

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Aaron Banfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the January 4, 2021 special board meeting minutes and the January 5, 2021 annual general membership meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Lynda Coombs explained the board had approved \$2,500 for the 2020 secretary's budget out of which \$2,352.33 was spent for printing expenses, COVID-related supplies, ink, and clerical supplies. She made a motion to appropriate \$2,500 for the secretary's budget for 2021. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield. Don Boles asked if that is enough money to which Coombs replied yes, she is comfortable with that amount and if for some reason something were to change, she would bring that back to the board. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Jason Gregg, Lynda Coombs provided bank balances.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Brian Schroeder reported money has been sent for the Cavalcade Show and we are waiting for the booth confirmation. He has a few people who have shown interest in helping at the show. He will wait until after the Swap Meet to ask for volunteers.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Josh Johnson reported sponsorships and pit spot reservations have been running smooth

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Bruce Wyke said he owes Ted Cradlebaugh some information about the go-no-go for the 27mm junior header. He said the one he observed, he saw two of them, was made by Ladd Specialties and looks much like their no-go for the air box but they just made one for the 27mm. The guy at Ladd said it is about \$100 shipped. Ted Cradlebaugh responded we have got to order one from them. Cradlebaugh noted we have the dimensions for the header. Ray McKibben said he sent an email about what WKA put out. Wyke said he did not understand what McKibben was asking. McKibben explained it was just a WKA update they put out with general WKA tech updates and he cut and pasted it. Wyke asked if McKibben was wondering if neck brace and helmet support were one in the same. McKibben asked if Wyke can answer that question. Wyke replied he really can't; the way it is read and the way it is placed in the rulebook, he is assuming that helmet support and what we call neck brace are one in the same. Wyke asked Dylan Cradlebaugh what he thinks. Dylan Cradlebaugh replied yes, we have got to have a neck brace. Ted Cradlebaugh added that is absolutely what it has to be because it says the seniors do not have to wear one. Aaron Banfield noted our local rulebook supersedes theirs to which Ted Cradlebaugh said that's right.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ray McKibben said he has nothing to report; right now there is just snow on the track. Aaron Banfield asked McKibben to help him get a list of items that need to be done for clean-up day. McKibben and Banfield will talk after the Swap Meet.

**TECHNOLOGY:** No report.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Aaron Banfield extended thanks to Jeanette Holliday, Rick and Lynda Coombs, and all of the volunteers who helped make the COVID-style banquet a successful event. Rick Coombs asked how the picking up of prizes after the event went. Banfield reported it went smooth and reported the people he got to talk with were very appreciative of how they got to pick their

stuff up under the circumstances. Banfield said he thought the overall event was very well executed and it was great to see all of the people who made it out. He added it does not replace being in the same room with the whole OVKA family at one time but he thought it was a good way to get it done for the season and it went well.. Rick Coombs thanked Banfield for hosting for us and said it worked out fantastic. Rick Coombs reported Banfield had everything all lined up Chick-fil-A style and it ran really smooth. Lynda Coombs expressed her agreement and said there were comments from attendees who said the same thing and she extended thanks to Banfield. Rick Coombs explained there are still some expenses to come in and he may have a number at next board meeting. Rick Coombs will reach out to Keith Freber about tires that are part of the contract. Brian Schroeder will address obtaining an invoice for volunteer gifts. Rick Coombs extended his thanks to everyone who helped. Ray McKibben asked Bruce Wyke if he received the chassis from Briggs. Wyke reported they just got the container from LAX and will get it taken care of.

