

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: President Don Boles called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate. He said there is a lot of work to do this evening and asked that side conversations be taken outside.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the February 7, 2017 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Jeff Calvert and passed unanimously. Rick Coombs read a thank you letter from Otterbein Senior Lifestyle Choices for a donation in memory of Robert Williams which stated in part, "Your donation will be used as guided by you; whether for benevolent care, hospice, your favorite neighborhood, or a special project. Your gift will have a direct and immediate impact on individuals who live at Otterbein as well as those who receive and give Otterbein care. You enrich the Otterbein ministry to enhance the quality of life and holistic growth of older persons through your support." A thank you letter from Fairhaven Fellowship Church for OVKA's generous donation from the Charity Race was also read which detailed the items purchased: gifts of clothing from Eaton Walmart for elementary children through anonymous suggestions from a local school organization, complete ham dinners from the Eaton Kroger store and delivered to several area families in need, gift cards given out at a church foodbank, donations to the Salvation Army through DP&L to help two families with their heating bills, donation to Shared Harvest for local food deliveries to area families and gifts cards from Eaton Walmart for three local families for medicine, clothing and grocery items. Lynda Coombs stated she works in the social service field and would like to say how proud she is of our organization and their generosity in assisting people in the community.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Don Boles provided the bank balance. He explained there are pending payments for Board of Director's insurance and the car show.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Brian Schroeder asked if the board wants to have OVKA published on the Rollin' on the River brochures. He explained last year we were unable to make the show due to a Saturday night race but this year we do not have a race and he is willing to go. Schroeder noted the event is held at a park in Addyston and the \$500 fee goes to the Kiwanis. Rick Wagar asked if the \$500 is better spent than doing the Cavalcade Show. Josh Wagar replied Cavalcade is almost three times as much. Reid Smith explained there are a lot of people at the Rollin' on the River Show. Smith made a motion to appropriate \$500 for a program ad for Rollin' on the River. The motion was seconded by Jeff Calvert and passed unanimously. Randy Landes reported he learned there is not going to be a Tim's Motorsports Show in Lima. Don Boles discussed the need for volunteers for the upcoming DARF Race Cars & Future Starts Expo at Piqua Mall on Thursday through Saturday, March 17-19, 2017. He explained there is going to be a driving simulator competition where teams consist of a driver and a pit crew person. Contact Boles to sign up to help. Aaron Banfield discussed the tremendous amount of foot traffic at Full Throttle Indoor Karting, especially on weekends. He said he would be willing to have an OVKA display put up to promote the club. Ted Cradlebaugh said we should put one of our booths there. Ray McKibben asked about hanging a banner to which Banfield explained banners tend to blend in and a booth would look great. Banfield said holders for flyers and schedules could also be installed. Brent Warren said he thinks this is a great idea. Wagar noted McKibben had agreed to obtain information about a new booth to which McKibben said he will.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready explained if everything comes together based on those who have committed verbally, there will probably be twelve or thirteen pit spots left for new people. McCready asked that people let him know if they want to make any changes by the deadline of April 1st.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Lynda Coombs explained the work day insurance falls under premise liability insurance which Gary Gregg takes care of. She said all minors will need to have a current insurance release on file in order to be able to participate at the work day. Brent Warren said this information needs to be on the website to which Coombs replied it is. Ted Cradlebaugh stated Morgan Birchwell can notarize documents. Warren reported we have some work out for bids and there seems to be a lot of people interested. Ray McKibben explained it will be more conducive to do the billboard work over a Friday and Saturday. Dan Fiehrer asked what the billboard sizes will be to which McKibben replied a standard 4' by 8' sheet. Fiehrer asked what type of material needs to be installed. Warren responded whoever does your graphics will have the corrugated plastic material. McKibben noted the billboard is good advertisement.

RULES COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar said he is waiting on Jeff Roberts to provide the 420 rules. Wagar explained Bruce Wyke found something in the rulebook that had not been deleted but has been corrected on the website. Dan Fiehrer asked about tires for the TaG class. Don Boles replied the TaG guys are to work on that. Ted Cradlebaugh explained we have to wait and see who shows up. He further stated if the TaG drivers want to mark tires, we could do that but it would be tough to do for the whole club. Fiehrer said he thinks seven sets is reasonable; a set every other race. Boles reported Bridgestone called today and he discussed issues with tires wearing out and was told they have other compounds. Boles asked him to submit a proposal. Reid Smith stated if the goal is to get TaGs back together, it needs to be communicated that we are working on this. Cradlebaugh said he can have something put on the website. Wagar will work with Cradlebaugh on this.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported the Marriott sales representative has been contacted about securing January 13, 2018 for the 2017 banquet. She is going to work on the contract. Coombs was told the meal cost and room rate will remain the same. He said if everyone is okay with it, he will move forward with the contract once it is ready. Josh Wagar replied we made a motion and it passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 TIRES: Reid Smith explained he included reply cards in the RFPs he sent out. So far he has had replies from Keith Freber, Mike Burris and Adam with Hoosier. He will be sending out a reminder in about a week. Aaron Banfield asked if an RFP was sent to Maxxis. Smith said he did not have their contact information and will send them an RFP if someone provides their information.

