

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked that cell phones be turned down.

**INSTALLATION OF 2019 OFFICERS:** The same officers from last year will be serving in 2019: Ken Kuethe, President; Aaron Banfield, Vice-President; Lynda Coombs, Secretary; and Jason Gregg, Treasurer.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the January 5, 2019 annual general membership meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ken Kuethe provided bank balances. Gary Gregg explained the Roberts Centre needs to be paid.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs explained he is waiting for some invoices and will have the banquet report next month. The plan is to have the 2019 banquet at the same location with the date being January 4, 2020. Ken Kuethe said the date for that same weekend in 2021 would put it on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The second weekend of January is when the Cavalcade Show is held. Consensus of the board was to not have the banquet that close to the holiday weekend. Coombs will discuss this with the Marriott and explained there is another Marriott in West Chester he can check with. Ted Cradlebaugh said the banquet was better than ever. Coombs thanked Lynda Coombs, Ray McKibben and all of the people who helped with the banquet.

**SWAP MEET:** Doug Benson reviewed the Swap Meet and thanked Brian Schroeder, Derek Hughes, Marlene Cook, and all of the workers. Ken Kuethe and Ted Cradlebaugh extended thanks to Benson for his work coordinating the event. There was discussion about the admission price. Cradlebaugh suggested coming up with an advertising plan to promote to attract new people. Kuethe said there will be meetings at 7:00 p.m. at Full Throttle on February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup> to make a plan. He explained these will be brainstorming sessions and discussion of how we can take action. Benson asked about data how people found out about OVKA. Lynda Coombs can provide information from previous data collection that was gathered. Ray McKibben discussed the tech seminars held at the Swap Meet. Michael Lewis asked about having Swap Meet flyers in April to which Benson said we can do that. Randy Landes suggested doing some non-motorsports shows, such as boat or camping shows. Aaron Banfield will report how the Home Expo goes for his company this year. Other ideas mentioned were Kentucky Speedway, Indianapolis, car shows, the Buckeye Karting Series races, and every board member finding billboard sponsors. McKibben will update the tri-fold brochure.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Don Boles will be coordinating the DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Expo at the Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua being held Friday through Sunday, March 22 through 24, 2019. Ken Kuethe appropriated \$100 for this event. Ray McKibben thanked Racing4Vets for their donation of a kart and Briggs and Stratton for a 206 engine, both of which will be used for promotional events. McKibben explained graphics are needed for the kart and can be made by one of the Vets. He made a motion to donate \$250 to Racing4Vets. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Graphic designs were discussed. Kuethe thanked Rex Johnson for coordinating OVKA's participation in the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show, as well as all of the volunteers who worked at the show. Rex Johnson extended thanks to Michael Lewis for his help.

Lynda Coombs reported she saw people from the Indy Show at the Swap Meet. Lewis will be coordinating the Pumpkin Run event in Owensville in October at the Clermont County Fairgrounds.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Josh Johnson discussed pit spot payments. Michael Lewis will look into the feasibility of using PayPal for pit spot payments.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ken Kuethe discussed clean-up day which is Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Brian Schroeder asked there be a list of everything that needs to be done. Ken Kuethe will put together the list. Ray McKibben explained when the weather breaks, he will get the grid area sealed and the lines painted.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Ken Kuethe reported tech people are being lined up and a meeting will be held.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Brian Schroeder discussed promoting the classes on Facebook and considering having someone as a representative for each class or say to contact one of the board members.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TRAVEL:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported of the 67 people who signed up at the annual meeting, 61 want to travel. Ray McKibben asked when we are going to start the process. Ken Kuethe responded the President makes the schedule and Cradlebaugh added it is up to the board. Brian Schroeder discussed finding out the cost for everything. Cradlebaugh offered to check into this. Brent Warren suggested there be an ambulance wherever we go.

**NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**REQUEST TO MOVE UP:** Rob Schrage submitted a written request for his son, Thomas, to be able to move up to the Yamaha Senior Y Pipe, LO206 Senior, and KA100 Senior classes. The following six board members affirmed they believe there are no safety issues and Thomas Schrage is capable of racing in the specified classes: Aaron Banfield, Don Boles, Ted Cradlebaugh, Josh Johnson, Michael Lewis, and Ray McKibben. Lynda Coombs will submit the request to WKA.

**WORKERS:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed worker needs for the upcoming season. Lynda Coombs reported she was informed by WKA they will allow licensed drivers in the state they live in to fill worker positions. Ken Kuethe explained we will take each one individually.

**NEW RACERS:** Brent Warren and Brian Schroeder discussed reaching out to new folks. Ken Kuethe will contact the new members who signed up at the Swap Meet.

**YAMAHA CLASSES:** Brent Warren and Brian Schroeder discussed finding ways to promote the two-cycle classes. Schroeder explained many tracks in Ohio are not getting rid of them, suggested having Micro Swift run with Yamaha, and next year not wean any off. Aaron Banfield explained if there is the demand, there is a process. Following further discussion, Rob Schrage reported other series have offered free entries for certain packages.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Aaron Banfield, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, motioned to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75).
- DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Expo – Friday through Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua, OH,
- OVKA Clean-Up Day – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 23, 2019.

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Aaron Banfield – Report on Home Expo.
- Doug Benson – Coordinate Swap Meet flyers for April.
- Lynda Coombs – Provide data how people found out about OVKA, submit request to move up to WKA.
- Rick Coombs – Provide banquet report at the March board meeting.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Check into costs associated with traveling.
- Ken Kuethe – Put together list of items to be addressed for clean-up day, reach out to new members.
- Michael Lewis – Coordinate Pumpkin Run event in October, look into the feasibility of using PayPal for pit spot payments.
- Ray McKibben – When the weather breaks, seal grid area and paint lines.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Banfield, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, J. Johnson, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, M. Lewis, R. McKibben, B. Schroeder and B. Warren.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** D. Benson, M. Cook, L. Coombs, C. Holliday, J. Holliday, R. Johnson, V. Oatts, R. Schrage, T. Schrage.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 2/20/19.