

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-President Aaron Banfield called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. He asked that cell phones be turned off or turned down.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the June 4, 2019 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Aaron Banfield provided bank balances. There was discussion of outstanding funds owed to the track.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported a meeting with the Marriott in West Chester regarding the 2020 banquet has been scheduled for this coming Friday, July 12, 2019. Coombs will report on the outcome at next month's board meeting.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Brian Schroeder reported Wes Schroeder, Nolan Holliday and Mayla Johnson drove karts in the Monroe Fourth of July parade and were well received. OVKA tri-fold brochures were distributed. Aaron Banfield noted seeing karts in action is better than seeing them on kart stands. Schroeder suggested people have their children participate in parades. Josh Johnson said there was a lot of interest. Banfield reported he is reaching out to some people who attended the Mushroom Rally that was held at Full Throttle. For now, an OVKA booth will remain on display in the lobby at Full Throttle. Johnson discussed time slots and signed people up to volunteer to staff the booth at the Butler County Fair. Lynda Coombs will pick up the fair tickets to bring to distribute to volunteers on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the Lebanon Blues Festival on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is the day before a Sunday race. Brent Warren suggested the pictures on the booth be updated as there are no 206 karts. Banfield approved expenditure of funds on behalf of the President within the amount allowed. Brian Schroeder said we can get a picture at the Champ Race. Brent Warren noted the quality of the DVD player is poor. Following discussion of the television, Brian Schroeder made a motion to allocate \$350 to purchase a new television. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Warren offered to make a case for the new television.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** No report.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Gary Gregg discussed the need to move forward with treating the pavilion, steps and tower. Brian Schroeder suggested the need for volunteers be announced at the driver's meeting.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh noted the Champ Race is coming up and said we get to do a few things.

**TECHNOLOGY:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE:** Ted Cradlebaugh suggested avoiding the day of the Commercial point race and noted OVKA started that event. Gary Gregg expressed concern about a double weekend with the rain date makeup being the weekend before the Champ Race.

**CHAMP RACE:** Dawn Schroeder and Jeanette Holliday have been working on the Champ Race. Schroeder distributed a flyer for review and changes were discussed. The flyer will be published on Facebook and printed. Volunteers can sign up to help with the games and dunk tank. Schroeder will reach out about lining up a photographer.

**TIRES:** Aaron Banfield recapped last month's board meeting dialog about tires and asked for the board's direction. There was discussion what compound other tracks are running and whether we should go with a new compound. Following discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion we accept Bridgestone's offer with tire testing to decide which compound. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. The motion was amended by Aaron Banfield that if based on testing we don't like the tires, the contract is null and void. The amendment was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with nine in favor and one abstained (Banfield). Testing procedures were discussed and it was suggested it be done in one day. Banfield will contact Bridgestone/Grand Products to inform them the contract is acceptable based on tire testing. He will also reach out to other tracks regarding what compounds they are using. Coombs said Cradlebaugh's motion needs to be voted on. Consensus was that with Banfield's amendment having passed, there does not need to be a vote on it. Warren extended thanks to Banfield for all of his work on this.

### **NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**2020 SCHEDULE:** Dan Fiehrer suggested asking members in September what schedule they would like to see to look at conflicts such as graduations and Saturday races. He said he would like the club to go with what the majority of members want. Ray McKibben suggested having a cutoff date of the October board meeting for input about the schedule and class structure so the board and Rules Committee have time. Brian Schroeder offered to provide a calendar of when our races are and what was going on with the weather and other races to look at trends. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed how it would be helpful for people to say whether they don't want Saturday races and whether we schedule off the nationals and other races. Gary Gregg suggested not running any Saturday daytime races and to run two heats. Ray McKibben said Saturday races could then be started at 6:00 p.m. Brent Warren suggested a poll be conducted to include how many Saturday races, pea-pick and double header races people would like. Dawn Schroeder suggested using Facebook for a poll and said login could be done at registration. Brian Schroeder raised the question why we have to follow other track schedules. Lynda Coombs said she has previous polls that can be used as a point of reference. Fiehrer offered to take the lead in developing a poll.

**CHARITY RACE:** Ron Swift reported everybody talked and would like to have the 420s run against the Yamaha at the Charity Race. Aaron Banfield replied that is the Race Director's decision.

