

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Don Boles called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. and asked that cell phones be turned down or placed on vibrate. He said there is a lot of business to discuss tonight.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the September 5, 2017 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Lynda Coombs explained the annual mailing will be going out in November and asked the board if the membership fees will stay the same for 2018. Consensus of the board was to continue with the current membership fee structure for next season.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Don Boles provided the bank balance on behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Lynda Coombs reported the paperwork and payment for the Indy Circle Track Show has been submitted. Brian Schroeder asked if we are participating in the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show and if so, does the board want him to coordinate the event. Rick Coombs replied he did an excellent job last year. Schroeder made a motion to appropriate \$1,300 for the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show fees. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. Rick Wagar asked if we really want to do this show. He noted our location has not been great being tucked along the back. Schroeder offered to contact them about a better spot. Wagar asked what we are getting out of this show and raised the question whether there is any way to track it. He added when he worked at the event on Friday evening, there was little traffic. Pat Slattery and Brent Warren agreed. Wagar discussed ticket pricing and said he thinks they are pricing themselves out. Slattery added then there is parking. Wagar said he is not advocating one way or the other. Slattery asked how many members we have to get to make up the money. Don Boles replied we usually lose 25% per year and this is the biggest event we participate in. Schroeder asked about the Travel and Boat Show. Aaron Banfield explained his business does both and he thinks Cavalcade is the better show for us. He said if the quarter midgets come back, we could consider partnering with them to get a better location. Wagar stated if we spend \$1,300 to do this show, we need four new members who participate 100%. Warren added he does not think we can quantify it. Boles said he thinks our presence there is needed to which Warren agreed. Mike Lewis asked what is displayed at the booth and said he has been there but never saw OVKA there. Boles explained karts are displayed and flyers given out. Wagar added we have a video along with printed materials. Ray McKibben suggested asking one of our racers to modernize the video. Wagar said we would need to talk with him to see if we need to pay for this. Warren responded it takes equipment to edit and time to do it and he thinks we need to pay for it. Wagar said he is not opposed to this. McKibben offered to check into modernizing the video. Schroeder's motion was voted on and passed with ten in favor and one abstained (Landes).

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready noted with it being toward the end of the year, people may be thinking about a different pit spot for next season. Please contact McCready to discuss this. He also asked that if there are any spots that need numbers repainted, to let him know.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Brent Warren said the billboard is looking kind of empty and asked if we are waiting for people to put up signs. Don Boles replied he knows a couple of people who are waiting for signs. He said he plans to talk with some Camden businesses. Ted Cradlebaugh

stated the only way to get that done is to go there. Jeff Roberts explained he was sold the wrong media and he will be fixing the graphics. Cradlebaugh suggested the Vets have a sign. Brent Warren explained some money may be needed for the PA system to install an automatic gain control since there are so many different people on the microphone. Warren discussed the need to seal the pavilion and said it could be done on Sunday. Don Boles replied there needs to be a week of dry weather. Ray McKibben offered to provide a pressure washer to prepare the pavilion for sealing once a date is set. Rick Coombs noted someone sprayed the pavilion in the past. Boles explained it needs to be brushed. McKibben said if we want to pay someone, he was offering as a volunteer and if the board wants to pay, he will do it. Cradlebaugh said the sealing will need to be scheduled and asked if we have enough volunteers. Aaron Banfield suggested contacting Rex Johnson with the Vets as he is sure some of them would be happy to help. Cradlebaugh asked if we are putting somebody in charge to which Coombs replied McKibben because he has the pressure washer. McKibben replied he just got his help. Coombs asked if track sealing needs to be done. Warren inquired if it is the track or cracks that need addressed. He noted old turn seven and parts of turn four need Rhino Patch. Boles asked if there was any left and said this needs to be done before it gets cold. Cradlebaugh suggested looking in buckets this weekend. Gary Gregg will pull up the invoice to see how many buckets were used last time. Warren replied he thinks twenty to thirty buckets were used each time. Gregg said some asphalt companies in Cincinnati should know how many would be needed. Cradlebaugh stated it might be worth looking into the cost to have somebody do it. Warren responded we need to use the stuff we have been. Boles said we do not know how many people will be there Sunday and we need to make putting the crash bags away and putting the tar down the two big things. He said he sees no way to do the pavilion because of rain. McKibben said he needs to know if a torch or air compressor is needed. Warren stated if it's dry, we need to seal cracks to which Boles agreed.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Pat Slattery explained he is thinking about advertising on the OVKA site about the Rules Committee. The date of Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. was determined for the first meeting at Full Throttle Indoor Karting in Springdale. Slattery said three members are needed for the committee. Michael Lewis, Virgil Oatts and Rick Wagar agreed to serve. Ray McKibben will ask Gary Osterholt to put a note on the website. Lynda Coombs suggested a cutoff date of October 21<sup>st</sup> to have suggestions submitted to allow time for the master list to be prepared for the meeting. Slattery will forward the suggestions he has collected to Coombs.