**SWAP MEET:** Ray McKibben said he would like to say outstanding job to Scott Golladay, Brian Schroeder, Josh Johnson, and Gary Osterholt for the work they are doing for the Swap Meet. Golladay reported on table registrations and discussed walk-ups and table usage. He explained the doors will be open for vendors on Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Golladay said last minute booth sales on Saturday will be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Lynda Coombs shared she will have printed booth invoice forms available for vendors who need them, as well as clerical-type supplies and masks for volunteers. Coombs asked Ray McKibben if he can assist with pick up of the rulebooks in Beavercreek if they are ready to which McKibben said he can. Brian Schroeder reported he has volunteers in place for Saturday and discussed how things are handled on Friday. Golladay said he has 17 people registered for the Karting 101 class. There was discussion of who is picking up items that will be needed. Golladay said he heard something about a large display that is coming to the Swap Meet. Banfield explained Jeff Shiveley has a large rotator display that he is selling along with their karting stuff and he asked if he could set it up to sell at the Swap Meet. Banfield said it is a gorgeous display but is too big for anything that we would ever do and the setup and care is too much for us. Schroeder shared his conversation with Shiveley about the display that could be used for shows and promotions and asked to have it brought up before the board. Schroeder said he thinks it would take up a lot of space in the trailer that we don't have and added others can jump in as they see fit. He explained the display was set up in the past at the Swap Meet. Banfield replied you guys are doing a fantastic job and he trusts them to look at the floor plan and decide if they want to allow him to set it up for any reason at the Swap Meet. Bruce Wyke asked if Shiveley wants to sell his equipment along with this display. Banfield stated if he is trying to set it up to sell his equipment, he should be at a table and asked if he is trying to set up the display to sell or help the club. Schroeder responded he thinks it is both and he has offered to set the display up for the club but ultimately he would like to sell it, the kart, stand, and everything; it sounds like it's two parts. Schroeder said he and Golladay can talk outside of this meeting. Banfield thanked Scott Golladay, Brian Schroeder, Josh Johnson, and Gary Osterholt for all of their efforts and said he is excited about Saturday.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Aaron Banfield noted it sounds like the rulebook is in print and should be ready for this weekend. Michael Lewis explained anything that we need to do moving forward we just have to do as a tech update, such as what Ted Cradlebaugh sent about the pipe. Brian Schroeder said he has the most important question about the rulebook - the color. Lewis responded it is a light green and he just picked a color that hasn't been used recently.

**MARKETING COMMITTEE:** Bruce Wyke said he would like Aaron Banfield to let him know the direction he would like Wyke and the committee to go. Banfield explained a while ago we had a group get together and we as a club are constantly looking for opportunities to market to new people and bring them in through a combination of booths, shows and promotions, social media posts, and

promoting not only the Swap Meet but the club in general. He added throughout the off season we want to get contact information for people to get into the hands of the committee so they can follow up with them and be that welcoming hand of OVKA. He noted we have a person who is new to the sport attending the meeting this evening and we want to get his information to have the committee follow up with him. Banfield said we also need to look at other opportunities to reach out to racers. He stated he thinks last year the Karting 101 and AIM classes were a big success at the Swap Meet and it led to some additional drivers and suggested that we keep that up. Banfield reported he has heard the average life of a karter is about three years and in order to keep the club at a healthy level, we have got to bring new karters in. Dan Fiehrer inquired about having an OVKA booth on display at Full Throttle as he thinks that is where a lot of the karters start out. Banfield replied they can take a look at that and reported Michael Lewis built a nice board that can be displayed but right now the area is covered with lockers. Don Boles stated we have a third booth. Banfield explained he has to look at space as COVID has changed a lot of things as far as layout. He said there are a lot of opportunities and tracks that we can align with, not only his company, but others as well. Ray McKibben reported Circleville is closed now as a track and it might behoove us to advertise on Facebook in that area or reach out to Steve Tatman about inviting those karters to join us. Banfield replied that is a good suggestion and he knows another person who may have direct contacts there. Banfield has reached out to Tatman and left messages. McKibben added if they don't have a place to race, we can certainly make a home for them. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he was contacted about the availability of twenty-five transponders for \$5,000 and a decoder box is also available that he can find out pricing for. McKibben suggested waiting until after the Swap Meet to look at purchasing things. Brian Schroeder asked how many transponders we have now. Rick Coombs said it is in the 90's. Schroeder asked if we have gotten close to renting out all of them. Lynda Coombs explained we have when there have been charging issues and some had not charged. Schroeder discussed two transponder companies he looked at last year; one was Westhold that are about \$115 each and we would have to purchase a decoder box but we could run it in sync with our current decoder box; he does not know if it would require any programming for the system. He reported there is also another transponder he found that the batteries are good for five years; they are non-chargeable and you unscrew it to replace the battery; it is basically like a watch battery. Schroeder raised the question if we want to look at an alternate transponder that is a little bit lower cost and said it is something to think about. He said he feels the current transponders are ten to fifteen years old, maybe older, and asked if we want to go with a different brand for our rentals. Banfield replied we would have to look at that real carefully; that the software, Lightning Event Management, would have to speak to it. He does not think it is a bad thing to look at it and understand. Banfield stated we would have to reach out and ask them to send us a piece of equipment to test and it potentially introduces a lot of complexity into race day if there is a problem. He added he is not saying we can't do it or look at it but it is a lot to look into. Schroeder reported in the past he spoke with MyLaps and they will sell us non-subscription transponders so we could reach out to them too. Lewis reported they are out and he thinks he saw a new non-subscription for \$385 to which Schroeder said because of us being a club, it is cheaper than that. Banfield asked Schroeder to reach out to obtain pricing as he thinks that would be a much wiser choice than trying to run two loops.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**HOOSIER TIRES:** Aaron Banfield reported on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., he is going to hold a call on this same Zoom channel for anyone that would like to have some insight and weigh in on the tire contract. He explained we are in our last year of the tire contract with Hoosier and he would like to get a group together and figure out if we are going to do a test plan, lay it out, and have something organized to present to this board a month from tonight. Ray McKibben offered to provide Banfield with a copy of the last testing to provide some parameters and give a starting point. Banfield said he would like to open it up to ideas. Keith Freber has offered a one-year extension and Banfield

