

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the August 6, 2019 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ken Kuethe provided bank balances.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported he is waiting for a revised banquet contract from the Marriott in West Chester for the 2020 banquet to be held in January of 2021.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Ray McKibben reported he talked with Sean Birkle about getting 20 to 25 new photos for the show booth. Don Boles reached out to Coyote who is going to get back with pricing for a kart frame. Brian Schroeder said Dawn Schroeder can make stickers for the kart. Brian Schroeder obtained a new television for the show booth.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Dan Fiehrer reported he will be picking up a sign for installing on a billboard.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben reported he and Bill Chambers replaced the pavilion steps. Additionally, McKibben installed two LED lights on a pole and he noted there were positive comments about the color of the light. Brian Schroeder reported a light is out at the post-tech area. McKibben offered to take care of this. Ted Cradlebaugh said the pavilion still needs sealed.

TECH DEPARTMENT: No report.

TECHNOLOGY: Ken Kuethe asked Michael Lewis to post a reminder about the race this Saturday being a daytime event. Aaron Banfield will provide an iPad and Square credit card reader for testing credit card payments. Ray McKibben reported Gary Osterholt asked to be included if we are going to go to online registration in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

TIRES: Ted Cradlebaugh asked if we voted to go with Bridgestone tires. Aaron Banfield explained the vote was to go with Bridgestone based on testing and he anticipates having the tires at the end of this month.

2020 SCHEDULE: Ken Kuethe reported a poll has been put together and discussed the challenges of developing the race schedule. He said while he will not be the incoming president, he will get the schedule out but it will only be tentative until the next president comes in. Kuethe noted people will have no idea what their kid's baseball, volleyball or other sports schedules are. Brian Schroeder said it would be nice to have the schedule available for the Cavalcade show. Following further discussion and review of the questionnaire, consensus was the questionnaire be limited to one per household with a name required.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHARITY RACE: Ken Kuethe will start announcing about the Charity Race at driver's meetings. Ray McKibben asked if there is something that can be done to increase the kart count at this event. Aaron Banfield replied Ron Swift had asked to have the 420 karts verses the Y pipes. Banfield will match dollar-for-dollar donations up to a total of \$500. Kuethe will announce that donations of non-perishable items will be collected. Dan Fiehrer suggested having an open engine, non-techable class. Brian Schroeder recommended the configuration be announced ahead of time. McKibben suggested running the 1A configuration backwards. Ted Cradlebaugh explained configurations, including backwards, will be put in a drawing. Cradlebaugh would like there to be a chili cook-off and Banfield offered for Full Throttle to provide \$250 for first, second and third places. Lynda Coombs reported having a bake sale was suggested to her. Consensus was to not do this unless someone wants to organize it.

CLEAN-UP DAY: Ken Kuethe explained clean-up day is the day after the Charity Race. Volunteers will be needed to help close up the facility.

OLD BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:

WKA: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed how there is so much involved in combining with other clubs, including whether to race in the rain. Don Boles stated someone has to organize it. Aaron Banfield said whoever is next will negotiate it and bring it to the board. Kuethe added it sounds good but there is a lot that goes into it.

RULES COMMITTEE: Ken Kuethe reported Rick Wagar has decided to not serve as chairperson of the Rules Committee. Kuethe explained in addition to a chairperson, the voting committee is to include three general members and three board members. Ray McKibben offered to serve on the committee. Ted Cradlebaugh explained everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Kuethe said he will serve as chairperson unless there is another volunteer. He asked that suggestions regarding new or existing rules be sent to him. Banfield offered to provide meeting room space at Full Throttle. Josh Johnson reported Shelley Powers would like people to display pit spot stickers on the back of trailers next year and she will provide the stickers. This will be put on the list for the Rules Committee.

SWAP MEET: Ray McKibben asked for prize ideas for the Swap Meet. Doug Benson said he plans to keep the Mychron raffle which does real good but not the money raffle. He noted Marlene Cook does a good job selling tickets. McKibben discussed having tech seminars. Aaron Banfield has emails out to vendors about offering product education sessions.

OVKA EQUIPMENT: Michael Lewis inquired about the use of OVKA equipment on non-race days. Rick Coombs said this should be stopped to which Ken Kuethe and Aaron Banfield agreed.

RACING4VETS: Rainer Pansch reported the Vets plan on pulling three karts out of 420 and running two karts in the KA class. Rex Johnson discussed how right now points follow the kart. Aaron Banfield explained the reason the club was okay with this was because it is a local option class and KA is not. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if there are drivers to support this full time to which Johnson replied no. Pansch explained they are trying to get new people. Cradlebaugh noted right now KA is not getting points and Dan Fiehrer explained that is because the class does not have enough for trophies. Following further discussion, Fiehrer said in fairness this should be brought up to the guys who run KA. Ken Kuethe offered to help talk with the KA driver about this. Johnson asked for permission to install an Ohio Valley Karting Association logo on their newly acquired trailer and said

they are moving to promote OVKA more as one of their sponsors. Rex Johnson and Rainer Pansch extended their thanks.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn to executive session at 8:44 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session convened at 8:54 p.m. following a break. Ray McKibben initiated discussion of processes for addressing conflict resolution. Having been nominated last month, Jeanette Holliday was unanimously voted to the OVKA Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to adjourn executive session at 9:13 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2019, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- OVKA Charity Race – Saturday, October 12, 2019
- OVKA Clean-Up Day – Sunday, October 13, 2019

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Provide iPad & Square credit card reader for testing credit card payments, match Charity Race donations up to \$500 total, Full Throttle will provide \$250 for chili cook-off prizes, and provide meeting room for Rules Committee meetings.
- Don Boles – Obtain pricing information from Coyote for a kart frame for shows.
- Ken Kuethe – Develop 2020 schedule, make announcements about Charity Race at driver's meetings, serve as chairperson of Rules Committee (unless there is another volunteer), and help talk with the KA drivers regarding Vets karts for next year.
- Michael Lewis – Post reminder about upcoming Saturday race being a daytime event.
- Ray McKibben – Partner with Sean Birkle regarding photos for the show booths, replace light at post-tech area, and serve on Rules Committee.
- Brian Schroeder for Dawn Schroeder – Make stickers for show kart.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: D. Benson, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Fiehrer, S. Golladay, J. Holliday, R. Johnson, and R. Pansch.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 9/25/19