

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
CINCINNATI MARRIOTT NORTHEAST, MASON, OH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: President Don Boles called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m. He said he appreciates everyone coming to the annual general membership meeting and feels honored so many showed up to vote for 2018 officers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the December 5, 2017 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Lynda Coombs reported a thank you card was received from Ann and Matt Overbeck for OVKA's expression of sympathy to the family upon the passing of Steve Overbeck. On behalf of the OVKA board of directors, officers and members, our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Overbeck family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs extended thanks to everyone who helped last night to prepare for the banquet. He said setup went quickly and was very orderly. Rick Coombs also thanked those who will be helping this evening. He asked that comments and/or concerns be directed to Lynda Coombs or himself. He explained a debriefing with the Marriott takes place to share this information. Brent Warren said good job.

RULES COMMITTEE: Don Boles thanked Rick Wagar for doing the rulebook editing and Pat Slattery for serving as rulebook committee chairperson. He also thanked all of the people who attended the committee meetings and those who provided input. Wagar noted the committee did their work in a timely manner. Boles reported the 2018 rulebook is available today.

SWAP MEET: Doug Benson said the Swap Meet is in three weeks and reported registrations are coming in. Benson explained workers are needed. Brian Schroeder will have a sign-up sheet with times at the banquet tables today. Working the 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. shift will allow you to walk in the night before. By working 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., you can walk around before the shift.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Don Boles explained Swap Meet flyers will be given out at the upcoming Indy Circle Track Show. Brent Warren asked how the new location at the Cincinnati Cavalcade Show was. Reid Smith replied it was better. Ken Kuethe said there was a lot of attendance at the OVKA booth. Ray McKibben reported on Sunday the booth stayed busy until closing and there was a lot of interest. Warren asked how attendance was to which Smith replied he thought it was up. Boles said at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday attendance at the booth started right up. Aaron Banfield explained Full Throttle counts brochures and this year they gave out less so he thinks it was the good location. Boles thanked Brian Schroeder for coordinating the Cavalcade event and the volunteers who worked in the booth. Warren asked how the booths are. Boles replied they need to be worked on. Warren discussed how the good folks at Full Throttle have offered to allow us to put a booth there. Michael Lewis reported he is working on a plywood display to hang at Full Throttle which Banfield said can be a permanent fixture. Boles said he would also like to have a booth at Full Throttle.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready said it is that time of year again to make pit spot reservations. He thanked the people who have sent their pit spot applications and payments. McCready said this is a good time to let him know what you plan on doing. He explained several people would like to change spots and there are some new people who would like a spot so it would be helpful if you would give him a heads up.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben explained starting next month we will be looking at projects that need to be done at clean-up day. He asked that suggestions be sent to the board. Brent Warren said he would like to tackle some electrical issues.

BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Don Boles explained for those people who are 2018 OVKA members, they should have received a ballot upon arrival at this meeting. Running for 2018 OVKA President are Don Boles and Ken Kuethe. Running for the office of Vice-President are Aaron Banfield and Ray McKibben. The Secretary and Treasurer positions are unopposed. Rick Wagar asked the two Vice-President candidates what their plans are for Race Director. He stated the by-laws say the Vice-President is to find or serve as Race Director. Aaron Banfield replied he spoke with Ted Cradlebaugh who will fill in and train a candidate. Ray McKibben explained his intent is to be the Race Director and he has worked with Rick Wagar and Ted Cradlebaugh. He stated he will be firm and fair. McKibben discussed his racing experience and said he feels he has a good handle on the position and he will tap into Cradlebaugh, Wagar and others. Wagar replied McKibben has made a big assumption that he (Wagar) will be there but he will not be on a regular basis. McKibben thanked Wagar for letting him know. Following a count of votes by Lee McCready and Josh Johnson with recording by Heather Cradlebaugh, Ken Kuethe was elected 2018 OVKA President and Aaron Banfield was elected 2018 OVKA Vice-President. With a show of hands, Lynda Coombs was elected 2018 OVKA Secretary and Jason Gregg was elected 2018 OVKA Treasurer.

