

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: President Aaron Banfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and extended a welcome. He asked that phones be put on silent and that everyone be sure to sign in.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, made a motion to accept the February 4, 2020 board meeting minutes as published. Ray McKibben questioned discussion about the by-laws, parliamentary procedures and comments he made not being included and said the minutes need to be amended to include the entire sheet given out by Gary Schroeder. Lynda Coombs asked the board if there was an expectation that Gary Schroeder's suggestions be included in their entirety since Schroeder was going to update that which he presented then email it to the board. Rick Coombs noted that Gary Schroeder put out information by email after the meeting. Lynda Coombs asked McKibben what specifically he was requesting be included. Ted Cradlebaugh pointed out the topic will be coming back up under old business to which McKibben said he does not have a problem waiting. The motion to approve the February minutes was then voted on and passed with nine in favor and one abstained (McKibben). Lynda Coombs discussed a motion voted on last month that appropriated \$825 for a deluxe credit card reader and said this could fund two smaller card readers. Josh Johnson asked that last month's motion be amended to purchase two smaller units at an anticipated cost of \$650. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously. Lynda Coombs discussed pre-registration fees that will be charged by our software provider to cover the cost of credit cards fees and her preparation of the file. She explained there is the option of having a different fee structure for web pricing to cover the cost of the additional fees. Josh Johnson replied it is usually cheaper for pre-registration and Bruce Wyke added there is definitely a discount. Lynda Coombs explained entrants will still need to come to registration to complete the release and obtain their tech sheet which is a different process this season. Dan Fiehrer said he does not think there should be fees for pre-registration as it defeats the purpose and when people don't show up who have pre-registered, they don't get a refund. Ray McKibben noted there is not a discount for paying cash and suggested not raising the entry fee so as not to penalize. Aaron Banfield said we could have an online registration line at the track. Rick Coombs said the fee could be around \$2.02 per person and Banfield added it would be about \$100 per event. McKibben asked for clarification as to whether it would be one fee, not two, that covers the credit card & software provider fee. Banfield explained the software runs credit cards through a separate processor then the remaining percentage is for the software administrator so it is all in one. Bruce Wyke inquired about being able to pay for pit spots, fuel and gate fees online. Banfield said he does not know about including the gate. Johnson inquired if our software provider is the one taking care of pre-registration preparation to which Lynda Coombs confirmed she is and explained the pre-registration work done then feeds directly into the software for race day. Fiehrer said if there is no extra charge for registering online, he thinks we will get extra people to show up. McKibben suggested seeing how it goes at a few races then we can come back and look at raising the cost. Cradlebaugh replied we should not look at raising fees this year and the said the club is working hard on figuring this out. Gary Gregg stated if we are going to raise the price, we need to do it now. Banfield said we could tack on a slight fee and suggested we get this up and running and see what bugs there are. Brian Schroeder said he wonders about adding a \$3.00 fee. Banfield replied we would not do this with pit spots or every item and said we need to walk into this carefully. Pat Slattery said we are headed in a good direction. Banfield asked if it is the consensus of the board to pass on the fee to the consumer. Brian Schroeder replied he wants a flat fee \$3.00. Gregg asked what other tracks do. Michael Lewis reported one charges \$65 to race and \$35 to practice and absorbs the fee. He further stated we charge almost half that. Banfield shared that another track charges \$80 for the

entry and \$75 to practice. Lynda Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$450 for software changes and computer support which includes an automatic calculation of the surcharge for credit cards. The motion was seconded by Josh Johnson and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of the treasurer, Aaron Banfield provided the current bank balance and said that funds from the Bridgestone tire contract were direct deposited on February 28th. Gary Gregg reported the Roberts Centre has been paid for the Swap Meet.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported the contract has been submitted along with a deposit for the 2020 banquet to be held in January of 2021 at the Marriott in West Chester. Ray McKibben inquired about the willingness of the facility to lock in for further down the road. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested waiting to see how we like it. Lynda Coombs said we could ask if they would pencil us in and give us first right of refusal.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Lynda Coombs noted the DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Show in Piqua March 13th through 15th. Don Boles is the contact to sign up to volunteer for this show. Brian Schroeder reported there are plenty of tri-fold flyers available.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready explained pit spots reservations are due by April 1st. He said he has heard from one returning sponsor so far.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh and Michael Lewis explained 206 updates are on Facebook. Lewis said Gary Osterholt needs to have the updates. Ron Swift, seconded by Josh Johnson, made a motion to appropriate \$100 to purchase five gallons of methanol fuel and 100 ml. beakers. The motion passed unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY: Aaron Banfield stated Josh Johnson has done a great job with updates. Gary Schroeder reported as of a couple weeks ago, the 2019 board positions had not been updated to 2020. Banfield said Scott Golladay needs to be added. Banfield asked that changes be directed to Michael Lewis.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh noted clean-up day is coming up. Ray McKibben asked what the biggest project is. Brian Schroeder responded to level the scale and Pat Slattery said turn one. McKibben explained he was planning on doing the scale. Cradlebaugh said to not let children slam their brakes on the scale including on practice days. McKibben discussed looking at the head flag stand and crow's nest. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked that flag posts be installed on the flag stand. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested using PVC for this and added that something is needed for the turn one corner worker. McKibben will take a look at the crow's nest and report back to Aaron Banfield.

