

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked that cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate. He said there are a lot of things to discuss and asked that comments be brief.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the June 5, 2018 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Don Boles reported he was contacted by a DARF representative who asked if there is anything they can do to promote our club. Ken Kuethe asked what has been done in the past. Boles responded in the early part of the year they have a Track Night and they will list us on their website. Ron Pierce added they have a banquet. Kuethe will obtain contact information from Boles then reach out to them. Boles explained DARF members can come to an OVKA race one time during the season for free. Aaron Banfield asked if the ladies at the gate are aware of this. Josh Wagar replied they should because we have been doing this for years. Kuethe noted Rollin' on the River is on Sunday, July 22nd, not Saturday as listed on the agenda. Aaron Banfield said that is the day after a Saturday race and asked if we have people taking karts. Brian Schroeder replied he will be taking his and will try to get the kid kart there. Banfield asked who is heading up this event to which Schroeder replied he will. Banfield asked if he has karts covered. Schroeder explained people say they will bring them then change their minds at 6:30 in the morning. He said we have a lot of area at this event and was told we could drive karts around. Lee McCready provided schedules for the Lebanon Blues Festival and said we should be in their program. He explained we will receive two VIP seats all day located at the band area. Ray McKibben said we need to make sure we have a fire extinguisher with the booth.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready thanked Josh Johnson and Michael Lewis for their help getting some pit spots lined up for people who came to the Champ Race. He said there were some who wanted to reserve them for the rest of the year.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Brent Warren said the picnic table is nice. Ray McKibben thanked Rex Johnson for doing a great job heading up this improvement and Rick Jackson and Travis Myers for their help building the picnic table. McKibben explained more wood is coming for two more picnic tables. He said a pop-up was placed over the table which was a big hit. Thank you also to McKibben for his help.

CHAMP RACE: Ken Kuethe stated he thought the Champ Race went spectacular and he enjoyed the dunk booth quite a bit. Aaron Banfield said he would like to recognize Dawn Schroeder for organizing the games to hand off to the Vets. Schroeder received a round of applause. She said she will volunteer to head up the event next year. Rick Coombs reported the stickers were a big hit. Banfield replied they were donated by Killer Koatings in Covington, Kentucky. Dawn Schroeder explained Sean Birkle pursued that. Kuethe said Birkle and the DJ did a great job and Luigi's food was excellent. He thanked Lynda and Rick Coombs for putting in time for the event, and Aaron Banfield, Josh Wagar and everybody else that helped make the event successful. Ray McKibben stated Wagar's emceeing was excellent. Don Boles said he thinks we should book the face painter next year for four hours instead of two. Banfield suggested going ahead and booking with her. Dawn

Schroeder asked to be provided a budget. Brian Schroeder added it will need to be allocated so Dawn can start in February or March. Boles suggested next year taking a picture of all of the Vets. McKibben thanked the singing group Something Good that Elaine Gregg sings with. Brent Warren extended thanks for the parachute jumper with an American flag.

OLD BUSINESS:

RADIOS: Brent Warren reported the radios are working a lot better. Ray McKibben is working on a radio and transponder cabinet. He explained one radio needs repaired due to a broken channel knob. Warren reported one of the radios would not work on channel two. McKibben asked that the radio be marked with a note. Ken Kuethe thanked McKibben for all of the work he has put into the radios. Warren discussed radio interference. Aaron Banfield suggested taking a look at it at the next race.

REQUESTS TO MOVE UP: Lynda Coombs reported WKA approved the request to move up for Geoffrey Crutchleo.

YAMAHA SENIOR Y PIPE WEIGHT: Ken Kuethe explained Sean Birkle would like to have the Yamaha Senior Y Pipe weight increased. Justin Grimes replied some people here would be against that and he already has 70 pounds of weight on his son's kart. Bob Foster reported Birkle has talked to a lot of people. Kuethe said there should be a meeting with the class as there has been talk some people aren't racing the class because of the weight. Foster stated usually if you're 6'3" you're a mechanic, not a driver.

