

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and asked that phones be turned down.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the March 6, 2018 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**BUCKEYE KARTING CHALLENGE:** Ken Kuethe said he is going to yield the floor at this time to representatives Scott Benton and Rick Chapman with the Buckeye Karting Challenge. Benton explained he was contacted by Brian Schroeder then met with some OVKA board members at the Swap Meet. He extended thanks for allowing them the opportunity to talk with the Board this evening. Benton explained their goal is to make a state series championship in Ohio with rules the same at different places. He said the entry fee is \$40 with \$30 going to the track and \$10 to the series for awards and the pit pass is the track's money. Benton explained the series is your race at your track. He is the Series Director, they have a Race Director and Head Flagman and ask that the club provide a Tech Director. They are not using transponders this year. Benton stated they are planning to have five or six different tracks next year. He explained they would like to have the club close when there is a race at another track or it be a non-points race at your track. Schroeder reported he has talked to twenty-five people who are interested in going to the Buckeye race at Thompson Raceway on May 27<sup>th</sup>. He suggested having a meeting between all of us to discuss what we agree with and do not agree with. Ray McKibben explained we use WKA insurance and at another track we ran into some differences with insurance requirements so we need to make sure what is required. Aaron Banfield added at the other track our WKA forms were not valid. Chapman said if we have a state championship more people will recognize it. He reported there has been very positive feedback up north and the hope is to bring more clubs together instead of fighting. Chapman said let people decide where they want to race and if Ohio gets it together, maybe other places will too. He discussed his history in karting dating back to 1964 and said he wants to see the sport continue. Benton said let's get this together with Fremont, Thompson and Adkins and he thinks it is well worth the effort and time. Benton provided printed information containing the general rules. He explained practice is on Saturday and racing on Sunday. Chapman said they do not expect a commitment today. Schroeder asked when they want us to let them know. Benton replied their last race is August 19<sup>th</sup> at Fremont then by October they would like all the tracks to get together to figure out 2019. Dan Fiehrer asked for clarification about closing the track or making it a non-points race on their dates. Benton explained this year three tracks closed on the dates of their races or they ask that you make it a non-points race that day. He said there are guys that are going to travel and guys who are not. Brent Warren said that is going to be the hardest part; we have fourteen points races and try to schedule off on WKA races and holidays. Don Boles said we could run on a Saturday and count the race. Benton replied maybe next year we race on a Saturday and you have your race on Sunday. He said he does not know what the perfect answer is. Boles asked if they are open to working with us on this to which Benton replied absolutely. Chapman stated if they know they're not losing any points, they will probably run the Buckeye Series. McKibben explained there used to be a regional series then that fell apart and this would be someplace else to get exposure to other tracks. Benton said with the response they have been getting, he would be surprised if they don't have one hundred karts. He reviewed the ten classes they are having this year: Kid Karts, 206 Junior Sportsman, 206 Junior, 206 Senior, Yamaha Junior Sportsman, Yamaha Junior, Yamaha Senior Can, Yamaha Senior Pipe, Micro Swift and Mini Swift. Benton explained they are looking at possibly making a Senior Can

Pro class and 206 Senior Pro class in 2019. Warren inquired about the format to which Benton replied it is practice, heat, heat, feature. Kuethe said our biggest challenge will be the schedule. Warren asked what they are doing for fuel. Benton replied there will not be pump-around. Chapman said there will be fuel available and tires will be open. Benton explained this year they are not racing in the rain. Ted Cradlebaugh replied it is a big issue to drive four hours and say we're not racing. Benton stated next year the answer may be yes. Fiehrer asked what the distance is for each of the tracks. Benton responded Thompson is four hours, twenty-three minutes, Fremont is three hours, one minute and Adkins is three hours.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Ken Kuethe provided bank balances. Ted Cradlebaugh asked what is owed. Gary Gregg reported the Swap Meet has been paid. Aaron Banfield explained twenty percent of all expenditures transfers to savings. Brent Warren asked about the banquet to which Kuethe replied he is not sure the banquet would fall under this. Banfield said let's bring it up later. Lynda Coombs stated she would like to pull up the exact language from the motion pertaining to this.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Don Boles reported the DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Show at Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua had a lot of people in attendance and quite a few interested in karting. Along with Boles and Marlene Cook, Rick and Lynda Coombs worked on Saturday and Ray McKibben helped on Sunday. Ken Kuethe discussed the Pumpkin Run Car Show in Owensville in October and said the cost is \$65 for the weekend. Michael Lewis offered to coordinate the Pumpkin Run Show and said it is huge. Kuethe will obtain information. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested having Heather Cradlebaugh assist in looking at where we get our racers from. Brent Warren agreed. Boles said it used to be on the entry form to which Kuethe said it still is. Kuethe discussed having Heather Cradlebaugh and Tracy Kuethe go through the entry forms to collect the information. Aaron Banfield inquired if it is reasonable to ask that the forms be filled out to include this information. Gary Gregg said during the winter time, the shows and promotions do a good job. He added the life of a karter is four years and we have to keep generating new racers. Banfield reported Lewis delivered the board to Full Throttle. Lewis explained he donated it and would like to make sure there is at least one picture of Kid Karts on it. Banfield said information needs to be there too and suggested there be pictures of Kids Karts, Sportsman, Junior and Senior racers. Warren suggested including an aerial picture of the track. Lewis said we need to decide who is going to get the pictures and have them laminated. He offered to buy some hangers. Banfield will go to Office Depot. Kuethe said Banfield, Lewis, McKibben and himself will get together. Warren offered to do the laminating. McKibben can pull pictures from the banquet slide show.

