

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He thanked everyone for coming and explained the board will go right into an executive session. Kuethe, seconded by Aaron Banfield, motioned to move into executive session. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Brian Schroeder recused himself from the executive session. A board member matter was discussed.

INSTALLATION OF 2020 OFFICERS: Ken Kuethe turned over the OVKA presidency to Aaron Banfield; Michael Lewis was seated as Vice President, Lynda Coombs as Secretary and Jason Gregg as Treasurer. Rick Coombs extended thanks to Kuethe for all of the work he did serving the club as OVKA President the past two years.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the January 4, 2020 annual general membership meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed with twelve in favor and one abstained (Landes).

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of the treasurer, Aaron Banfield provided the current bank balance. Gary Gregg reported Swap Meet bills still need to be paid. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if the Bridgestone sponsorship has been received. Ken Kuethe will reach out about this. Banfield reported Hoosier sponsorship should arrive in March. Josh Johnson asked if the banquet is paid for. Rick Coombs explained it is except for a trophy invoice of approximately \$125.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs distributed a banquet report which showed banquet expenses came in under budget. Ted Cradlebaugh said Rick & Lynda Coombs did a fine job and a round of applause was given. Ray McKibben reported Sean Birkle will be providing photos from the banquet. Rick Coombs reported he and Lynda met with the Marriott located in West Chester and asked for the board's approval to enter into contract with this new location for the 2020 banquet with a date of Saturday, January 16, 2021. He explained the reason for moving is due to the previous location only having availability on January 2, 2021 or at the end of January of 2021. Coombs noted there will be a slight increase in the room rate to \$92. Aaron Banfield made a motion to empower Rick Coombs to review and commit to this Marriott. The motion was seconded by Josh Johnson and passed with twelve in favor and one abstained (Coombs).

SWAP MEET: Aaron Banfield said the Swap Meet was a success. He extended thanks to the many volunteers who helped at the event. Brian Schroeder stated there were both members and non-members who helped. Banfield reported there were people who purchased karts, became new members, and signed up for pit spots. He said Roger Caddell from AIM was impressed with our Swap Meet and plans to be back next year. Ted Cradlebaugh stated it was a very good show and the karting class was excellent. Ray McKibben suggested having an Introduction to Karting several weeks before the season starts. Rick Coombs stated the AIM seminar was very good and reported there is going to be a basic class and advanced class offered at Full Throttle. Banfield explained these are going to be put on by a kart shop and will be fee-based. Josh Johnson made a motion to appropriate \$825 to buy another credit card unit in a deluxe model. The motion was seconded by Brian Schroeder and passed unanimously. Gary Gregg reported Terry Pastor is working on locating old pictures from previous swap meets.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Lynda Coombs explained the Indy Show seemed to have low attendance and fewer vendors. Don Boles made a motion to appropriate \$100 for booth space at the DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Show in Piqua March 13th through 15th. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with twelve in favor and one abstained (Boles). Boles explained set up will be on Thursday, March 12th, and volunteers will be needed to staff the booth. Brian Schroeder reported \$1,100 was allocated for the Cavalcade Show but only \$900 was spent. He extended thanks to Don Boles and Ray McKibben for transporting the trailer, as well as the volunteers who helped. McKibben explained the television video presentation has been moved to a USB stick instead of using a DVD player. He discussed the importance of not losing the television remote as the television has no external buttons.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Josh Johnson reported five new members reserved pit spots while at the Swap Meet. He discussed the potential proceeds if all spots get filled. Johnson asked the board for direction about daily use of spots that are in reserved areas and said we could add a \$15 fee on the registration form. Dylan Cradlebaugh stated it could be hard to police and someone would be needed to do this. Ted Cradlebaugh said we need to make sure there are plenty of free spots. Johnson discussed the inequity of people parking in reserved spots when others have paid for their spots. Ray McKibben suggested painting spots blue for reserved and red for open. Aaron Banfield said this can be done at clean-up day. Bruce Wyke raised the question if it would be better to ask and collect money at the gate using a form. Gary Gregg replied that is no problem. Doug Cook suggested providing stickers that show people have paid for their spot. Banfield asked Johnson if he is agreeable to table this for thirty days to figure out where the money is going to be collected. Johnson asked if he has the support of the gate and registration to which Gregg and Lynda Coombs replied yes. Johnson reported Shelley Powers has asked that people who leave their trailers put stickers identifying who they belong to in the event they need to be contacted. Wyke asked if OVKA racers with reserved pit spots will have first dibs for the Buckeye race. Johnson said in talking with Scott Benton, they can if they are racing with the BKC. Banfield added this needs to be confirmed with Benton.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh explained pre-tech procedures will be changing and there will be criteria establishing when racers have to come to pre-tech every week. Racers with an X on their helmet and non-members will be required to go to pre-tech each time. Pre-tech forms will be given at registration and it will be the racer's responsibility to make sure items are correct. Bruce Wyke asked if forms will be available online to which Cradlebaugh replied he is not sure we will be doing that. Aaron Banfield said the tech team will have a tent by the scale. Cradlebaugh explained racers will turn in their tech form to a tech member where they will get a kart band. He further stated no one is to go on the track without a kart band. Ray McKibben discussed an email he sent to the board about Briggs 206 rule changes. Banfield noted the list of clutches narrows it to three. Michael Lewis said March 31st is the date to be compliant by per Briggs. Ray McKibben made a motion to update the 206 Briggs engine rules set from 2019 to 2020 as published on the Briggs and Stratton website. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. McKibben reported the Briggs Weekly Racing Series information is not out yet and he will notify the board when it is available. McKibben asked that Briggs 206 information be published on the website and Facebook. Banfield said Ted Cradlebaugh will write a tech update and Banfield will get the information to Gary Osterholt.

