

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: President Aaron Banfield called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. via Zoom and in person at Full Throttle Indoor Karting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the September 7, 2021 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Brian Schroeder asked the board if we want to attend the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show being held on January 7, 8, and 9 of 2022. Don Boles replied anything we can pick up right now, we should do it. Josh Johnson asked what the cost is. Schroeder reported we usually allot \$1,200 and we get four tickets per day then if we have additional people, the club picks up the cost. Johnson said he is for it and noted it is right before the Swap Meet which might help out to which Don Boles agreed. Schroeder explained last year we were going to attend but they changed the date three times and it ended up being on one of our race dates. Emerson D'Agostino suggested having an adult size kart in along with a kid size kart. Schroeder said he believes the club owns an adult size kart that we were going to put a blown-up engine on. Ray McKibben reported we have the engine and he was going to work with Scott Golladay on printing graphics for it but all of that was put to the wayside because we weren't doing any shows. He will work with Golladay to address this. McKibben said depending on the condition of the bodywork, we might want to upgrade the bodywork; he anticipates a cost of about \$200. Boles suggested sandblasting the frame to which McKibben said it just needs to be cleaned up. Schroeder suggested holding off and taking a look at the kart to see what it needs to which Aaron Banfield agreed. Randy Landes offered the use of his kart in January and said he will order a new sticker kit. Schroeder explained this is something we want adults to be able to get into and sit down in; he does not know that Landes wants the general public plopping down in his kart. Boles noted we also need it for other shows. Banfield said he appreciates Landes' offer and we may use his kart for the show. He asked that a list be provided next month to take a look at. Bruce Wyke asked what kind of engine we have. McKibben explained it is a non-functioning, but fully intact LO206 that Schroeder kindly donated and it looks very nice. Brian Schroeder made a motion to appropriate \$1,200 for the 2022 Cavalcade of Customs Show. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously. Landes said he is making his standard yearly plea to think about a home show, sport show, or one of those non-automotive shows to which McKibben agreed and said we should consider the boat or motorcycle show. Banfield reported from personal experience, Full Throttle has participated in the Cincinnati Boat, Sport and Travel Show which is January 14th through the 16th and 19th through the 23rd. He has also done the Home and Garden Show which is February 26th through 27th and March 3rd through 6th. Banfield reported they have gotten really good responses from both; you don't have competition in that space and when people walk by, you get a lot of attention. He added he thinks the Boat, Sport & Travel show would be really nice as it is before the Swap Meet. Jeanette Holliday noted the banquet is on January 15th. McKibben said it would be worthwhile to try it. Banfield reported on Boat Show pricing and suggested going with the full show and know on Saturday we might just have brochures sitting there. McKibben suggested keeping off the banquet weekend. Banfield asked what the board's opinion is on going with a full attempt or the latter half. Landes replied the latter half and McKibben agreed. Aaron

Banfield made a motion to set aside \$1,000 for the booth for the last five days which will be January 19th through the 23rd of 2022 or the Cincinnati Boat, Sport and Travel Show. The motion was seconded by Randy Landes. Banfield said Schroeder has done such a great job with the Cavalcade Show and asked if he would consider taking this show on as well. Schroeder said he would but he will need some help. McKibben asked what the location of the show is; Banfield replied it is at Duke Energy Center. McKibben and Landes committed to help. Boles said he will look in the trailer to see what is needed and how many brochures we have. Schroeder replied he purchased 5,000. Banfield asked Boles to take a look before the next board meeting so we can make sure we can get them ordered so we are adequately prepared. Banfield asked McKibben if we are good with pictures for the displays. McKibben replied yes, the last booths we set up, the pictures looked good. In open discussion, he plans to bring up photography. Banfield's motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Boles said since we are going for the second half, whoever gets in touch with them needs find out how will set up be. Banfield replied that is Wednesday, January 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. then the show opens at 3:00 p.m. He said to plan for inspection of an empty gas tank.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: No report.