BUCKEYE KARTING CHALLENGE: Brian Schroeder reported he spoke with Scott Benton who informed him there will be four Buckeye Karting Challenge races next year and not five as previously talked about. A big concern is our schedule and Benton and Schroeder discussed having their events before Karting 101, over Memorial Day weekend and one after our season. That way there would only be one event we would have to work with. Josh Wagar pointed out WKA used to run over the Fourth of July holiday. Schroeder said he will talk with Benton about dates. Aaron Banfield stated he thinks it is worth considering. Schroeder said we can't wait until October. Banfield replied the by-laws provide for the next President setting the schedule. Brent Warren said we try to not make our schedule until WKA does theirs. Ken Kuethe stated he will have the schedule ready earlier and if at all possible, he will try to stay off of WKA races. Don Boles explained Benton said we could race on Saturday if he has a Sunday race. Banfield added there could be a Saturday race at Adkins and OVKA on Sunday. Rick Coombs said he thinks the OVKA race should be on Saturday and their race on Sunday at G & J Kartway. Schroeder will look at previous year's schedules. Banfield explained the way our by-laws are written, we can't make any commitment because the incoming President takes care of the schedule. Ray McKibben added Kuethe could set the schedule then a new President could change it. Kuethe replied you're talking one weekend; it's not that big of a deal. Coombs said the Champ Race was down on entries and he would like to see this race before the holiday. Brent Warren pointed out the whole TaG class is gone. Brody Warren said the nominees for President could have to have a schedule. Kuethe responded if people are voting for the President based on their schedule, we're in trouble. He further stated he will run a schedule past people ahead of time. Kuethe explained a lot goes into setting the schedule and he tried to make the best schedule he could.

WEBSITE UPDATES: Ken Kuethe asked for input as to whether anything needs to be added or changed on our website. Brent Warren said the fuel and oil needs to be revised because there is no mention of Red Line and the TaG fuel is incorrect. Kuethe said since we have a rulebook, we could take that off. Warren replied he thinks it is good to have that information. Josh Wagar said the Cup

Kart dates are wrong. Kuethe asked that people let him know of any changes that need to be made. Lee McCready stated Michael Lewis is able to update the pit spot map on the website day-to-day. Aaron Banfield explained Lewis has been identified to work with Gary Osterholt to keep him informed of website updates. Warren said on May 22nd at 9:19 a.m. he emailed the entire board regarding fuel and had sent another email before that and nothing was done. Kuethe responded that is on him and he will check his emails. Ray McKibben explained Josh Wagar had been the administrator of the OVKA Facebook site and McKibben suggested Lewis take on this responsibility. Wagar said you would have to get Doug Benson to add him. Aaron Banfield will contact Benson about this. Kuethe discussed having OVKA Hall of Fame and Lifetime Members listed on our website and maybe create small bios at some point. He asked Lewis to work with Osterholt on this. McKibben stated he would like to have an archive of historical pictures, such as the old banked turn. Kuethe said that is a good idea.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRANSPONDERS: Ray McKibben discussed how the transponders are stored and prepared for events. He explained he is working on another cabinet. Ken Kuethe said he, Aaron Banfield and McKibben will work on this.

FUEL DISQUALIFICATION APPEALS: Ken Kuethe said he would like to keep in mind that points made regarding the drivers involved are without prejudice as to what disqualifications mean one way or the other. He explained there are three appeals and said this should not take 1½ hours. Bob Foster stated we are all three in agreement that we went by the rules buying the fuel that the track supplies. He further stated that for the past eight years he has mixed fuel the same way. Foster explained he had gotten rid of fuel to make sure his was fresh and Wayne Watson and Justin Grimes did the same thing. Foster said they did everything by the rulebook then came up with disqualifications. Ray McKibben asked if all three used Red Line oil to which Foster, Grimes and Watson replied yes. Aaron Banfield reported there was a fourth disqualification for someone who was using New Castle fuel. Rick Coombs said these disqualifications were the week before the meter was taken out of service. Coombs made a motion to rescind these three fuel disqualifications. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield. Kuethe said what he struggles with is everybody else passed tech including another driver who was using Red Line oil. Foster asked if the right procedures were used in calibrating and cleaning the tool. He expressed concern because Watson was disqualified then Foster was next and failed. Brian Schroeder reported the Saturday of the Champ Race he saw some pass and some fail. Banfield replied on Saturday the meter wasn't jumping back and forth. Josh Wagar said on Saturday the gauge was very inconsistent and fuel passed then when the jug was dipped ten seconds later, it failed. He explained he called Digatron and was told those numbers were really weird having a base of 109 and it should usually be 20-40. Wagar reported at the Champ Race Grimes was 25. Warren responded it is still a comparative reading and setting it at 109 is to your advantage. He further stated you're not supposed to leave the meter sit in the fuel. Warren discussed extensive testing he conducted and said he found nothing wrong. Ron Pierce explained he took OVKA's meter out of the equation because he saw it moving around. He said he thoroughly believes the meter needs to be sent to the factory to have it calibrated. Alan Johnson stated the factory instructions are specific regarding setting the calibration or the auto calibration can be used off the cyclohexane. He explained the numbers will change based on temperature and the manufacturer recommends five points either way for a ten point spread. Following further discussion, Coombs's motion was voted on and passed with nine in favor and one abstained (Warren). Schroeder asked how much a new meter costs to which Wagar replied around \$1,000. Boles said we might want to test Red Line separately and Pierce added they test differently. Warren said we have not proven the meter is bad. Wagar stated when there are this many people upset and you look at the WKA rulebook and see there are other things that can be done and it can

