

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked that cell phones be turned down.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the February 5, 2019 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously. Coombs explained entry forms need to be ordered and asked if there will be any changes to gate, entry, fuel, or transponder fees. Consensus of the board was to stay with last year's fee structure. Ken Kuethe will check into obtaining helmet stickers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ken Kuethe provided bank balances. Gary Gregg explained the Roberts Centre needs to be paid. Lynda Coombs reported it is her understanding all of the details to obtain the Bridgestone sponsorship funds have been taken care of.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs provided a banquet report and explained he was over budget. Don Boles, seconded by Aaron Banfield, made a motion to appropriate \$691.35 to cover the banquet overage. The motion passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Coombs). Ted Cradlebaugh discussed Ray McKibben not receiving a worker gift at the banquet. Lynda Coombs replied this was an oversight as McKibben was not on the worker schedule but did assist on race days when needed. Lynda Coombs said she will see McKibben receives a gift. McKibben thanked Cradlebaugh. Rick Coombs reported the Mason Marriott has been informed about not having the 2020 banquet there on January 2, 2021 due to the closeness to the holiday. They have informed us the only date in 2021 that is open is January 22 & 23, 2021 which would most likely conflict with the Indy Show. Consensus of the board was to have Coombs check into another Marriott location. McKibben discussed eagle awards from the past banquet. Rick Coombs explained the previous style was no longer available. McKibben agreed to check with the trophy provider to see what other options are available.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Don Boles is coordinating OVKA's participation in the DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Expo at Piqua Mall which conflicts with our clean-up day. A Racing4Vets representative will attend. Lynda Coombs reported DARF Promoter's Night will be Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. (meal at 6:00 p.m.), at Rip Rap Roadhouse in Dayton. Ken Kuethe, Aaron Banfield, and Rex Johnson will represent OVKA. Don Boles explained most tracks have a DARF Night but we offer a one-time pass for any race for DARF members. Ted Cradlebaugh would like to see DARF come set up their tent at one of our events and tell about their organization. Cradlebaugh asked if the new canopy was ordered. Lynda Coombs replied she ordered it. Banfield reported the Marketing Work Group has met twice and generated ideas. A third meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at Full Throttle after which time recommendations will be brought to the board. Michael Lewis will be hosting a no-cost Introduction to Karting event from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2019, at Full Throttle. Lee McCready provided paperwork to sign up for the Lebanon Blues Festival being held in August. Aaron Banfield made a motion to appropriate \$375 for a bronze level sponsorship and two booth spaces at the Lebanon Blues Festival. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Lewis reported he will represent OVKA at a benefit car show this coming Saturday at West Clermont High School. Boles suggested Kuethe appropriate four gate entries for this event. Josh Johnson reported there was discussion at the Marketing Work Group about participating in the Butler County Fair which drew approximately

27,000 people last year. Following discussion of cost, details and volunteer coverage, Johnson made a motion to appropriate \$700 for a 15 foot by 15 foot booth at the Butler County Fair. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed unanimously. Boles will obtain information about an outdoor event hosted by the Montgomery County Park District. Dawn Schroeder will obtain pricing for tri-fold flyers and update the flyer.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ken Kuethe discussed clean-up day which is Saturday, March 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He will get with others and develop a list of what needs to be accomplished.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Don Boles discussed there being some 420 motors without specifications. Aaron Banfield will follow up with Craig Bogan. Brian Schroeder discussed helmet requirements and explained two WKA updates are anticipated March 6, 2019. Michael Lewis will post the updates.

TECHNOLOGY: Michael Lewis explained we are trying to be more visible and Brian Schroeder's suggestion of marketing specific classes will be put in place. Lewis is collaborating with Gary Osterholt on setting up a process for pit spot payments to be made through PayPal. Lewis reported we have an OVKA YouTube channel which he will announce on Facebook.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready asked there be notices put out reminding people of the April 1st deadline for pit spot renewals. Michael Lewis will do so.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAVELLING: Ted Cradlebaugh reported on conversations with New Castle Motorsports Park, Whiteland Raceway Park and Circleville Raceway Park. He said all three parks would like to have us and New Castle has three weekends available this year.

REQUEST TO MOVE UP: Ken Kuethe reported WKA approved the request to move up for Thomas Schrage. Lynda Coombs said Rob Schrage has been informed.

NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:

PRE-TECH FORM / PROCESS: Dan Fiehrer inquired about being able to have entry forms to fill out ahead of time as he has three karts. Lynda Coombs explained it is not necessary to fill out address, phone number, email address and how you found out about OVKA after doing so at the first race but other fields on the form do still need completed, including armband number and emergency contact. Brent Warren discussed not wanting to hand out pre-tech forms. Fiehrer discussed how it helps having people do pre-tech the night before. Aaron Banfield suggested having another sheet that Fiehrer can staple to the form. Fiehrer asked if there could be more pre-tech people to reduce the morning bottleneck. Ted Cradlebaugh explained he waits to start warmups until we are caught up. Randy Landes asked Lynda Coombs if it would be possible to list on the website all documentation that is needed. Coombs will provide the information to Michael Lewis for publication on the website and Facebook.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: Aaron Banfield reported Viral Ventures will be hosting a Mushroom Rally at Full Throttle on June 15, 16, 22 and 23, 2019. He explained 700 plus karters and families are expected. Banfield offered to provide 10 foot by 20 foot booth space to the club. Dawn Schroeder volunteered to coordinate this opportunity. Don Boles, Lynda Coombs and Brent Warren offered to help.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn to executive session at 9:18 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Called to order at 9:26 p.m. There was discussion of providing equitable opportunities for vendors.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, motioned to adjourn executive session at 10:13 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Expo - Friday through Sunday, March 22nd through 24th, 2019, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua, OH,
- OVKA Clean-Up Day – Saturday, March 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- DARF Promoter’s Night – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Rip Rap Road House, 6024 Rip Rap Road, Dayton, OH 45424
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75).
- OVKA Driving School/Karting 101 (Orientation) – Saturday, April 13, 2019, Gates open at 7:00 a.m.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Attend DARF Promoter’s Night, follow up with Craig Bogan regarding 420 engines.
- Don Boles – Coordinate OVKA’s participation at the DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Show, obtain information about outdoor event hosted by the Montgomery County Park District, staff booth at Mushroom Rally.
- Lynda Coombs – Provide worker gift to Ray McKibben, provide Michael Lewis with list of documentation and forms needed for publication on website, staff booth at Mushroom Rally.
- Rick Coombs – Check into another Marriott location for the 2020 banquet.
- Rex Johnson – Attend DARF Promoter’s Night.
- Ken Kuethe – Check into helmet stickers, attend DARF Promoter’s Night, develop list for clean-up day.
- Michael Lewis – Host Introduction to Karting event March 17, 2019, represent OVKA at a benefit car show on March 16, 2019, publish pit spot deadline, helmet updates and documentation needed for race days.
- Ray McKibben – Research eagle awards.
- Racing4Vets – Participate in the DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Show.
- Dawn Schroeder – Update tri-fold flyer, obtain tri-fold pricing, coordinate Mushroom Rally at Full Throttle in June.
- Brent Warren – Staff booth at Mushroom Rally.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: L. Coombs, D. Fiehrer, D. Schroeder and A. Williamson.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/17/19.