

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Aaron Banfield called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:02 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked that mute buttons be kept on off when not speaking. Banfield discussed being courteous, not interrupting and raising your hand or wave when asking to speak.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs, seconded by Rick Coombs, made a motion to accept the May 5, 2020 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously. Coombs reported the legal fee for reviewing the by-law amendment was \$267.50 and has been paid.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Lynda Coombs said we currently do not have anything scheduled. Don Boles suggested participating in parades. Brian Schroeder offered to obtain information about Fourth of July parade opportunities and discussed what a big hit parades have been previously with no cost. He said he is waiting to hear about a parade but it is the same day as the Champ Race and drive time to the track would be a concern. Boles reported some fairs are having parades instead. Aaron Banfield said it would be a good thing if parades can be found.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Josh Johnson reported four pits spots were sold last weekend, three of which were new and one renewal.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported the tech department is getting ready for Karting 101. Brian Schroeder inquired about wristbands for Karting 101. Aaron Banfield responded those people who are participating in Karting 101 will be required to have a wristband as they will be in the grid area or on the track. Pat Slattery reported the price for KA tech tools is \$460 for nine or ten tools. Banfield noted funds were approved for tech money in March up to \$850. Ron Swift reported we already have one or two KA tools. Slattery explained the tools can be purchased separately. Josh Johnson said he thought we were going to make tooling for KA. Swift explained right now we have to go off their tech tools and if there isn't one, we will want to contact IAME as it will be on us to make it. Banfield asked Swift to get with Slattery regarding what we already have. Swift asked that there be an update published on Facebook regarding helmet rules as this is a changeover year and it will take effect next year. Swift will email the update to Aaron Banfield and Michael Lewis.

**TECHNOLOGY:** No report.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ray McKibben reported there were repairs made to the flag stand, holes dug for the tower in turn one, the tower/tech barn was cleaned up and pit spots were painted. He explained the turtles still need to be touched up. McKibben said transponders will need to be charged. Michael Lewis responded they will be charged by Ken Kuethe. Kuethe reported he has cycled the transponders and five did not charge at all. He is going to recycle them again after the charge runs down and will keep Banfield and Lewis informed. McKibben reported a couple of batteries might be needed for the radios. Brian Schroeder explained a gentleman at AMB is willing to work with us and the transponders can be sent in so the older ones can be replaced with non-subscription type transponders. He suggested checking to see what they can offer as they supply other racing organizations. Ted Cradlebaugh inquired about the impact the work in turn one has had. Ray McKibben said Derek Hughes reported it was faster. Andy Kutscher added it was awesome. Brian Schroeder shared that he heard the opposite but there were also people enjoying it. Ted

Cradlebaugh discussed how different classes go into that turn in different ways and he heard it was wearing front tires. Chris Kutscher discussed there being a noticeable difference in friction in turn one. He said at the end of the day, chunks of the Hoosier tires had been taken out. McKibben reported having 360 to 380 laps on each of two sets of tires with no unusual wear.

**RECRUITING COMMITTEE:** Michael Lewis reported some people have progressed in their mission to find karts.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RACE SCHEDULE:** Aaron Banfield reported the schedule was updated and posted. Karting 101 will be held Friday, June 19, 2020 with fees being \$10 for participating in the event and \$10 per pit pass. There will be a walk-around plus two heats. Ray McKibben discussed testing the lights at night before the event. The Whiteland date was moved to Sunday, July 26, 2020.