be sent off for further testing which wasn't followed. Kuethe responded you are right and we will not make that mistake again. Wagar said there are two or three more tests that can be done such as alcohol, water and color tests. He added when there are three people who are adamant they mixed properly, this should be a red flag and there are procedures in the rulebook that didn't get followed. Warren responded he thinks Wagar's point is exaggerated a bit and now there is no means to protest to the next level; we can't collect it and chain of custody it. Kuethe said he hopes nobody is taking this the wrong way; he thoroughly trusts the individuals and there are no accusations of cheating. Foster replied we have all been in tech this year. Banfield said this is a very complicated issue and we are trying to determine why it happened. He added there are other people saying they passed and he does not know what the problem is. Foster replied so you're saying there is a problem. Kuethe responded he does not like what Foster is saying. Banfield said there was a mistake as there was not a base sample and fuel sample grabbed. Pierce explained in the past baby food jars were used to impound fuel. Don Boles stated they are still there. Kuethe replied we missed that. Following further discussion, Brian Schroeder made a motion to appropriate \$1,200 to purchase a new fuel meter and send the old one out for calibration. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Warren said we ran three fuels last year and there wasn't a problem and asked why we need to spend this. Wagar reported the FT64 fuel meter's list price is \$739 for the deluxe model and \$699 for the standard model. Schroeder inquired if anybody knows the age of our fuel meter asking if it is ten or fifteen years old. Boles replied he does not think it is that old. Schroeder asked if we want to have the old one calibrated or purchase two new ones. Kuethe responded we should send one out. Pierce explained the meter should be sent in every year to get certification and in the past we had two meters. He said he does not know the cost to have it calibrated to which Wagar stated he does not think it is that much. Schroeder's motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Schroeder will order the meter tomorrow. Foster said he appreciates all of the time and effort put into this.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

PROCEDURAL CONCERN: Starla McCauley asked why after filing a protest and being denied, she was told that is all she could do. Ken Kuethe read the protest from race six and said as he understands it, the matter was discussed with Ted Cradlebaugh and that the corner worker did not see it. McCauley replied according to the rulebook, we could have gone further including having witnesses. Kuethe explained the next step would be to appeal to the board at the track. McCauley replied she asked about that and the comment back to her was, "Where's grandpa?" and she feels that is not acceptable. McCauley said while Cradlebaugh is not here, ideally he would have said it could be taken to the appeals committee. She discussed concerns about rough driving and said there are problems in turns one and two. Aaron Banfield noted McCauley had conversations with Cradlebaugh and Banfield did not realize McCauley was not given an opportunity to protest further. He said he does not know what to do to make it right except extend an apology. McCauley said she wanted to bring to the Board that she should have been able to protest further which she already knew because she had discussed the procedures with Lynda Coombs. Kuethe said while he knows it doesn't make it better for this situation, Cradlebaugh can add Board members as extra eyes.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Don Boles, seconded by Ken Kuethe, motioned to adjourn to executive session at 8:41 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session was called to order at 9:02p.m. Ken Kuethe explained since Rick Wagar could not be here this evening, the vote for a Board position will be pushed back. Kuethe discussed Reid Smith's May email stating Smith's intent to resign but no resignation was received. The Board discussed procedures pertaining to this situation. Kuethe will reach out to Smith. Having been nominated last month, Josh Johnson was voted to the OVKA Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT: Brian Schroeder, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn the executive session at 9:30 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Rollin' on the River Charity Car Show – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, July 22, 2018, Fernbank Park, Route 50 West / River Road, Saylor Park, OH
- Lebanon Blues Festival – 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, August 4, 2018, Lebanon, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2018 Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Contact Doug Benson regarding making Michael Lewis an administrator for the OVKA Facebook site, along with Ken Kuethe and Ray McKibben work on transponder cabinet.
- Ken Kuethe – Obtain DARF contact information from Don Boles then reach out to them, reach out to Reid Smith.
- Michael Lewis – Assist in providing Gary Osterholt with current information for the OVKA website, work with Gary Osterholt on listing OVKA Hall of Fame and Lifetime Members on the OVKA website, along with Ken Kuethe and Ray McKibben work on transponder cabinet.
- Ray McKibben – Along with Ken Kuethe and Ray McKibben work on transponder cabinet.
- Brian Schroeder – Order fuel meter.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Banfield, D. Boles, J. Calvert, R. Coombs, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, M. Lewis, L. McCready, R. McKibben, B. Schroeder, and B. Warren.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, B. Foster, J. Grimes, C. Holliday, J. Holliday, A. Johnson, J. Johnson, E. McCauley, S. McCauley, V. Oatts, R. Pierce, D. Schroeder, J. Wagar, B. Warren and W. Watson.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 7/23/18.