

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Aaron Banfield called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:01 p.m. He welcomed everyone and noted that the agenda was posted on the web. Banfield asked that everyone keep in mind to not talk over one another and raise their hand or wave when asking to speak.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs, seconded by Josh Johnson, made a motion to accept the June 2, 2020 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously. Coombs reported a thank you note was received from the Camden Fish Food Pantry for OVKA's donation from the Charity Race. She explained she reached out to the Hampton Inn in Middletown about the contract we signed for the meeting room and they are willing to release us from the contract. Aaron Banfield discussed continuing meetings via Zoom and explained for those who want to meet in person, he can provide space at Full Throttle saving about \$135 per month. He said meeting through Zoom makes meetings more accessible to which Rick Coombs and Rob Neuzel agreed. Don Boles suggested meeting together once in a while. Ray McKibben added maybe have two or three meetings per year in person combined with virtual meetings. Banfield explained his thought is to give people the option unless the government says we are locked down. Rick Coombs noted as president, Banfield can call the meeting. Banfield, seconded by Rick Coombs, made a motion to accept the release of the contract from the hotel. The motion passed unanimously. Brian Schroeder asked that a correction be made to the website about the meeting location. Lynda Coombs will inform the Hampton Inn.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Aaron Banfield reported he has been working with Gary Gregg about what is owed to Gregg and will provide numbers to the board. Rick Coombs, seconded by Banfield, made a motion to allocate \$20,000 as partial payment on back monies owed to Gary Gregg. Ray McKibben requested that Gregg be on the phone for this conversation. Lynda Coombs contacted Gregg via speaker phone. Banfield explained the motion to Gregg who said he would appreciate it. Banfield said he knows he does not get to vote but he is deeply in favor of this. The motion was voted on passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Gregg). Coombs suggested OVKA pay Gregg monthly. Banfield explained he has created a spreadsheet to track income and expenses and for the first two races \$300.20 is owed to Gregg. Banfield made a motion that we pay \$300.20 to Gary Gregg. The motion was seconded by Coombs and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Gregg). Banfield thanked Gregg for hosting the club and for all of his help. Gregg explained the cost of plaques that is included in expenses may vary.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Brian Schroeder reported Fourth of July parades he looked at were cancelled.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** No report.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh said he hopes everybody thinks tech at the Champ Race went well. He stated they learned a few things and are trying to make it better. Cradlebaugh asked that concerns be directed to him. Dan Fiehrer discussed fuel concerns and said the sun is not an advantage. Cradlebaugh explained it is necessary to go by the meter and said they can test fuel before racers go out. Gary Gregg suggested Cradlebaugh or somebody keep fuel for a week or two and check to see what the difference is. Don Boles explained mixing oil in the fuel is when it will change. Cradlebaugh said it should not all be mixed at once. He added to be fair to everybody, they

give a range. Fiehrer said he doesn't have the answer and suggested only testing the fast guys. He added the purpose of tech is to see if somebody has an advantage. Aaron Banfield stated he does not agree and the question is whether you are within the rule set. He further stated the tech department should not say there is an advantage or not; you're either in the box or out. Cradlebaugh discussed widening the range to which Pat Slattery agreed and suggested it be fifteen. Ray McKibben stated you can't pick out just the top guys and it needs to be random. He further stated we spec the ratio and if it is widened, people will play with it more. McKibben added it is all in the measuring and he feels Ted Cradlebaugh and Ron Swift are doing what needs to be done. Banfield said he does not like to continually widen the range. Cradlebaugh suggested people who are saving old fuel bring it for testing before using it. He further stated leaving it in the sun will change it. Banfield reported several people expressed they have liked the tech that is being done. Cradlebaugh explained there was an issue with the gauge being read incorrectly and a disqualification will need to be rescinded.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Michael Lewis will make updates online pertaining to Kid Kart oil and the change for meetings. Aaron Banfield reported there has been a request for the registration and transponder rental forms to be published online so people can fill them out ahead of time. Dylan Cradlebaugh said they need to be sure they put the correct date on the forms. Lynda Coombs will email the forms to Banfield and Lewis.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ray McKibben reported the observation tower in turn one still needs to be completed. He added he and Rex Johnson hope to have it finished by the time we get back. Aaron Banfield offered the assistance of his father who is a master carpenter. Brian Schroeder reported the Hoosier tires are not holding up well and pointed out there are rocks on the track and as the temperature increases, the tires are gouged by the rocks. He suggested blowing off the track. Pat Slattery added it wasn't doing this with the Bridgestones. Schroeder agreed and said the Hoosiers are a lot softer and he sees rocks stuck in the treads. Rainer Pansch reported they will be running their fourth race on their tires and have seen no problems. Banfield asked that the serial number of the tires and approximate number of laps run be provided to him and he will follow up about this. Ted Cradlebaugh estimated based on what he has heard at tech that 97% of racers like them. Schroeder responded he likes the tires and wanted to share that the rears take on more and the rocks are not in a straight line. Cradlebaugh said maybe we need to work on turn one another time and asked Ray McKibben to do so. McKibben discussed sending tires into Hoosier to be looked at to see if there is an issue. Bruce Wyke suggested having the corner worker use a leaf blower on the area. Cradlebaugh replied he and Dylan do track walks before races. Andy Kutscher reported he and his brother have been having right front problems. Banfield asked that he provide the tire serial numbers and other information. Pat Slattery reported he had the right front tear up too and said the backs hold up better. Don Boles said the Hoosier rep told him you can't have caster because they are designed to be run straight up. Wyke added they don't plow good through corners and the Hoosier rep felt it was pressure. Banfield will follow up once he is provided with the information needed and said he wants members to get good value.