**CHAMP RACE:** Boles talked with a face painter who is available for the Champ Race for three hours and will offer a discounted fee to the club. Brian Schroeder said do it. Lynda Coombs suggested letting the Champ Race Chairperson know about this. Rick Coombs said we need to let Mike Reifeis know whether we want him to provide music as we have a standing booking with him.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready stated the pit spot reservation deadline is past. He said several people did not renew and there are some spots available. Michael Lewis volunteered to keep the pit spot map up-to-date on the website. Lynda Coombs thanked McCready for providing the sponsor list for gate and entry pass lists.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ken Kuethe explained we did not get the spot in front of the scale cleaned at clean-up day. Ray McKibben reported it was taken care of Sunday. Don Boles stated a paint day is needed to paint the turtles and buildings. Lee McCready said pit spot lines and

numbers also need painted. Kuethe will schedule a paint day. Aaron Banfield explained it was too cold at clean-up day to do the painting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**STAGING LANES:** Ted Cradlebaugh said we need to discuss how long racers have to stay in staging lanes. Kuethe replied until the green flag. Brent Warren noted the lanes are at the end of the acceleration cones. Cradlebaugh explained he plans on moving the cones. Banfield said he will talk with Cradlebaugh and get it worked out.

**RADIOS:** Aaron Banfield reported we need to order five radio batteries. McKibben added two antennas are also needed. Banfield said on clean-up day there was a bucket of radios. McKibben explained they were donated. Cradlebaugh replied they are on the wrong frequency. McKibben asked if they could be sold to which Warren stated he does not believe they have much value. McKibben said the cost of batteries and antennas will be under \$300. Boles asked if we need more than five. Banfield replied no if we swap them. Brian Schroeder made a motion to appropriate \$500 for radios and accessories. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Warren explained a couple of times last year it was hard to find headsets. Cradlebaugh suggested looking at Grainger. Lynda Coombs asked if funds need to be put in the savings account with the approval of this expenditure. Banfield replied yes, \$100, based on what was approved.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Deferred.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported Craig Bogan will be four-cycle/206 Tech Director and Matt Abel will be the assistant. Aaron Banfield said Alan Johnson will be overseeing two-cycle tech and will work with Ray Brown here and there. Cradlebaugh said he is more than happy to help Johnson. Dan Fiehrer asked that consideration be given to the amount of tech being done for fathers and sons who are racing and those who race two classes. Kuethe explained he has heard people want more tech and it should be quick and not painful. Fiehrer asked if an engine is not running good and he changes it, does he go to the back. Cradlebaugh said you have to inform the Tech Director before making the change. Warren explained if it is a carburetor, you do not have to go to the back and everything is subject to tech but if it is the whole engine, you go to the tail.

**KA100 TECH TOOLS:** Ken Kuethe stated we need a list of tools for KA100. Ray McKibben reported Pat Slattery will email a list of tech tools needed to Cradlebaugh.

**INSURANCE:** Lynda Coombs said she has the number of transponders in the computer but she wants to visually confirm the total we have at the track then she will provide Gary Gregg with the information. Ted Cradlebaugh explained it is important transponders get charged over the winter. Gregg reported the Director's and Officer's insurance has been paid in the amount of \$3,000. Cradlebaugh raised the question whether WKA is healthy and said we need to have a backup for insurance. Gregg replied we can go through Michael Davis Insurance right away. Aaron Banfield said he knows an insurance company. Gregg asked him to obtain a quote.

