

OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: President Aaron Banfield called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:03 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs, seconded by Aaron Banfield, made a motion to accept the July 7, 2020 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously. Coombs reported she informed the Hampton Inn Middletown via email of the board's approval last month to be released from the contract for their meeting room. A reply was received from the Hampton Inn acknowledging receipt of the email. On behalf of OVKA, Coombs extended appreciation to them for everything they have done for us.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Jason Gregg, Aaron Banfield provided the treasurer's report. He reported a large payment was made to the track owner.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Lynda Coombs noted the Lebanon Blues Festival was cancelled. She reported they are selling face masks for \$5.00 as a fundraiser. Ray McKibben, seconded by Rick Coombs, made a motion to donate \$50 to the Lebanon Blues Festival. The motion passed with nine in favor and one opposed (Golladay).

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: No report.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh reported per Ron Pierce, tech at Whiteland went well. Rick Coombs noted there were a few fuel disqualifications. Ron Swift explained this was due to a switch from barrels to pump fuel at Whiteland. Don Boles reported on some pre-tech concerns involving nylock nuts not being tightened properly.

TECHNOLOGY: No updates.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh inquired about the status of the installation of an observation tower in turn one. Ray McKibben reported he and Rex Johnson will be coordinating it. Cradlebaugh said to let us know if help is needed. He discussed the need to make changes to the scale area to keep parents from going around and to improve the scale house. Aaron Banfield replied there is a plan in place for making improvements which Zach Beaven and Chase Stempfley will be assisting with. Cradlebaugh said there needs to be improvements at the gate for Elaine Gregg and others who work there.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Aaron Banfield congratulated Jeanette Holliday who has accepted the position of banquet chairperson. Holliday reported she spoke with Lynda Coombs today and they are going to get together in the next couple of weeks.

SWAP MEET COMMITTEE: Scott Golladay reported he spoke with Scott Benson and will be obtaining information from him after which he will set up a call with the committee. He discussed reaching out to vendors to find out their plan for returning. Ted Cradlebaugh raised the question whether the space at the Roberts Centre can be compacted if needed. Aaron Banfield said he thinks it is important we reach out to the regular, bigger vendors to ask how the coronavirus has affected them.

OLD BUSINESS:

WHITELAND RACEWAY PARK: Aaron Banfield asked for feedback how things went at the Whiteland race. Rick Coombs replied it was hot in the tower. Rob Neuzel said it was their first time travelling with the club and they enjoyed it. He further stated he thinks it is good for our club to go somewhere else. Scott Golladay added while it was super-hot, everybody had a good time. Neuzel said he was surprised there were not more participants from Whiteland. Banfield replied the track manager anticipated fifty to sixty of their racers and it may have been because of the heat. He reported we had 98 entries. Ted Cradlebaugh asked how many were from Whiteland. Lynda Coombs said she will need to go through the names. Banfield extended thanks to Rick and Lynda Coombs who did a tremendous amount of work for the event. Banfield and both Coombs made a trip to Whiteland in advance to prepare for the race. Lynda Coombs thanked Banfield and his daughters for all of their help, noting Banfield single-handedly unloaded everything to move back into the tower. Banfield thanked Ray McKibben for taking care of charging and transporting the transponders. He also extended thanks to Kerin Banfield's mother who drove back to Camden to pick up radios after it was learned they were needed. Banfield said Whiteland was very impressed how we got race day in and want to know when we can come again. Neuzel said he does not hear of other places coming to race with us. Gary Gregg responded years ago Muncie used to come to G & J and Circleville used to around ten years ago. He explained they wanted to run their own classes and this did not work very well because we would end up with twenty classes in one day. Ted Cradlebaugh reported we have invited New Castle and Gregg added we have had less than ten from there. Banfield explained he had several conversations with Andy O'Gara at Whiteland about having a Triple Crown series to work together to build karting. This was put on hold when the coronavirus hit. Banfield reported the Whiteland race format is more like New Castle with one warm-up, a pre-final and final. Don Boles reported people he spoke with could not believe how many laps they got. Dylan Cradlebaugh said when we took a break at 2:30 p.m., he wanted to add more laps. Banfield said the event took a lot of work in the tower, on the track and among the membership. Ted Cradlebaugh stated there needs to be a committee to help set up the tower. Banfield reported Racing4Vets and Whiteland staff assisted with packing up. Lynda Coombs added the Banfield girls were also a big help. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested getting information from the members if they want to continue or extend away races. Dawn Schroeder asked if it would be helpful to put a simple survey on Facebook. Banfield replied he does not know what the right format is. Don Boles said there are enough board members who can ask the racers. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested splitting up names to have board members ask them. Banfield asked Lynda Coombs to provide this information. Dylan Cradlebaugh suggested also asking the racers who did not travel. Ted Cradlebaugh said he would love to see us go to New Castle.

NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:

RACE #5 FORMAT: Ted Cradlebaugh noted the upcoming race on Saturday, August 8th, is listed as having qualifying and one heat as the format. Dylan Cradlebaugh explained he plans to run a seven minute qualifying session instead of five minutes. He noted racers do not have to run the whole time. Chris Kutscher asked for clarification about the length of the final. Dylan Cradlebaugh said he plans on running a twenty lap final. Ray McKibben discussed the importance of being mindful of the heat this coming weekend. Dylan Cradlebaugh agreed and said people need to drink plenty of water. Dawn Schroeder asked if it is a Saturday evening race to which Dylan Cradlebaugh responded it is a day race. McKibben suggested this be posted on Facebook. Rob Neuzel reported it was mentioned to him that someone thought it was a Saturday evening event.

PLAQUES: Aaron Banfield discussed the current rule for plaques requires eleven races and asked if we want to make an adjustment with the reduction to a thirteen race series. Lynda Coombs suggested making it ten out of thirteen races. Ray McKibben asked what we have done in the past.

Coombs replied as she recalls we reduced it but she would need to go back through records to confirm this. Banfield asked that the matter be on next month's agenda.

TRAILERS: Rex Johnson explained at the end of the last race at Camden, trailers had to be moved and asked if there are going to be more tractor pulls. Rick Coombs suggested checking with Shelley Powers which Aaron Banfield will do.

ADJOURNMENT: Rick Coombs, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion passed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 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 – Check with Shelley Powers regarding whether there are going to be more tractor pulls.
- Lynda Coombs – Meet with Jeanette Holliday regarding banquet, provide list of racers at Whiteland.
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- Rex Johnson – Along with Ray McKibben, coordinate installation of observation tower in turn one.
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Banfield, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, S. Golladay, G. Gregg, J. Holliday, J. Johnson, R. Landes, M. Lewis, and R. McKibben.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: B. Carter, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, M. Heber, C. Holliday, R. Johnson, C. Kutscher, R. Neuzel, D. Schroeder, and R. Swift.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 8/6/2020