**SWAP MEET:** Rick Coombs said we need to see if Doug Benson can get a special room rate at the hotel for the Swap Meet. Brian Schroeder explained Benson is going to get with him when that rate has been obtained and it will be posted.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported he talked with the new Event Coordinator at the Marriott and confirmed the room rate will be \$99.00 plus tax, the same as last year. He asked if the board wants to subsidize \$5.00 for the meal ticket as was done last year. Gary Gregg explained the reason for the subsidy is in previous years the club rented a hall and the cost was less so the \$5.00 is to offset the cost. Brian Schroeder asked how much we pay to which Coombs said he will forward that information. Consensus of the board was to continue the \$5.00 subsidy. Coombs explained the Pro Swift Sportsman class had a 3.8571 average this year and all other classes met the 4.0 average. He asked if the board wants to approve a first place award for the Pro Swift class. Ray McKibben replied yes and Pat Slattery agreed. Ted Cradlebaugh said we allowed the class to come in to get going and we have approved this before. He further stated the club is about these kids and they came every week. Rick Coombs made a motion to increase the Pro Swift Sportsman class to the 4.0 award level which would be for first place only. The motion was seconded by McKibben who also amended the motion to include first and second places for jackets. Don Boles seconded the

amendment. Cradlebaugh asked if there is any other class that will be getting one jacket to which Coombs replied no because every other class met the minimum average with LO206 Junior being the next closest at 4.3. Following further discussion, McKibben's amendment was voted on and failed with seven opposed and six in favor (roll call: Coombs-no, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-no, Kuethe-no, Landes-no, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-yes, Slattery-no, Warren-yes, Banfield-no, Calvert-no). Coombs's motion was then voted on and passed with twelve in favor and one opposed (Calvert). Coombs asked whether the intent this year is to give a fast time award to the Kid Kart class. Brian Schroeder replied no, it was optional to use transponders and there were no points. Aaron Banfield asked what we did for the novice class in the past to which Cradlebaugh replied he doesn't think we gave them one. Michael Lewis said if it is a non-points class he thinks it should not be eligible for fast time unless it is changed to a points class. Schroeder responded that was not the intent this year. Banfield asked what percentage of the kid karts rented transponders. Lewis replied 85 to 90%. Rick Coombs said he will need an amount for the banquet at next month's board meeting. Lynda Coombs provided the board with class entry numbers from 2010 through 2017 with the exception of a correction to be made to include OVKA 420 for this year. Rick Coombs noted the overall average per race this year was 118.428.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2018 TIRES:** Don Boles reported a lot of tire testing has been done and data will be available in one to one-and-a-half weeks. He said we will be looking at how much tires fell off. Boles extended appreciation to all of the people who helped with tire testing for their hard work. Brent Warren said a lesson learned was we pushed too hard on both days and needed to spread the load out over more drivers. He stated it cost people money and he wonders if we can reimburse them for the damages they incurred. Warren reported he rented two motors to help with testing. Brian Schroeder asked how many drivers there were to which Warren replied seven and one did double duty on the first day. Warren stated he thinks we got a lot of good data. Boles added he thinks it will be the best data we have ever taken and it was amazing how much tires changed. Roberts asked if we need to consider some type of reimbursement or give free race days next year. Boles explained they were provided with fuel and oil. Warren reported one driver exploded two clutches. Boles stated we need a tire that can get three races out of it without going away. Cradlebaugh asked if Boles plans for there to be a vote on this next month. Boles replied yes, we have to do it next month. Warren said he does not want to back Rick Coombs in a corner with the banquet. Coombs explained we get these tires and he needs to know if he is to order more for the banquet. Cradlebaugh said it is very important to figure out what other clubs are using next year. Coombs said there will be sets we will have to do something with if we don't go with Bridgestones. Boles stated last time we sold them. Warren asked Coombs when he needs to know. Coombs said with the banquet being January 13<sup>th</sup>, he prefers to know by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Aaron Banfield explained he needs to compile the twenty-five survey results and get the information to the committee. Josh Wagar asked why we are worrying about this. Banfield replied a mission statement is a living document and we need to look at what needs to be changed. Wagar responded how many more documents do we need and he does not see a point for this. He further stated we are a grassroots kart club and he does not think we need this. Brent Warren said he disagrees and he thinks it's helpful to know what our priorities are. Wagar said he could not find a survey. Lynda Coombs responded she ran copies at the last event and they were available in the tech barn which was announced. Banfield explained he printed 150 copies and he can email it if needed.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported a racer's grandfather has offered to oversee 420 tech next year. Additionally, Craig Bogan will be taking the 206 test at the Swap Meet. Ray