TECHNOLOGY: No report.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed building a worker stand in turn one and said this will help tremendously. Gary Gregg replied he has scaffolding.

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 SCHEDULE: Aaron Banfield explained race dates have not changed and he has added configurations. He discussed details pertaining to racing at Whiteland and said he is not sure yet of the cost of fuel. Banfield will talk with our workers about their availability. Ray McKibben inquired about using our fuel at Whiteland. Banfield replied theirs is 110 VP. Ted Cradlebaugh said he does not want to tech two different fuels. Banfield asked that Cradlebaugh be provided time to figure this out. Banfield stated Whiteland will be having a Saturday night race on August 1st, the day before our race there. He explained we cannot run Hoosier tires and they will help find Bridgestones for those who would like to race with them. McKibben expressed concern about parking the night before for our racers. Michael Lewis explained our race is not until Sunday and said you don't have to come in Saturday night. Banfield will check into overflow parking. Ken Kuethe asked if there will be any Saturday practice. Banfield will check on this. Bruce Wyke inquired about extended finals listed on our schedule. Banfield explained the plan is to have two rounds of warm-ups, no pre-final and a longer final. Don Boles asked if a class can decide they would like to do fewer laps. Banfield said he will defer to the Race Director, Dylan Cradlebaugh, for that. Wyke asked if it possible to register a driver who doesn't take a lap until the final. Ted Cradlebaugh said he thinks we should discuss this. Banfield will confirm the rules and follow up with Wyke.

NEW BUSINESS:

BY-LAWS: Don Boles suggested the by-laws be changed to have the schedule ready in December. Ray McKibben said the existing president could have it out by November so people can make plans for vacations. Aaron Banfield discussed the willingness of the Buckeye Karting Challenge to work with us. Brian Schroeder discussed following the by-laws and said he would like his dad to speak. Gary Schroeder introduced himself and shared his background. He commended everyone and explained the by-laws were last approved nine years ago and were amended twice. Gary Schroeder said each of you has a fiduciary responsibility to the members. He discussed his review of the by-laws and said every three to five years by-laws should be reviewed and revised. Gary Schroeder offered to step up and be on a committee with any other members and said he is happy to help the organization. Gary Gregg responded he thinks we should do this. Banfield said there are things in the by-laws we could look at and may like to change. He asked Gary Schroeder to share his review with the board to discuss via email. Gary Schroeder suggested forming a committee and said he doesn't think the whole board needs to be involved. Following further discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh said we will have to get our lawyer involved. Gary Schroeder explained a lot of work can be done ahead of that then have the attorney review it. Banfield said he appreciates Gary Schroeder's work and asked that it be sent out to the board.

RECRUITING: Aaron Banfield suggested forming a recruiting committee to reach out and partner with people who have expressed interest. He said he would like the board to approve the expenditures of covering their pit passes the first time they come for us to show them around. Banfield said he would like Michael Lewis to chair this committee. Banfield made a motion we form a recruiting committee if Michael Lewis is willing. The motion was seconded by Gary Gregg and passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

GOLD CUP BODYWORK IN KID KARTS: Austin Williamson asked the board to allow Gold Cup bodywork in the Kid Kart class. Ted Cradlebaugh responded it was allowed last year. Michael Lewis noted the Kid Kart class was not a championship class last year. Bruce Wyke said the way he reads the rulebook, it needs to be clarified. Following further discussion of WKA and OVKA rules, Cradlebaugh will get clarification and inform Williamson.

ADJOURNMENT: Don Boles, seconded by Rick Coombs, motioned to adjourn at 10:11 p.m. Motion passed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2020, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Show – Friday through Sunday, March 13-15, 2020, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua OH

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Provide Briggs 206 information to Gary Osterholt for publication, check into overflow parking and Saturday practice at Whiteland, follow up with Bruce Wyke about the rules pertaining to a driver not being present until the final.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Write tech update for publication, clarify whether God Cup bodywork is permitted in the Kid Kart class then inform Austin Williamson.
- Ken Kuethe – Reach out about Bridgestone sponsorship.
- Gary Schroeder – Send email to board with his review of the by-laws.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: R. Chambers, D. Cook, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, C. Holliday, S. Keith, Z. Keith, G. Schroeder, S. Streidl, T. Swindling, A. Williamson, and B. Wyke.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 2/19/2020