**LO206 RULES:** Aaron Banfield stated we need to be clear about whether WKA or 206 rules take precedence. He said we should go with Briggs first then go to WKA. Brian Schroeder made a motion that we use the Briggs Racing engine rule set first and anything else not mentioned therein, we go with WKA. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Ken Kuethe asked if we are in trouble if we use Briggs first then WKA. Banfield explained a lot of things are not in the Briggs manual. The motion passed with nine in favor and one abstained (Warren). Schroeder said as for the header

wrap, if it is not mentioned you can, you can't. Ray McKibben reported Steve Vermeer said you can't cover the silencer and WKA says you can.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**CHURCH SERVICE:** Ken Kuethe explained Mike McIntosh conducted a church service last year and asked about doing so this year. Ted Cradlebaugh replied he thinks it is great. Michael Lewis said it is held at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays when we race.

**MASTER Y PIPE AGE:** Ken Kuethe reported Bryan Krahenbuhl expressed concern that we are losing racers age 25 to 35 because they can't compete with the younger racers. Kuethe said as he understands it, we have a rule in place that anybody can request an exemption such as was done for Brody Warren. Gary Gregg responded that was going from Junior to Senior and if you do it for one, it will need to be done for everybody. Ted Cradlebaugh said Krahenbuhl can come to the Board. He further stated there would be 25-year-old racers with 60-year-old racers causing the gap to grow. Cradlebaugh said he thinks we should make Masters weight 380 pounds. Neither he nor Rick Coombs can compete because they are over. Kuethe explained he committed to bring it up and anybody can come to the Board with a valid reason. Dan Fiehrer inquired if other clubs are decreasing the age to 30. Kuethe replied Krahenbuhl felt more people are going to 206 because they couldn't compete with younger guys. Brent Warren said this is something to think about for end of the year discussion. Don Boles stated rules for this year are in place. Cradlebaugh stated Krahenbuhl can come and request. Boles replied we had Yamaha Lite and Yamaha Heavy and everybody went to Heavy which killed Lite.

**BRIGGS RACING RULES:** Brian Schroeder reported he found discrepancies in the Briggs rule set for 2018 and found there are two rulebooks out there right now. Schroeder talked with Craig Bogan who contacted Steve Vermeer who explained they are working on this. Ray McKibben reported Bogan had version one so it will need to be updated. Schroeder suggested we put a link to their website when they get it changed. He said the different versions are three days apart. Ken Kuethe will get with Schroeder and Bogan.

**OVKA 420:** Ted Cradlebaugh said he thinks the 420 class will be pretty healthy. He explained we need to get with Mr. Morgan who volunteered last year to do tech. Brent Warren asked why our four-cycle tech person wouldn't do it. Aaron Banfield replied Craig Bogan said he would help. Cradlebaugh discussed getting some schooling for this and stated we need someone there on day one.

**OIL DRY / RAIN GEAR:** Brian Schroeder asked if we need oil dry and worker rain gear. Gary Gregg replied we have this.

**WEBSITE:** Dan Fiehrer asked if we want something on the website about adding the KA100 class. Ken Kuethe replied he will look at doing that. Brent Warren stated it should be on our class structure. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if the website has been gone over. Kuethe said he will check. Warren discussed having a way for people to email without having the email address published to avoid receiving weird emails. Kuethe explained once you click it, the email address is shown. Kuethe asked all board members to make sure their information is up-to-date.

**TIRE CONTRACT:** Ray McKibben asked if the tire contract was signed. Ken Kuethe explained he has not heard back from Reid Smith. Kuethe asked Rick Coombs to provide him with Keith Freber's phone number.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Ken Kuethe, seconded by Don Boles, motioned to adjourn to executive session at 8:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Race day staffing was discussed. Jeff Roberts submitted his resignation to the OVKA Board of Directors. Ken Kuethe thanked Roberts for his service to the organization.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT:** Brian Schroeder, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn executive session at 9:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2018 Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Rollin' on the River Charity Car Show – 8:00 a.m., Saturday, July 22, 2018, Fernbank Park, Route 50 West / River Road, Sayler Park, OH

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Aaron Banfield – Paint staging lanes, obtain quote for insurance.
- Lynda Coombs – Provide Gary Gregg with number of transponders after visual confirmation.
- Rick Coombs – Provide Ken Kuethe with Keith Freber's phone number.
- Gary Gregg – Contact Michael Davis about equipment insurance.
- Ken Kuethe – Obtain information about the Pumpkin Run Show, schedule a paint day, get with Brian Schroeder and Craig Bogan about Briggs rules, look at having KA100 class on website, check to see if website has been gone over.
- Michael Lewis – Coordinate the Pumpkin Run Car Show in Owensville in October, buy hangers for the display board at Full Throttle, keep pit spot map up to date on the website.
- Ray McKibben – Pull pictures from the banquet slide show for the display board at Full Throttle.
- Brent Warren – Laminate pictures for display board at Full Throttle.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** S. Benton, R. Chapman, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Fiehrer, and M. Lewis.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 4/23/18