McKibben reported Bogan went to New Castle where he received some 206 training. Brian Schroeder asked if we need to purchase any tech tools Cradlebaugh said an updated 206 set is needed. Banfield reported he has ordered them three times. Schroeder explained he wants to make sure we are fully equipped and determine if we need to allocate funds. Jeff Roberts offered to get with the new 420 tech person to discuss what the position involves and teching the motors. He said if anyone else wants to join in to let him know.

**FUTURE PLANNING / OVKA SAVINGS:** Brian Schroeder said he had previously mentioned putting away money for lights and he would like to delay this for one month to allow time to figure out the lights. Brent Warren suggested reaching out to a club member who knows about high-intensity lighting for advice. Schroeder replied we need to put something aside. Don Boles said we need to look at this like a business would to take into account if we have a below normal year. He further stated he likes the idea and we need to figure out how to do it by the end of the year. Schroeder said at the rate we're going, we will still be renting lights. Aaron Banfield said to tack on 20% of every expenditure for capital things. Josh Wagar stated there should be a track improvement fund.

**GIVE BACK TO OUR MEMBERS:** Brian Schroeder reported the grill-out went well. He said total cost was \$600 for food and paying Gary Gregg at \$5.00 per driver. Schroeder thanked the Vets for stepping up to help. Ray McKibben thanked One Stop Tool Rental for donating the grill and fuel. Brent Warren said the event was a success and people hung out. Pat Slattery stated it would be cool to have practice at night. Aaron Banfield replied lights would be needed. Don Boles said we can look at ways to improve the event next year. Warren suggested having it mid-year and at the end of the year. Schroeder responded he liked it being spontaneous. Warren replied it is hard to be spontaneous when you're feeding 300 people. Aaron Banfield suggested putting the matter on the February 2018 board meeting agenda. Josh Wagar explained you have to find where you have room on the schedule and need to consider weather. Warren said he thought it was awesome.

**STAGING LANES:** Aaron Banfield reported he brought paint so we just need to paint the staging lanes. Rick Wagar said there only needs to be one-and-a-half to two feet in the middle of the track and to not put it on the edge. Banfield offered to help Friday evening. Wagar asked Banfield to look at the shifter kart marks. Banfield will talk with Wagar about this.

**AMBULANCE LOCATION:** Aaron Banfield discussed redoing the fence to move the ambulance position. Ray McKibben said the fence needs to be ready for 2018.