**SWAP MEET:** Aaron Banfield reported he spoke with Doug Benson who intends to have Swap Meet flyers printed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. A lot of dirt racers had a problem with the \$5.00 increase for entry into the Swap Meet. Banfield discussed pre-selling tickets at a reduced rate with a one week in advance cutoff and utilizing Motorsportreg.com. Banfield is going to contact vendors about providing educational classes and said there can be a class schedule. Ray McKibben suggested including on the flyer that there will be classes and tech seminars. Banfield said Benson is looking for feedback about the Swap Meet. Brian Schroeder inquired if there would be a way to add getting a booth and two tickets with a ticket price of \$13.00 each. Ted Cradlebaugh thinks it is a mistake to lower the price of tickets. Banfield discussed the advantage of purchasing tickets online with the "buy now" feature and offer a 30% discount. Schroeder suggested the vendors have sale items they can promote. Gregg discussed the fees other organizations charge and said he thinks we are reacting too much. Brent Warren suggested having a burnout box and Cradlebaugh recommended the drawings be held later in the day. Gregg noted we do a good job advertising to karters and vendors

and he thinks we need to find ways to advertise to people who do not know about karting. Jeannette Holliday spoke about changing too many things at once. She noted people can't use credit cards and we want them to have their cash available. Dawn Schroeder explained a lot of people had sticker shock at having to pay \$80 for their group and recommended having online credit cards. Gregg explained we used to advertise in newspapers and magazines. Brian Schroeder suggested advertising in school newspapers. Banfield stated this board needs to decide where to advertise. Holliday discussed having a flyer for the Butler County Fair. McKibben offered to change the date on the existing flyer if someone can get it printed. Dawn Schroeder said a poster or post card could be made for the fair. Following discussion, consensus was to have a way to take credit card payments. Banfield said he thinks pre-sales are more important as there is a commitment because they already paid. Gregg discussed having a race car driver at the Swap Meet.

**KID KARTS:** Gary Gregg said he was not aware until recently that Kid Karts are receiving first, second and third place trophies. Michael Lewis replied they are gold, silver and bronze. Gregg said he thinks they should all be the same and he does not want to score them. Lewis replied he thinks we lose them because we don't have a Kid Kart championship. Brian Schroeder suggested charging Kid Karts \$10 for the Champ Race entry fee.

**206 SENIORS:** Gary Gregg suggested offering heavy, lite, or master 206 classes. Aaron Banfield replied we will have the same people run both classes and that is a class structure question for next season, not in mid-season. Ted Cradlebaugh reported we went from 27 to 13 karts having chased them away because of weight. Banfield asked if we want to have a conversation with the class and offered to make calls. Ray McKibben said he would like to see a class for 40-year-olds with a 390# weight. Rick Coombs discussed going with whatever the 206 series does. Banfield replied they have heavy, lite, and master classes. Ron Swift said in dirt racing, they make the driver weigh over 225#. Banfield suggested getting agreement and not starting this immediately until we ask the drivers. McKibben reported about a meeting held at the start of last season at which time consensus was to have a large class. He explained three guys from Whiteland had said they were going to come present to the board. Brian Schroeder said the rulebook says November. McKibben explained we are already set up with the Briggs Racing Series and it is too late as he has submitted the seven races we are going to do for that series. He discussed the importance of keeping the numbers up in 206 because over ten karts in the class provides an extra half point. Banfield replied we would need to be clear if they run in a heavy class, they lose points. Following further discussion, Gary Gregg made a motion to create a 206 Senior Heavy class at 400# and adjust the weight if needed beginning at the Champ Race. The class will not qualify for a jacket or eagle but will receive plaques based on participation and will have one drop. The motion was seconded by Josh Johnson and passed with nine in favor and one opposed (Schroeder).

**EAGLE TROPHIES:** Ray McKibben explained our trophy provider was not able to get the typical eagles for the last banquet but has since been able to locate them at an additional cost of \$10. He said a member would like to trade his because it doesn't match his other eagles. Aaron Banfield asked that the person call him and he will trade them.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Aaron Banfield, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, motioned to adjourn to executive session at 9:38 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed tech staffing for the upcoming Champ Race. Following discussion, a motion was made to appropriate \$425 to bring in Lewis Stout to assist with tech. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Aaron Banfield, seconded by Rick Coombs, motioned to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- Butler County Fair - Sunday, July 21, 2019 to Saturday, July 27, 2019, 1715 Fairgrove Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45011
- Rollin' on the River Charity Car Show - Sunday, July 28, 2019 Fernbank Park, 50 Thornton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45233
- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 3, 2019, Lebanon, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2019, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Aaron Banfield – Reach out to people who expressed interest at the Mushroom Rally, contact Bridgestone/Grand Products regarding tire contract, reach out to other tracks regarding tire compounds they are using, contact Swap Meet vendors about providing educational classes.
- Lynda Coombs – Pick up Butler County Fair tickets for volunteers, provide previous polls to Dan Fiehrer.
- Dan Fiehrer – Develop a poll regarding the race schedule.
- Jeanette Holliday – Coordinate Champ Race activities.
- Josh Johnson – Coordinate volunteers for the Butler County Fair.
- Brian Schroeder – Purchase new television, provide a calendar of OVKA races, the weather and other races.
- Dawn Schroeder – Coordinate Champ Race activities.
- Brent Warren – Make a case for new television.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** A. Calvert, L. Coombs, J. Doran, D. Fiehrer, J. Holliday, V. Oatts, D. Schroeder, and R. Swift.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 7/27/19