**RECRUITING COMMITTEE:** Michael Lewis reported there are no updates since the email blast and said this can be taken off the agenda then be revisited when we have shows and promotions. Aaron Banfield asked that it be looked at who came to the first race and did not come back.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs explained that after twenty years he and Lynda are stepping back from coordinating the banquet. He said they will provide support to whomever fills the role for the 2020 banquet. He added it has been an honor to have served the club in this role and thanked everyone who has helped with the banquets over the past twenty years. Ted Cradlebaugh extended

thanks to both Rick and Lynda. Ray McKibben stated he learned a lot from them and said he would not mind helping. Aaron Banfield replied he has talked with Jeanette Holliday about chairing the banquet and she has a few more questions. He noted it is a bigger job than one person. Lynda Coombs explained the templates are already in place so there will be a foundation for whoever takes this on and she and Rick will be there to aid in the transition. Rick Coombs added that when he first stepped into the role he started with nothing and said we are here to help. Michael Lewis asked if there was something that led to this decision. Lynda Coombs replied it was not any one thing and said that it is time as twenty years is a long time. Lewis extended his thanks.

**SWAP MEET COMMITTEE:** Aaron Banfield reported Doug Benson will be stepping out of the role of chairing the Swap Meet. He said Benson built a successful Swap Meet to what Banfield believes is the best in America and thanked Benson for all of his work. Banfield nominated Scott Golladay to chair the Swap Meet Committee and asked that Josh Johnson, Gary Osterholt and Brian Schroeder serve on the committee. Banfield added others are welcome to help. He said he would like to have a broad enough team in the event something happens to one person. Golladay responded he is more than happy to chair the Swap Meet. Banfield noted a lot of work goes into it and a lot of people are needed. Ray McKibben asked if there have been any other events so far this year. Banfield replied not that he knows of.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**WHITELAND RACE:** Aaron Banfield explained there will be a number of free pit spots on the north side for our Sunday race at Whiteland. He said if you go on Saturday, they may have you move. Pricing is \$30 for the weekend for a fifty foot spot, \$20 for the weekend for a forty foot spot and tent spots close to grid will be \$10. The spots will be available to reserve beginning July 20<sup>th</sup> on a first come, first serve basis to us and their members. Banfield reported people are welcome to camp and there are to be no campfires. He asked that people remember we are guests there. Lynda Coombs asked what the policy will be for minor drivers attending without a parent or legal guardian in attendance with them. Banfield replied the release can be emailed then taken with them. Rob Neuzel inquired whether the annual pass banquet prize will be honored at Whiteland. Pat Slattery asked the same about sponsors. Lynda Coombs responded in the past when we traveled, they were honored. Banfield said he needs to check with Whiteland about this then he will let them know. He explained in order to enter Whiteland, they charge \$1.00 per person as a fundraiser and they have asked to donate that to Racing4Vets. Banfield reported Whiteland will be providing three corner workers. Bruce Wyke noted to Lynda coombs that they register inside. Coombs replied we will be taking masks, gloves, Plexiglas barriers, and sanitizing supplies. Banfield added they have full clearance for full operation and we are going to protect our workers with what we are comfortable with. He said he appreciates what our members have done to support this. Rex Johnson, on behalf of Racing4Vets, extended thanks for the fundraiser. He asked if we are racing in rain to which Banfield responded OVKA rules apply. Rick Coombs noted their tire is Bridgestone. Banfield explained the Saturday practice fee is \$20 with hours being 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Kid Karts are at the top of the hour and they have concession rental karts that go out separate. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if they have power to which Banfield said not in the pits. Banfield will bring the kart retrieval vehicle and some of the radios. Ray McKibben will help with the transponders. Cradlebaugh noted people have not been putting the radios in the charging bases properly. Banfield explained Lynda and Rick Coombs, along with himself, visited Whiteland to prepare for the event.