**RE-OPENING PLAN:** Aaron Banfield discussed procedures pertaining to Responsible Restart Ohio that will include social distancing, not attending if symptoms are present, no touch rule, no sharing of water bottles, and recommended and encouraged use of face coverings for all. Don Boles reported Shelley Powers was directed by the Health Department to remove shelves, stands and close restrooms. Powers explained the best bet is getting more porta-johns. She said condiment ledges were removed and the tent needs to be taken down because people congregate there. Banfield detailed how groups A & B will be separated and said only one mechanic will be permitted there. The observation deck above the grid area and the one by the flagpole will be closed off. Banfield stated face coverings have softened by the State and the CDC and he has a list of things he will be getting direction about. Michael Lewis thanked Powers for having the conversation with the Health Department and suggested Dylan Cradlebaugh conduct the driver's meeting over the PA. Banfield replied it will be held in the infield. Lynda Coombs said the plan is for masks to be required at registration and tech to which Ted Cradlebaugh agreed and added without a mask, he is not going to tech you. McKibben said he does not think that's an unfair request and we should have masks available. Ron Swift discussed there being certain people who are not able to wear a mask and not being able to ask them because that's a HIPPA violation. Banfield replied there is one person he is aware of and they won't be at registration. Cradlebaugh explained they will need to keep their distance. Brian Schroeder suggested doubling up tables at registration to put distance between people. Joe Wise said the top five could be told to drop their kart and walk away. Banfield explained there will be a big area for post-tech. Boles recommended putting a tent up. Banfield responded we are taking a look at that. He said he can't stress enough that we are glad we will be racing but there will be some interruptions. Banfield summarized that his plan is to require masks at registration, tech and other official areas, limit access to the tower, see the scale worker for protest forms, medical emergencies proceed to the EMTs, and have restrictions in the grid area. Andy Kutscher inquired about pre-registration. Lynda Coombs explained it will be in place beginning at race one and asked for patience and understanding as this new process is implemented. Chad Swindling recommended the format for the first and second races be a heat and a final to work out bugs. Ted Cradlebaugh replied the only way we can run two heats is if we qualify. Swindling then suggested qualify and follow with a pre-final and final. Banfield responded he set up the schedule with pea-pick and the new drivers start in the back. Schroeder discussed the need for distancing at the fuel station. Banfield said he has asked that the fuel attendant put markers out.

**SERIES T-SHIRTS:** Lynda Coombs asked if we are at a point a T-shirt order can be placed. Aaron Banfield replied he thinks we are.

**CHAMP RACE:** Brian Schroeder reported it has been difficult to get definitive answers about ice cream and Kona ice. He inquired if someone else could assist with the Champ Race. Brian Schroeder raised the question of whether gloves need to be worn for corn hole and asked about any leftover prizes from the banquet. He discussed whether pizza should be delivered to pits. Aaron Banfield asked if there is anyone who would like to step up. Theodore Hale said he might be able to help a little bit. Banfield reported Garg Gregg suggested a barbecue with burgers and the Vets have offered to help. Brian Schroeder said with social distancing there could be a kart stand race and it would be nice to have an ice cream truck. Banfield reported Gregg is trying to get a zip line and Gregg will be covering the cost of fireworks. On Sunday, Something Good, Elaine Gregg's singing group, will be there, as well as a skydiver. Banfield reported there are some items left from the banquet and Hoosier can provide some things. Lynda Coombs will order trophies for all but Kid Karts who will be ordered by Michael Lewis. Ken Kuethe made a motion to bring trophies down to the top three for the Champ Race, excluding Kid Karts. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh. Dylan Cradlebaugh noted Kid Karts are now a points class. Michael Lewis explained the Kid Kart awards are taken care of by the Gregg family. Dylan Cradlebaugh replied they are points now and asked if they are getting trophies every race. Lewis explained he receives a \$10 budget for each Kid Kart per event. Dylan Cradlebaugh stated with them being a points class, they should get stickers at the driver's meetings and nobody else gets a trophy every week. Lewis responded we need to grow the Kid Kart class and keep them here. Kuethe said the intent of his motion was to include Kid Karts but if there is a budget with Gary Gregg, he has no issue leaving Kid Karts out. Dawn Schroeder reported Gary Gregg wanted Kid Karts to have something special, such as a T-shirt. Josh Johnson asked Kuethe what the reason is to drop from five trophies to three. Kuethe explained it is because we are in a time where revenue is down. Johnson asked if revenue is down to which Kuethe replied we haven't raced yet. Following further discussion, Kuethe's motion was voted on and passed with eight in favor and four opposed (roll call: Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Golladay-yes, Holliday-no, Johnson-no, Johnson-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, Lewis-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-no, Schroeder-yes, Boles-no).