does not want to say any idea is off the table yet. He added they say there are no stupid ideas; he thinks there are some but let's hear them anyway.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**BY-LAWS:** Lynda Coombs said a number of months ago one of our members raised the question about membership with respect to being able to vote for officers at the annual meeting. He felt it may be the prudent thing to do to have a policy of having to be a member in the preceding year, as well as taking out a membership for the current year. Aaron Banfield replied last year before corona, we were having conversations about the by-laws and he does think it is worth going back and revisiting that. He asked if the board wants to talk about this topic now or do we want to schedule a meeting for March to start having real conversations about the by-laws. Brian Schroeder suggested having a March meeting and hold it similar to the rulebook meetings so we roll through it all. He stated he knows there are some changes in the by-laws that should be made; they no longer pertain to our club's current lifestyle. Banfield scheduled 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, to meet to discuss the by-laws. He said he would like all of the board members to do their best to attend; it is our responsibility as board members to review and set these and be aware of them; this is important.

**CLEAN-UP DAY:** Aaron Banfield said he plans to set the date of Saturday, April 3, 2021, for a tentative clean-up day. Brian Schroeder said sometimes we schedule for if it rains or snows and that would mean that we would be working on Easter Sunday or during the week and raised the question if we should move the date back. Banfield replied that is a good catch and moved the date to Saturday, March 27, 2021. Schroeder asked what the rain make-up day would be. Banfield responded we are going to play that by ear; ideally it would drop to the next day; if not, we do have April 3rd. He said the good news is we don't have a tremendously long list. He stated he is a little worried about some of the things we have to do out at the track temperature-wise because we have to have enough heat to do those repairs. Banfield noted over the last several years we have gotten through the clean-up quick; we have well organized crews and we will get it done.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**WORKER POSITIONS:** Dylan Cradlebaugh explained he is in need of a head flagman and asked that if anyone knows of someone, to let him know. He said he is also going to need someone to fill a turn marshal position starting at race four. There was discussion of some potential people and Cradlebaugh said he could use help locating people. Please contact Cradlebaugh or Aaron Banfield.

**2021 SCHEDULE:** Ray McKibben asked Aaron Banfield to provide an electronic copy of the 2021 schedule. Banfield will do so as soon as it is in a shareable format and will have it posted on the OVKA website and Facebook, as well as have printed copies with configurations at the Swap Meet.

**FORMULA Y PIPE:** Ray McKibben asked about getting the word out to the Yamaha guys about the formula Y pipe. Ted Cradlebaugh said it is on our website. Aaron Banfield suggested bumping it on Facebook on Sunday.

**SWAP MEET (continued):** Ted Cradlebaugh said he is very impressed with the job Scott Golladay, Brian Schroeder, Josh Johnson, and Gary Osterholt are doing with the Swap Meet and he is very proud of them. Golladay responded it is a team effort. Don Boles reported the worst Swap Meet we thought we were going to have was when five inches of snow was expected and it turned out to be one of the best so this one might surprise us. Golladay said the plague is enough for him and he does not need snow.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Aaron Banfield, seconded by Don Boles, motioned to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Swap Meet – Saturday, February 6, 2021, The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177
- Tire Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2021 (link on OVKA website)
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, 2021 (link on OVKA website)
- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show – Friday through Sunday, March 12-14, 2021, Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH
- By-laws Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2021 (link on OVKA website)
- OVKA Clean-Up Day – Saturday, March 27, 2021, G & J Kartway, Camden, OH

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Aaron Banfield – Partner with Ray McKibben about developing a list of things to do for clean-up day, provide the board with an electronic copy of the 2021 schedule.
- Rick Coombs – Contact Keith Freber about tires that are part of the contract.
- Ray McKibben – Partner with Aaron Banfield about developing a list of things to do for clean-up day, pick up rulebooks to take to Swap Meet, provide Aaron Banfield with previous tire testing findings.
- Brian Schroeder – Address obtaining an invoice for volunteer gifts, obtain transponder pricing.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Banfield, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, S. Golladay, J. Holliday, J. Johnson, R. Landes, M. Lewis, R. McKibben, B. Schroeder, B. Wyke

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** N. Adams, R. Beaman, C. Bonno, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, E. D'Agostino, D. Fiehrer, C. Holliday, and C. Kutscher.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 2/16/2021