**DECODER/TRANSPONDERS:** Brian Schroeder reported there were a couple of transponders not picking up. He contacted MYLAPS who provided him with a lot of good information and informed him

our decoder box is at the end of its life. Schroeder tested the loop and it was good and he relocated the decoder box. Upon looking at one of the transponders, it was learned it was bad. Schroeder detailed how transponders function and explained he watched the noise level as each transponder passed. He also discussed the squelch sensitivity setting. MYLAPS offered a trade-in with purchase for \$3,000. They feel our issues are not the decoder boxes but rather the transponders. Schroeder noted there were issues with two transponders last weekend. Schroeder worked with Lynda Coombs about this and based on recommendations from MYLAPS, the decoder box will be the only thing on the battery backup, it will be placed away from electric outlets, and not near radios. Schroeder will continue to follow up on this and check on the status in the tower. Aaron Banfield stated some of the transponders are getting weak. Schroeder replied the two transponders that had issues were privately owned. Rick Coombs thanked Banfield for providing a decoder box for us to use. Schroeder reported MYLAPS will work with us on replacing faulty transponders. Ray McKibben discussed there being differences in the charging cradles for old and new style transponders. Rick Coombs thanked Schroeder for his help and said he did a fantastic job.

**RACING4VETS:** Rainer Pansch reported Racing4Vets would like to donate a freshly powder coated kart, along with a carburetor and seat, to OVKA to take to shows. Rex Johnson added it is in much better condition than the previous kart. Ray McKibben said it has great looking bodywork and graphics. He is waiting to hear about acquiring a Briggs engine and if one is not able to be obtained, we may want to find an old engine, such as a 206 or animal. Aaron Banfield extended thanks to Racing4Vets for their generous donation and said he appreciates everything they do for the club. McKibben said he would like permission to send OVKA banners with Racing4Vets racers to the Battle for the Brickyard for them to fly the OVKA colors. Pansch replied they will proudly display them and represent our club.

**USAC:** Aaron Banfield explained USAC may be looking to borrow transponders for the Indy race and he wants the board to decide since they are club assets. Following discussion of potential rental rates, Don Boles noted USAC will be responsible for them. Gary Gregg said the cost would be \$300 each if they are lost. Rainer Pansch said OVKA could offer transponders to OVKA racers for the event. Rob Neuzel said if the club did this, he would be willing to rent one. Ted Cradlebaugh asked how many USAC wants to rent. Banfield replied it is unclear. Boles responded we need more information. Banfield will obtain information and email the board. He said it will be important we get transponder forms. Lynda Coombs will provide the transponder rental agreement form to Banfield.

**CHAMP RACE:** Aaron Banfield thanked everyone who helped make the Champ Race successful. He noted Gary Gregg suggested the pizza and Jeanette Holliday took plenty of pie-in-the-face. Banfield thanked Lynda Coombs for providing him with a pie-in-the-face. He said it took many people to make the event work. Michael Lewis extended thanks to Jeanette Holliday and Amy Klein for all of their help. Ted Cradlebaugh stated the fireworks went over the amount and he does not think Banfield should absorb it. Banfield explained there was a miscommunication and Gary Gregg covered two-thirds of the expense and he paid the other one-third. Cradlebaugh made a motion to make Aaron Banfield whole on the fireworks. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Banfield explained in the course of an activity, Ray McKibben's glasses were damaged. Banfield made a motion to cover the \$258 cost of McKibben's glasses. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (McKibben).

**100cc JUNIOR VLR:** Bruce Wyke reported momentum is gaining in 100cc Junior VLR and asked if the club will support a group of junior karts. He said there are five karts at Whiteland and asked where they would run with us as Whiteland places them on the back of 100cc Senior. Ray McKibben inquired about lap times for juniors verses seniors. Dylan Cradlebaugh responded they will be with

juniors no matter what. Wyke stated they will run down the junior karts and will be no match but he does not think they will lap them. Banfield said if they lap, they will have to do so in a safe manner. McKibben said he is concerned with Whiteland being a tight track that maybe we should consider running them on their own. Dylan Cradlebaugh expressed concern about adding to the length of the day. Wyke stated if it is an exhibition class at the end of the day, he doubts they will come. Banfield said it is a WKA approved class and they can be put Yamaha Junior. He further stated we have to balance the length of the race day and the overall membership. Wyke said he is seeing VLR momentum building in our club and in looking down the road; it is not to get in the way of the junior class. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed our Yamaha can juniors running with a pipe and he thinks they may be just as quick as the VLR. He said the class itself could come to the board and ask to put on a pipe. Andy Kutscher reported VLR makes four horsepower more and he thinks they could run with juniors as two classes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ray McKibben, seconded by Randy Landes, motioned to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion passed.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, 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:**

- Aaron Banfield – Follow up about Hoosier tires after provided with information from racers, check with Whiteland as to whether annual pass banquet winners and sponsors will be able to use their benefits at Whiteland, transport kart retrieval vehicle and radios to Whiteland, obtain information about transponder request from USAC then email the board.
- Lynda Coombs – Inform Hampton Inn Middletown about being released from meeting room contract, email registration and transponder rental form to Aaron Banfield and Michael Lewis.
- Rex Johnson – Work on observation tower in turn one.
- Michael Lewis – Update website regarding Kid Kart oil and board meetings.
- Ray McKibben – Work on observation tower in turn one, address concern about turn one, transport transponders to Whiteland and charge them.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** M. Burrell, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer, M. Heber, C. Holliday, R. Johnson, A. Kutscher, C. Kutscher, R. Neuzel, R. Pansch, P. Slattery, C. Swindling, and B. Wyke.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 7/28/2020