swift stated he thinks it makes sense to run them together. Ray McKibben inquired about tech to which Cradlebaugh responded we will have tech for them. Dan Fiehrer noted the VLR is pretty inexpensive. Brennan McIntosh raised the question if we are going to have our own technical development or have someone else's rules. Cradlebaugh replied we will have to keep eyes on it from day one. He added timing will be a key thing. Slattery said it is going to be close. Swift discussed using the Mychron 5 to gather data. Doug Cook said it seems like we have been down this road before and he gets it that the motor is cheaper. He discussed how we spent a whole season trying to get people to run the KA and he thinks two to five more are committed to it. McIntosh said he feels if WKA changes rules, we need to make our own solid set of rules where we don't have to buy a new motor every six months to one year. Cradlebaugh responded the only data we have right now is from Daytona. Following further discussion, Pat Slattery made a motion to include the VLR in with KA100 calling it the 100cc two-cycle class. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Ted Cradlebaugh amended the motion for the club to have the ability to test to make adjustments if necessary. Aaron Banfield asked who makes the decision to which Cradlebaugh replied the Tech Director, in addition to discussing it with the class. Rick Coombs seconded the amendment which passed unanimously. Slattery's motion was then voted on and passed with twelve in favor and one opposed (Banfield).

2020 OFFICERS (continued): Following ballots being counted the following people will be filling officer positions:

- President – Aaron Banfield
- Vice President – Michael Lewis
- Secretary – Lynda Coombs
- Treasurer – Jason Gregg.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Ted Cradlebaugh and Emerson D’Agostino inquired about Aaron Banfield’s plans for the race schedule. Banfield said he plans to have it by Monday.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Ken Kuethe explained there will not be a board meeting held on the first Tuesday of this month since the annual meeting was held today. The next regular monthly board meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn in Middletown, Ohio.

ADJOURNMENT: Brian Schroeder, seconded by Ken Kuethe, motioned to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. Motion passed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- 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:

- Ray McKibben – Obtain new pictures for the new show booth as per motion, obtain three transponders as per motion.
- Brian/Dawn Schroeder – Order tri-fold flyers.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: P. Arthur, R. Beaman, S. Birkle, C. Bogan, J. Carroll, B. Carter, B. Chambers, D. Chambers, D. Cook, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, E. D’Agostino, J. Doran, D. Fiehrer, B. Foster, K. Gaw, A. Harvey, M. Heber, D. Hebley, R. Helton, M. Hogan, D. Hughes, D. Kinney, C. Kuethe, T. Kuethe, A. Kutscher, C. Kutscher, B. Lance, D. Libecap, S. Maynard, B. McIntosh, Z. Morvik, L. Muskopf, T. Myers, K. Noran, M. Overbeck, L. Pike, J. Powers, S. Powers, J. Randolph, G. Schnettler, R. Schrage, G. Schroeder, P. Slattery, S. Streidl, N. Suitts, J. Sullivan, R. Swift, J. Wagar, Brent Warren, Brody Warren, J. Wheeler, J. White, B. Wyke, S. Young, and one name that could not be determined.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/22/2020