TECHNOLOGY: Aaron Banfield asked Michael Lewis to help talk with Gary Osterholt because Osterholt has let us know that in February after the Swap Meet, he would like to turn the website hosting and other support he has done for us for many, many years over. Banfield asked him for some help identifying what the requirements for a new provider would be and possibly helping with that. Lewis will help follow up with Osterholt and moving forward with that. Ray McKibben inquired if we have identified someone who will be managing that yet. Banfield replied no, the conversation he had with Osterholt was that he will help get us a requirements list and recommendations but we have not taken any steps forward on that. McKibben asked if we have anyone in the membership that is capable and willing to do that and suggested we ask that at the next driver's meeting. He said where our domain name is located is with a racing group and he thinks they are based out of New Castle or Indiana and there may be a hosting opportunity there that would not entail somebody taking care of the website; maybe cost-effective yet still a good server. McKibben will provide Banfield and Lewis with the information. Banfield will mention that we are looking for hosting and management of the site at the next couple of driver's meetings. McKibben suggested also reaching out to Derek Hughes who does IT work. Bruce Wyke asked Lewis if we can get the Motorsports Country Club track map on Facebook and the website to which Lewis replied sure. Wyke will provide Lewis with the file and asked if the configuration is still the long course counterclockwise. Banfield replied that is correct. McKibben asked that details about practice on Saturday and pit spots be posted on Facebook and the website. Lewis said he does not know that the host is ready to take calls and he would like to first get some dialog going in that regard so they are ready. Banfield will contact them then get the information to Lewis. He will also make sure Lewis has this information: the race is on October 10th; practice is available the day before on Saturday for \$30 which will include a pit pass; anyone else that is in the pit that is not racing will be expected to buy a pit pass to get in the hot zone. Practice will be from approximately 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. There are fifty or so pit spots up front that will be available for rent and everything else will be free. Gearing ratio range for 206 is starting with a 3.43; the KA Masters is 10/80; Senior & Junior KA is 10/75. Emerson D'Agostino asked if there will be practice on Friday. Banfield said he will call and find that out. Randy Landes asked if they have food service. Mark Heber replied he thinks it's just snacks. Banfield noted Uber and Grubhub deliver there. Banfield will send an email to the board about food service, pit spots, and Friday practice. Michael Lewis stated Kid Karts spec gearing is 10/89.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh has some prices for tech tools and will turn the information into the board when he has all of it. He said we decided we are not going to use MCCs fuel with the Elf oil. Banfield replied the Elf oil is not allowed but a five-gallon jug unmixed and mixed with our oil can be used. Banfield asked Ray McKibben if he can help people at Camden get fuel this week. McKibben stated he will be out there on Friday. He reported the blue dye in Comet Murph oil that has been used in the LO206s is being removed.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT: Ray McKibben reported he has five transponders being shipped. He asked when clean-up day is. Aaron Banfield responded it is November 6th. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if we are planning on trying to seal the track. Don Boles stated it needs it bad. Banfield reported he has been talking with Gary Gregg to determine what we need to do and ideally, Banfield would like to talk about getting the track resurfaced and taken care of completely but there are cracks that we need to seal. He will look at what compound we still have let the committee know. Cradlebaugh explained the weather needs to be warm enough to seal the track. Banfield discussed it being several years since we bought material to seal the track and he knows we do not have enough and asked if we want to get approval based on our last cost. McKibben offered to make a call to see how long the sealer is good for. Boles suggesting taking a look at the bathrooms to see if anything needs to be done at clean-up day.

SWAP MEET: Scott Golladay provided an update on tables sold. He reported some people took advantage of the early registration offer. Mark Heber is wrapping up the review for potential 2023 sites to see if there is anyplace that would be a fit at a cheaper cost. Bruce Wyke is putting the final touches on seminars and classes. Don Boles will provide a name for a class about carburetors.

MARKETING: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRANSPONDERS: Aaron Banfield noted Ray McKibben provided status of the transponders; that we sent five of them out.

BYLAWS: Aaron Banfield discussed scheduling the next bylaws meeting. Potential dates were discussed with a determination to meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20th, via Zoom. Banfield will send an email to the board with a Zoom link.

NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS: A determination was made to enter into executive session.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Aaron Banfield read an email from a family member expressing concern about actions of a parent of a racer. The question was raised by Dylan Cradlebaugh why this was not brought to anybody's attention at that moment by the board member who heard it. He said we can't solve this stuff on Tuesday night; we've got to solve it on Sunday when it happens. Banfield said we are doing our best and shared that at Whiteland he addressed several situations that were brought to his attention and had conversations with families and drivers. He explained we need all our members and board members especially, when you hear that stuff, go over and have a friendly conversation and remind them we're not racing for a million dollars; we're here to have fun. He asked that if you do not feel you can do that appropriately to let us know; he understands what this