RECRUITING COMMITTEE: Michael Lewis reported Scott Golladay and Bruce Wyke will be a part of the recruiting committee. Courtesy follow up calls will be made to potential members. Aaron Banfield will provide a contact list from the Cavalcade Show and Swap Meet. Ray McKibben asked that show items and rulebooks be available in the tower. Brian Schroeder said he has tri-folds.

OLD BUSINESS:

BY-LAWS: Lynda Coombs provided board members with a copy of the OVKA by-laws. Aaron Banfield discussed having by-law meetings structured as follows: conduct a review of the by-laws, bring suggested changes to the board, submit to legal counsel for review then back to the board. Gary Schroeder said to not have just a subcommittee; that you want the entire board to which

Banfield agreed. Gary Schroeder said this could take quite some time. Banfield explained that is why he recommends having separate meetings and he thinks it is important every board member be there. Ray McKibben said he does not disagree and suggested it be streamlined so it is narrowed down to help speed the process. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested reading over everything to be prepared when coming to meetings. Brian Schroeder stated he would like to see everybody together and it would be beneficial for everyone to understand why things are written. Gary Schroeder noted there would be 15 board members and he presumes he would be invited. Banfield explained 2/3 of the board is needed for by-law changes and his opinion is this should be open to any member of the club. Banfield will work on coordinating multiple dates with the board. Gary Schroeder said the attorney is going to look at content only and expressed concern about the length of time this will take. He further stated he is looking for a target date. Ray McKibben suggested a target date of June to which Banfield agreed.

GOLD CUP BODYWORK IN KID KARTS: Ted Cradlebaugh said the bodywork is just fine and there is not an issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 BUDGET: Aaron Banfield provided an estimated profit loss statement to the board. He explained this is not intended to be locked in place but to provide a common baseline that can be used as a guide and to set goals. Banfield reviewed each category. Pat Slattery stated we need more income. Ted Cradlebaugh said we should not depend on the Swap Meet and spend \$30,000 on a banquet. Banfield discussed the importance of not missing new opportunities and said there is a lot of competition in karting right now. He said he thinks going to online registration is a good step. Ray McKibben inquired about going to twelve races and having higher kart counts. Bruce Wyke stated the season is actually sixteen dates because we don't race in the rain and we have to hold those dates. McKibben discussed deciding whether to run 100% with OVKA or 75% and run with other series. Banfield said fourteen races is long and exceptionally hard to stay off other series. Gary Schroeder asked how much was allocated for the banquet. Banfield replied it was \$30,000 last year. Cradlebaugh added it was knocked down \$5,000. Josh Johnson asked if we are going to pay Gary Gregg to which Gregg said it is being worked on. Aaron Banfield made a motion to appropriate \$2,500 for printing and office supplies. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Banfield discussed looking at purchasing a new computer and allocating \$2,000. Brian Schroeder stated that is too high. Josh Johnson asked Banfield to provide him with the requirements. The matter was tabled. Aaron Banfield, seconded by Josh Johnson, made a motion to appropriate up to \$850 for additional tech tools. The motion passed with ten in favor and one abstained (Cradlebaugh). Cradlebaugh discussed looking at what we have and getting information about the Swift engine. Pat Slattery offered to look into information about VLR & KA tools. Ron Swift said we will probably have tools made too and discussed looking at what we have for the Comer. McKibben reported the last two years tools were taken to Jeff Stafford who is certified. Bruce Wyke inquired about who will be doing two-cycle and four-cycle tech. Banfield reported Dylan Cradlebaugh will be Race Director, Ted Cradlebaugh will be Tech Director and Ron Swift will be Assistant Tech Director. Dylan Cradlebaugh reported Chase Stempfley will be Head Flagman. Aaron Banfield made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 for uniforms for the people who committed for the majority of the season. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Wyke suggested providing corner workers with t-shirts to which Banfield replied he is fine with that. The motion passed unanimously.

SERIES T-SHIRTS: Lynda Coombs, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, made a motion to appropriate up to \$800 to purchase series t-shirts. The motion passed unanimously. Ray McKibben offered to obtain pricing and options for hats. Banfield discussed having someone to take the lead on t-shirts.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

BRIGGS CLUTCH: Ray McKibben explained there has been some updated information about the spark plug and Stinger clutch drum that will have to be addressed in order to meet the Briggs 206 engine rules set. Aaron Banfield reported May is the expected delivery date and as the date gets closer, there will be an update regarding the Stinger clutch.