**2018 CLASS STRUCTURE:** Brian Schroeder explained we need a list in November or December of what classes we are going to run. He said he questions whether Shifters and Pro Swift fit in or do we say sorry, you don't run? Josh Wagar replied his opinion is making a class for four or more needs to go away and if someone wants to propose a class, they need to do so by November of the year before. He stated the Swift started with four then had two the other day. Josh Wagar added he has looked at what other organizations do and they say this is what we run and other than the 420s, our classes are pretty standard. Josh Wagar noted at one time, we had thirty-five to forty classes on the class structure and when we add a class, we don't really increase our numbers but dilute it. He said it takes forty-five minutes to an hour per class per race day and he thinks ten to twelve classes are enough. Aaron Banfield stated he thinks ten classes is the ideal number and he agrees the four or more rule needs to be taken out then if the numbers drop, it could be looked at in the future. Brent Warren said Pro Swift Sportsman is a WKA class and they came with four. Josh Wagar replied they did not have four at the end of the season and any class that doesn't have four goes away next season and if it is going to go away, they better show up in November and have a big enough showing to keep it. Ken Kuethe said maybe put a caveat in there; the LO206 Juniors made it with

thirteen races and LO206 Sportsman might have kids moving up. Josh Wagar replied the Shifters are never going to grow and last and they showed up three times. Rick Wagar asked if this is being decided tonight. Pat Slattery asked if there is number for the Rules Committee of how many classes? Josh Wagar responded that in the email he had sent, he explained the Rules Committee doesn't decide class structure. Schroeder said he wants to hear from each board member what they want asking if we are going to be strict and stringent and say Swifts and Shifters you're out. He added input from each board member is what is needed for a change. Banfield said one class he would like to see cut is Yamaha Rookie Sportsman which made four this year with half the class being his family. He stated he sees more racers going into LO206 Sportsman. Jeff Roberts said the 206 has grown into the biggest class and the board let us squeak by the first year under four but if they would have chopped it, we might not have had the class. Don Boles stated every class changes year to year. Brent Warren said he does not see us getting down to ten classes. Rick Wagar replied he would be happy with eleven or twelve classes and if the board is going to take a stance of allowing four or more, that adds an hour or more. He further stated we need to say this is our class structure; this is what we run. Slattery said we could have ten race groups and put two groups on the track at the same time. He noted SCCA puts two or three on the track. Josh Wagar replied that causes other issues to which Slattery replied they have got to learn to drive. Slattery further stated he would like to see the KA100 put with TaG because it's coming. Rick Wagar responded just because it is a WKA class, doesn't mean we're going to run it. Warren said now we've got a guy who wants to run TaG and KA and the way we do it, there is no way we can combine them. Slattery replied if we get seven or eight KAs, we need to add another class. Randy Landes asked how many of our racers run WKA in the Man Cup. Slattery reported it is eight or nine. Warren explained WKA runs an 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. schedule and will shorten laps to make up time. Slattery said it is very organized. Schroeder discussed people being able to figure out what they will be running rather than one to two weeks before having to put a kart together. He asked in putting together a class structure for 2018, do we ax under 4.0 or find a way to combine classes? Josh Wagar made a motion beginning with 2018, the four or more rule is removed. Any class that did not make 4.0 or more gets removed for the following year and if someone would like to propose a new class for the following season, they need to bring it to the board no later than the November board meeting. If a class is close to 4.0, the board can decide if there is growth potential for one more year. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe and passed with eight in favor, two opposed and three abstained (roll call: Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-no, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-yes, Slattery-abstained, Warren-no, Banfield-yes, Calvert-abstained, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-abstained). Schroeder pointed out this is October to which Josh Wagar replied that is why he put in the motion the board can make it one more year. He added you guys still have to determine class structure for 2018. Boles asked so Swift and Shifters come off. Josh Wagar replied no, you guys have to decide the class structure. Rick Wagar stated he's saying you can leave class structure exactly as is; the four or more goes away in 2018. Josh Wagar added this is for putting in the 2018 rulebook. Boles said he hopes by next month we decide class structure. Slattery stated we need to decide how many classes we want. Warren said he thinks having three different classes for any age group is a mistake and we need to look at where there is overlap. He suggested for 2018 looking at TaG to which Slattery replied it's dead.