KA100 KART: Dan Fiehrer asked if he shows up with a KA100 kart, will he run with TaG. Ken Kuethe replied to not assume there is going to be a TaG class. Don Boles said he doesn't know if there will be a place for us to run him and there needs to be more than one. When the audience was asked who plans to run a KA100, five people raised their hands. Ted Cradlebaugh said we decided they have to propose this to the board. Brody Warren reported he tried a KA100 and it was four-tenths off a TaG. He asked if we are going to have a TaG class to which Aaron Banfield replied it is on the list. Brent Warren said it seems to him if they show up, we should allow them to run. Banfield pointed out the KA100 is not an approved run group and if people show up, the Race Director can determine where to place them. Josh Wagar said the board voted in the rule that it has to be brought before the board. Banfield replied it doesn't say for non-points. Josh Wagar stated it seems to him we have a rulebook if you want to have any integrity. Rick Wagar read from page 28 of the 2018 OVKA rulebook, "Competitors in non-offered classes will be placed with another class of similar speed and age group at the Race Director's discretion". Lynda Coombs asked if the KA100 is a WKA class to which Ray McKibben replied yes. Pat Slattery said they could run with K80. He further stated people need to know because there is only two months and asked if we could entertain a proposal today. Cradlebaugh responded if you mean making a class, we want them to get their people together. Boles said you guys need to get together and come to the board. He further stated we will work with them and we need to hold this until the next board meeting. Brent Warren pointed out the Swap Meet is in three weeks. Banfield said his opinion is they get together and get a count. He further stated one person occasionally is one thing; six or seven is something different. Brent Warren said if there is one KA and no TaG, it is very difficult to justify running one KA. Don Fogt asked if we had enough to justify 80cc Shifters last year. Boles replied no and we want people to come. Josh Wagar explained they are giving the 80cc's a chance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Jason Gregg, Don Boles provided the checking and savings account balances.

TRAVELING: Ted Cradlebaugh asked if the President plans on traveling. Ken Kuethe replied it is past where we can do this for this year. He reported Kentucky Speedway would like us to run there

and they will set up a track. Josh Wagar reported they talked with him in the past and there was no way we could afford to.

RACE SCHEDULE: Don Boles explained the 2018 schedule will be posted sometime this upcoming week.

TIRES: Don Boles explained Bridgestone YLC tires were decided on for two years. Ray McKibben reported some classes at WKA ran a different compound, YMB. Brent Warren responded it was just Junior and Senior TaG. Boles said our club will be running YLC which the board voted for. Warren responded they voted for Bridgestones. Cradlebaugh asked if the word out there is that YLC's will be phased out. Pat Slattery replied he has heard that and they'll give us some others to test. Cradlebaugh said why wouldn't we go there if it is a better tire and the same price. Slattery stated they told him they would buy our YLC's. Brian Schroeder reported they said they are planning on making the YLC's for the rest of the year and if something comes up, they will switch out. Rick Wagar read from page 29 of the 2018 OVKA rulebook, "All tires are to be Bridgestone YLC unless noted". Cradlebaugh stated last year we heard mass complaining about the YLC's and asked why run something we don't like.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Lynda Coombs said banquet registration will open at 4:00 p.m. and there are areas to sit until then. Rick Coombs stated there are no reserved tables other than for banquet workers. Lynda Coombs explained this is to make sure the people who are working at banquet registration have a place to sit when they are finished.

ADJOURNMENT: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 27, 2018, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA 2018 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 3, 2018, The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2018, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: M. Abel, R. Beaman, D. Benson, S. Birkle, C. Bogan, C. Byrd, A. Calvert, B. Calvert, J. Clark, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, B. Crutchleo, J. Doran, D. Fiehrer, D. Fogt, K. Gaw, J. Grimes, P. Hagens, B. Helton, D. Hughes, R. Jackson, J. Johnson, C. Kuethe, M. Lewis, S. Maynard, E. McCauley, E. McCready, K. McIntosh, M. McIntosh, E. Melton, T. Melton, A. Meyer, D. Miller, R.C. Miller, C. Moore, R. Pansch, N. Patterson, L. Pike, R. Schrage, G. Sheppard, E. Smith, R. Swift, M. Tumulty, F. Tvrdy, J. Wagar, P. Wagar, R. Wagar, B. Warren, J. Warren, K. Warren, W. Watson, J. Webb, J. Wheeler, J. Woerl, and J. Wolfe.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/20/18