RACE MONITOR: Lynda Coombs reported our software provider was informed of the board's vote last month to move forward with incorporating Race Monitor into our software.

WKA REPLY REGARDING REQUEST TO MOVE UP: Lynda Coombs reported an email was received from Marie Borsuk with WKA approving the request for Brody Warren to move to senior classes.

RAIN JACKETS: Ray McKibben explained he and Brian Schroeder followed up on rain jackets and anticipates an approximate total cost of \$250. Josh Wagar said if it is under \$300, Don Boles can authorize it. McKibben said he needs a list of workers. Don Boles suggested raising the allocation a

little bit. McKibben recommended having a spot in the red barn for workers to hang up the rain jackets.

NEW BUSINESS:

DRIVER CLASS ELIGIBILITY-BANFIELD: Don Boles explained WKA has an LO206 class for Kid Karts to move up to. Ted Cradlebaugh said we don't have that class unless we were to adopt it. Josh Wagar explained the request from Aaron Banfield is no different than if a Sportsman driver is close to the age and he is not saying every six-year-old should move up. Banfield explained the class is currently seven to twelve and his daughter will be seven on June 30th. Bruce Wyke said a four-year-old would be able to move up to which Banfield replied WKA for Kid Karts is the attained age. Wyke said he thinks we have to be careful and WKA says competition age. Brent Warren responded our rules are not that way. Wagar explained about two years ago WKA changed to attained age and allowed us keep the previous policy. Lynda Coombs reported through email communication with WKA, they will allow us to change our rule 306.2 to "Drivers whose birthday qualifies..." instead of "Minor drivers of at least seven years of age..." Josh Wagar made a motion to allow drivers whose birthday is before the cutoff to move up as per the email with WKA. Kid Karters have to actually be five-years-old before they can enter an event. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed unanimously.

DRIVER CLASS ELIGIBILITY-LYDA: Brian Schroeder discussed an email from Paul Lyda requesting to have his eleven-year-old son advance from Yamaha Sportsman to Yamaha Junior. Josh Wagar said the Lydas raced at Circleville and have a lot of racing experience. Mr. Lyda had talked with Wagar at the Swap Meet and Wagar asked that he email the request to the board. Pat Slattery asked if he would be eligible. Wagar replied he's within a year. Reid Smith noted he's not twelve at any time this year. Brent Warren stated he looked at lap times and he's 4 1/2 seconds off. Rick Coombs noted he's 20# off. Warren said without seeing him drive, he does not think he would let him. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if they plan on running the whole season to which Schroeder said yes, he wants to compete for a championship. Ray McKibben asked if we can say the Race Director is to observe him at Karting 101. Cradlebaugh said if we did vote to allow it, he would have to start on the tail for three races to which Warren disagreed and stated he's raced with us before and wouldn't have to do that. Wagar pointed out we have said we would look at this on a case-by-case basis and the driver hasn't raced much with the club and a lot of people don't know him. Wagar said even though he knows them, he can't say that he has watched this driver. Don Boles asked if we could observe him at Karting 101 and the first race. Matt Overbeck suggested letting him race in Juniors. Jeff Calvert noted if we move him up and he can't do it, we have the option to move him back. Boles explained there has to be five board members to vouch for him and agree to submit it to WKA. Lynda Coombs stated per WKA, five board members need to affirm there are no safety concerns and they believe the driver is capable of racing with the class they are requesting to move to. Schroeder asked if we can request that WKA allow it without the WKA qualifiers of safety and being capable at the first race. Wagar suggested we ask WKA if a driver who has requested to move up would be permitted to do so to be observed at Karting 101. Wagar will provide Coombs with wording for an email to WKA. Rick Coombs said for next year, he would like to see the age be the same as what WKA's is. Wagar asked Rick Coombs to email him this for next year's list. Wagar made a motion to make it clear the 2017 rulebook is frozen as of tonight unless it is a safety issue. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with eleven in favor and two opposed (roll call: Gregg-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-yes, Slattery-yes, Smith-yes, Wagar-yes, Warren-no, Calvert-yes, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-no). Dan Fiehrer asked if this includes tires to which Wagar replied you guys figure that out; that's fine.

CLEAN-UP DAY: Don Boles said volunteers are needed for the clean-up day on Saturday, March 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A meal will be provided. Pat Slattery suggested moving it to Sunday if it rains out on Saturday. Rick Coombs explained the food is already ordered for Saturday and would still have to be picked up. Gary Gregg explained new crash bags cost \$75 and it costs \$50 to repair old ones so he suggests ordering some more new ones which he will do. Brian Schroeder asked about the scale. Boles replied it has been taken care of.

DRIVING SCHOOL / KARTING 101: Don Boles said he would like some board members to be present at Karting 101.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

TRAILER: Brent Warren said the trailer needs tags and lights. Don Boles replied Gary Gregg will get the tags and Boles will take care of the lights.