**INSURANCE:** Gary Gregg said he thinks the club should insure our transponders and generators. Don Boles said we need to take an inventory and figure out what we have that needs to be covered. Brian Schroeder stated pictures need to be taken. Lynda Coombs will email suggestions she has.

**CHURCH SERVICE:** Rick Coombs reported Mike McIntosh organized a church service at the recent race day.

**RACE DIRECTOR:** Don Boles explained lining up a Race Director is in process and needs to be thought out seriously. Boles will be serving as Race Director for the upcoming Charity Race.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LAPTOP, SOFTWARE LICENSE & SETUP:** Tabled per request by Lynda Coombs.

**CLEANUP 2017:** Brian Schroeder said we already talked about this. Don Boles reiterated crash bags and sealing need to be addressed. Lynda Coombs will order the food and pick it up.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBERS:** Don Boles reported there are a couple of people interested in serving as board members and he thinks we should make a list. Ken Kuethe replied if they are not here, why are we pursuing this? Aaron Banfield noted Michael Lewis has been coming to board meetings. Lewis expressed interest if there is an opening and people want to put his name in for the board to vote.

**CHARITY RACE:** Don Boles discussed Charity Race donations. Lynda Coombs explained as of this time, donations are \$1,275.75 less than last year. Josh Wagar noted last year was a record-setting year for donations. He said one year we paid back the top two instead of the top three and you don't do the math until after the driver's meeting. Wagar will assist with calculations for payouts. Brent Warren reported he doesn't think the LO206 Junior class will run. Pat Slattery asked what time the Charity Race is. Boles responded it is a Saturday race on a Sunday schedule. He added there are some track worker positions that will need to be filled.

**RADIOS:** Don Boles reported we need to go through the radios because some of them are not working. Ray McKibben offered to take care of this. Brent Warren said he would like to swap batteries over the winter and take them indoors. Josh Wagar explained they go home with the President. Rick Wagar discussed whether the radios are checked at the end of race days to make sure they are turned off because they have not been fully charged. McKibben reported there are some with broken antennas.

**INTRODUCTION TO KARTING:** Aaron Banfield explained his business was approached by several dirt tracks to host an Introduction to Karting at two to three events over the winter. He said he would like to ask our Kid Kart Director and others to be involved. Banfield will be preparing an agenda for one hour or less and will have different people from different tracks there. Don Boles replied he is sure we will be there. Josh and/or Rick Wagar offered to help. Banfield will display one of OVKA's booths at his facility. Boles stated we may need a new booth. Rick Wagar suggested putting the older show booth at Full Throttle.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Brian Schroeder, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Cleanup Day – 10:00 a.m., Sunday, October 8, 2017, G & J Kartway
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2017, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show – Friday through Sunday, January 5-7, 2018, Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45202
- OVKA Annual Membership Meeting & 2017 Banquet – Saturday, January 13, 2018, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, 9664 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH, 45040

- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 27, 2018, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA 2017 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 3, 2018, The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Aaron Banfield – Compile survey results and provide to the mission statement committee, assist with painting staging lanes.
- Lynda Coombs – Prepare Rules Committee suggestions list for meeting being held on October 24, 2017, email the board regarding insurance, order and pick up food for cleanup day.
- Rick Coombs – Forward the board information regarding banquet cost.
- Gary Gregg – Check how many buckets of Rhino Patch were used in the past.
- Ray McKibben – Check into having the promotional video modernized, provide pressure washer to prepare pavilion for sealing, coordinate sealing of pavilion, ask Gary Osterholt to post about the Rules Committee, address radio concerns.
- Jeff Roberts – Fix billboard graphics, partner with new 420 tech person.
- Brian Schroeder – Coordinate the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show, contact Cavalcade staff about a better spot.
- Pat Slattery – Forward Rules Committee suggestions to Lynda Coombs.
- Josh and/or Rick Wagar – Assist with Full Throttle’s Introduction to Karting events.
- Brent Warren – Address PA system gain control.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Banfield, D. Boles, J. Calvert, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, L. McCready, R. McKibben, J. Roberts, B. Schroeder, P. Slattery, and B. Warren.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** A. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, M. Lewis, V. Oatts, J. Wagar, and R. Wagar.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 10/22/17.