BRIGGS WEEKLY RACING SERIES: Ray McKibben said he would like to get the board's approval to enter into the Briggs Weekly Racing Series. He explained there is no cost and said the last eleven races would be included. McKibben said our club has been number one in the amount of prizes. Consensus was to remain in the Briggs Weekly Racing Series.

CHAMP RACE: Brian Schroeder stated last year \$2,500 was allocated for activities for the Champ Race. He said there has been discussion about having a zipline. Gary Gregg replied that cost about \$3,800. Aaron Banfield said now is the time to get prices and come to the board.

VLR ENGINE: Aaron Banfield read an email asking to allow the Junior VLR at the back of the Senior VLR. Josh Johnson disagreed with doing so. Brian Schroeder asked if WKA would approve this to which Banfield replies he believes they would. Bruce Wyke asked if this goes back to the Race Director making the decision. Ted Cradlebaugh replied this opens it up; we don't have VLR. Wyke stated we are trying to get it. Banfield read from page 2 of the 2020 OVKA rulebook: "The above classes are the only championship classes offered by OVKA. A proposal to add a championship points class to the OVKA class structure for the following race season must be presented to the board for approval no later than the November board meeting of the current race season. Requests to add other classes will be considered, but a minimum number of entries or ability to safely run with another run group will be required each race event in order to participate. Classes added after the November board meeting will not be eligible of a Championship the first season they run. Competitors in "non-offered classes" will be placed with another class of similar speed and age group at the Race Director's discretion." Ray McKibben said we as a board decided we wanted to minimize the number of run groups. Wyke replied at the beginning of the meeting there was talk about recruiting and now Ray is saying this. Banfield said the way he reads it regarding adding classes we could say no, say have to have five, or run as a non-points class. Pat Slattery replied he thinks we would get more and people think it is hard to get a class with this club. Jason Doran asked if a junior is put on the tail of a senior field, what happens when it gets in the way of one. Cradlebaugh said based on the email, he might consider the 14-year-old but we don't know the driver. He added we need to know what experience he has had and he would put him on the front of Yamaha Junior. Doran replied that would be safer. Cradlebaugh asked if he would be willing to come to the track twice. Banfield asked about running VLR Junior with Yamaha Junior if they are willing to commit to the whole season. Ted Cradlebaugh replied absolutely. Rick Coombs asked what the time difference is. Wyke reported the VLR is quicker. McKibben said he has confidence in the Race Director. Wyke reported he and two others have the equipment. Banfield said he is hearing we think these people would have a place to run with Yamaha Junior; we would use the black flag if they get in the way. Banfield will email back and tell him we will have a place for them. Slattery stated nobody wants to run with just two or three. Wyke suggested utilizing Michael Lewis to recruit. Banfield clarified this is not going to be a points class this year.

BUCKEYE KARTING CHALLENGE: Aaron Banfield reported Scott Benton with the Buckeye Karting Challenge is willing to give two entries for his race in exchange for us providing two Champ Race entries. Banfield made a motion to set aside \$90 to pay for two Champ Race entries in exchange for

two Buckeye entries. The motion was seconded by Josh Johnson and passed with nine in favor and two abstained (Lewis & McCready).

WHITELAND RACE: Ray McKibben inquired if we are back-to-back with a Whiteland Race. Aaron Banfield explained the track should be open until noon and have overflow parking. Gary Schroeder discussed there being no contract in place with Whiteland and said there needs to be a motion tonight to put this in place as the board has to approve all contracts. Michael Lewis made a motion that Aaron Banfield discuss entering into a contract with Whiteland. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with ten in favor and one abstained (McCready).

LATE ARRIVAL: Bruce Wyke asked about a minor driver showing up before the final as long as the kart is registered, teched and painted but the driver would not have attended the driver's meeting. Banfield explained the penalty for not having any warm-up is two heats on the tail and for missing the driver's meeting is three heats on the tail. Wyke asked if he would get points for taking one green flag to which Banfield replied yes.

ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER CAR SHOW: Gary Schroeder suggested cutting the \$500 expense for Rollin' on the River to which Aaron Banfield agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: Aaron Banfield, seconded by Brian Schroeder, motioned to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. Motion passed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Show – Friday through Sunday, March 13-15, 2020, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua OH
- OVKA Clean-Up Day – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 4, 2020.
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2020, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Provide Recruiting Committee with contact lists from the Cavalcade Show and Swap Meet, coordinate multiple dates with the board for by-laws meetings, and provide Josh Johnson with computer requirements.
- Ray McKibben – Coordinate leveling of the scale, look at crow's nest then contact Aaron Banfield, obtain pricing and options for hats.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: D. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, J. Doran, Z. Ellenburg, D. Fiehrer, V. Oatts, G. Schroeder, P. Slattery, Eben Smith, Ebene Smith, S. Streidl, R. Swift, and B. Wyke.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/27/2020