#### **NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**BRIGGS & STRATTON WEEKLY RACING SERIES:** Ray McKibben reported he resubmitted the updated schedule to the Briggs Weekly Racing Series. He will let the board know whether there will be an adjustment from eleven to nine races. McKibben said due to tracks having a reduced season, the series starts with race three and goes through race thirteen.

**MEETING LOCATION:** Brian Schroeder asked if we have paid for the Hampton Inn for the year. Lynda Coombs replied no and explained due to the COVID-19 situation, meetings had been unable to be held there and she needs to check what the status of this is. Schroeder said he is seeing more people online than at the hotel and more interest with club members. Aaron Banfield replied he agrees and said he has heard positive feedback. He said whether we resume at the hotel, he would like to continue with this. Schroeder added there is such little side conversation and he is thinking down the road.

**MEMBER CONCERNS:** Ray McKibben asked that we keep Norm Suitts in our thoughts.

**KID KARTS:** Chad Swindling said he is hearing with the Kid Karts class becoming a points class, parents are not going to be on the track and we are reducing workers. He expressed concern about the starts and said they were horrible last year. Dylan Cradlebaugh responded there are no plans to decrease workers and parents will be allowed to help with the starts then will be asked to exit the track. Aaron Banfield stated he, Ted Cradlebaugh and Ron Swift will also be there. Dylan Cradlebaugh said they will be fully attentive and with it being a points class, penalties can be called.

Banfield added if we need to have parents stay out there, we will adjust it. Brian Schroeder said board members can double up with corner workers as opposed to parents. Banfield told Swindling he appreciates him bringing this up.

**SPONSOR LIST:** Lynda Coombs asked to be provided with the list of 2020 sponsors. Josh Johnson will email it this evening.

**ZOOM MEETINGS:** Rob Neuzel extended his appreciation for the meetings being conducted via Zoom as he lives far away.

**PROMOTIONAL ITEMS:** Brian Schroeder suggested OVKA stickers be given at registration. Lynda Coombs replied she thinks there are some small stickers available. Ted Cradlebaugh offered to connect a person with Aaron Banfield and Lynda Coombs who makes water cups and plaques.

**HELMET STICKERS:** Ken Kuethe asked if he needs to obtain helmet stickers. Aaron Banfield replied we have stickers for this year's helmets, pole position and winners.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Don Boles, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion passed.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 7, 2020, via Zoom

- PC / smart phone: <https://zoom.us/j/6495878039>
  - Password: 2020
- Dial in: (312) 626-6799
  - Meeting ID: 649 587 8039
  - Password 2020

#### **SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Lynda Coombs – Order Champ Race trophies, check with Hampton Inn regarding status of meeting contract.
- Josh Johnson – Provide Lynda Coombs with list of 2020 sponsors via email.
- Ken Kuethe – After recycling the transponders, inform Aaron Banfield and Michael Lewis of the status of them.
- Michael Lewis – Order Champ Race Kid Kart trophies.
- Brian Schroeder – Locate information about Fourth of July parade opportunities.
- Ron Swift – Partner with Pat Slattery regarding KA tech tools, email helmet tech update to Aaron Banfield and Michael Lewis.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** D. Cook, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer, T. Hale, C. Holliday, A. Kutscher, C. Kutscher, R. Neuzel, M. Overbeck, R. Pansch, L. Pike, S. Powers, D. Schroeder, P. Slattery, R. Smith, R. Swift, C. Swindling, J. Wise and B. Wyke.

Secretary's Note: Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Esther McCready and her family following the passing of her husband, Lee, on June 9, 2020. Lee was an OVKA member, board member and racer for twenty-two years. He served as chairperson of the Sponsorship/Pit Spot Committee and

coordinated OVKA's participation in the Lebanon Blues Festival. Lee became an OVKA Lifetime Member on January 4, 2020. Lee's friendship will be missed by all.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 6/25/2020