RACING4VETS: Adam Webb thanked OVKA for the support they have shown the Racing4Vets organization and noted how everybody has been so friendly. Webb reported they are also having monthly two-hour events at Full Throttle with thirty to forty vets. On behalf of their organization, Webb requested up to four entries (two in each class), eight pit passes, an organizational membership and the karts carry the points for the 2017 season. Josh Wagar, seconded by Rick Coombs, made a motion to approve this sponsorship request. The motion passed unanimously. .

RACE SCHEDULE: Dan Fiehrer discussed a USAC Karting event being held at Indianapolis on the same day as our Champ Race. He said he thinks there are a lot of guys who want to race it. Pat Slattery noted we have two rain dates if we wanted to look at rescheduling. Don Boles explained our rain dates are not stand alone dates. Fiehrer said he is thinking hard about it and reported they are going to run 206 and shifters. Ray McKibben said he will be there. Josh Wagar stated he would like to be there but he will be at the Champ Race. Wagar said next year we can look into scheduling around this event. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested turning race #7 into the Champ Race. Bruce Wyke noted that Sunday is Father's Day. Boles replied the women wanted the men home for Father's Day. Slattery said there is no place he would rather be on Father's Day.

MINI SWIFT: Bruce Wyke said he is here trying to organize Mini Swift racing at OVKA. He reported there are fifteen racers interested all of whom run different national levels. Wyke asked that they be separated from the four-hole can class. Josh Wagar explained if a driver registers in two classes, historically we have not combined them. Wyke said all drivers will be an attained age of eight-years-old prior to June 30th. Wagar asked if this is a WKA class to which Wyke replied yes, at 245#, and they would run WKA rules. Brent Warren said he does not think we can run them with Sportsman because they are too fast. Wyke agreed and added the age is the same for this and four-hole can. Wyke said he believes this is really positive and they would be bringing karts in. Ray McKibben asked if the racers are looking at running the whole season to which Wyke said they are. Ted Cradlebaugh explained if they average four karts, they would be running for a championship. Wkye said he was not aware of this. Wagar noted they have to be members to run for points. Lynda Coombs asked if WKA needs to be emailed to which Wagar replied our rulebook says if four or more of a WKA class, we are covered.

RACEDAY FORMAT: Brian Schroeder said he would like to know the club's intention of the number of laps and how long practices will be. He said it looks like there are going to be three more classes and if we stick with the same plans, we'll be running until 9:30 p.m. Josh Wagar replied the latest without red flags had been 5:30 p.m. but it is hard to say as it depends on the number of entries. Don

Boles said his goal is 10/10/10 for laps. Josh Wagar stated now that we will be racing in the rain, race day won't have to be as long. Rick Coombs asked if anyone would want to give up one round of warmups. Jeff Roberts said he would be willing to do one round and a straggler's warmup. Ted Cradlebaugh stated he does not think we should start warmups until everyone is signed in. Rick Wagar discussed how a lot of times the track is heavy with dew in the morning and we could consider moving to one round of warmups at the close of registration at 9:30 a.m. Coombs said if you're trying to get more laps, it needs to be done on the front end. Rick Wagar asked that the matter be tabled until next month. Pat Slattery said he would like to see open practice on Saturdays before the race. Cradlebaugh said if the child is tired, don't bring them out there. Lynda Coombs asked if this would be under OVKA prior to the event officially starting. Gary Gregg replied he would have to check. Reid Smith asked if we could pick two classes each race day who get more laps. Brent Warren said let's keep in mind a lot of us practice at the track and a lot can't come out and these people aren't represented here. Aaron Banfield pointed out we have a lot of new drivers and there has been a lot of concern how late we run. He said he agrees with Rick Wagar to table the matter.

ADJOURNMENT: Ray McKibben, seconded by Don Boles, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- DARF Race Cars & Future Starts Expo – Thursday through Saturday, March 17-19, 2017, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua, OH 45356
- OVKA Clean-Up Day – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 25, 2017, G & J Kartway
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, 2017, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Don Boles – Coordinate the DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Show, repair trailer lights.
- Lynda Coombs – After receipt of wording from Wagar, email WKA regarding Lyda request.
- Rick Coombs – Email 2018 rules suggestion regarding racing age to Josh Wagar.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Work with Josh Wagar on a post for the OVKA website regarding TaG.
- Gary Gregg – Order crash bags, obtain tags for the trailer.
- Ray McKibben – Obtain information about show booths.
- Jeff Roberts – Provide Wagar with 420 rules.
- Brian Schroeder – Participate in the Rollin' on the River event.
- Reid Smith – Provide monthly updates about responses from tire companies.
- Josh Wagar – Work with Ted Cradlebaugh on a post for the OVKA website regarding TaG, provide Lynda Coombs with wording for an email to WKA regarding request to move up.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Boles, J. Calvert, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, R. Landes, L. McCready, R. McKibben, J. Roberts, B. Schroeder, P. Slattery, R. Smith, J. Wagar and B. Warren.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Banfield, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Fiehrer, R. Johnson, V. Oatts, M. Overbeck, D. Schroeder, R. Wagar, A. Webb and B. Wyke.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/21/17.