parent's concern is. Banfield said we are really truly trying to do everything we can; we have a great team working at the track; he thinks Dylan Cradlebaugh has done a great job and continues to do it. He further stated we've got great workers who are doing their best to make the right calls; they made the trip to Whiteland and are coming to MCC; Ted Cradlebaugh has been jumping in a lot helping out with things. He said we're willing to talk with everyone when we hear the stuff; we're trying to address it the best we can. Banfield explained it can't only be from the race day workers and himself; he is not out there on the deck with a lot of these families; we've just got to have the culture that that's not acceptable. When we're the ones misbehaving, we've got to recognize it when someone says he shouldn't say something like that; it's not appropriate; if he's doing something wrong, he should be corrected. Banfield said he's not sure how we get that culture of 360 degrees of accountability put in place at a club. He said there are obviously some situations because it is a tense situation, family A can't go over to family B and say things, we definitely need more help on this than just telling us about it after the fact. Brian Schroeder suggested this weekend board members be aware and around while racing is going on; at any free moment they just meander around the front of the track. He said he doesn't know if we need some extra board members on the track and asked Dylan Cradlebaugh to let the board know. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested this be discussed further in executive session. Don Boles noted we are all board members and this situation could have been diffused; if you see something going on, it's your responsibility as a board member to step up and diffuse it; don't wait until it gets escalated. Banfield added if you're involved in that class, there's a lot of people on this board that you can call and get help from. He said Boles has done a great job with handling some of these situations recently and he appreciates it. Rainer Pansch stated he does not think this responsibility falls solely on the board members. He reported he has been involved in conversations where he has heard this or that and he feels confident enough in his opinions that he can honestly tell a person that's not right; you shouldn't be telling them that, and if you don't like what I'm telling you right now, ask him to leave their pit; he doesn't think that's the right spirit. Pansch stated that kind of responsibility falls on the whole club; if you hear something like that, you just put a stop to it. Emerson D'Agostino agreed.

NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:

PICTURES: Ray McKibben said Rob Neuzel does a great job with taking photos. Neuzel explained it is his dad who takes the pictures. McKibben would like to get photos throughout the year and for next year's Champ Race to have a full photo spread of all the drivers. Neuzel explained his dad takes a lot of pictures but doesn't get all of the drivers and he will be glad to share the pictures. McKibben will partner with Neuzel about this, as well as photos for the banquet.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT (revisited): Aaron Banfield made a motion to set aside up to \$6,000 for the needed materials to seal the track this year. Ted Cradlebaugh said the thing is we've got to look at the length that the sealer lasts and if it gets too cold, we shouldn't buy it this winter and should do it this spring. Banfield asked if there is something we can do in the meantime so we're not getting water in there doing excessive damage. McKibben said with the existing material we have, he will call and see if we can use it and up to what temperature. He said if we need to heat

the stuff up by buying an old aluminum pot, we can do that. Banfield reported it has been kept above freezing. McKibben said we can throw it in the tech barn, crank the heat up, let it warm up, and get it done. Banfield will provide McKibben and Ted Cradlebaugh with pictures of the product. Banfield then retracted his motion and said if we find we need otherwise, the board can do a vote via email but it has to be 100% unanimous. He further stated he wants to protect the track and not have any bigger issues than what we have. McKibben asked Michael Lewis to post when the track will be shut down.

REQUEST TO RUN IN SENIOR CLASS: Douglas Frank explained they would like to join us at Motorsports Country Club this Sunday which is their home track. He made a request for his son, Logan Frank, who will be 14-years-old next week, to race in the 206 Senior class which he is permitted to do at MCC. Frank provided background information on his reason for this request and explained in January his son will fit the rule sets for most of the clubs. Frank said they would be honored to be able to race with us. Ray McKibben asked for Dylan Cradlebaugh's position on this. Cradlebaugh said it is totally up to the board; he would have a conversation with the class on race day and see if they are alright with it. Brian Schroeder asked how does our insurance work. Lynda Coombs replied we will be utilizing MCC's insurance that is through NKA. Banfield reported when he talked with Shawn Bayliff today about that, it has been approved by their process. McKibben asked for the length of time the driver has been racing and the tracks he has raced at which both the driver and parent provided. Josh Johnson asked if we need to make a motion. McKibben replied three board members must step up to put their name on it and he would be willing to. Ted Cradlebaugh responded that is only for WKA approval. Banfield explained the request is for only this upcoming race. Doug Cook reported he thinks he raced with them a couple of weeks ago when he was there running Ignite and they did a fantastic job. Don Boles made a motion to accept the request. Banfield reported he had explained to them earlier that if Dylan Cradlebaugh sees anything that is a concern, he will pull the driver out or bump him down. Banfield then seconded the motion which passed with eleven in favor and one opposed (Coombs). McKibben inquired if the driver will be following the policy of starting on the tail. Banfield asked the driver to get with Dylan Cradlebaugh who has the ability to observe him during warm-ups and move him off the tail.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to adjourn to executive session was made at 8:20 p.m. by Aaron Banfield, seconded by Rick Coombs, and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: In follow-up to disciplinary action taken at a special board meeting held on September 23, 2021, the parent of driver B requested reconsideration of disciplinary action taken on that date. He said he believes the disciplinary action taken was a bit excessive and offered an alternative of a three-race suspension with races being taken as drops; they would like to return for the Charity Race to close out the season with OVKA. He discussed the major impact of making those races non-droppable. Aaron Banfield read an email sent by the parent. Following executive session discussion, no board member on the winning side made a motion to reconsider. Dylan Cradlebaugh discussed an issue that arose at the track on September 11, 2021 and recommended disciplinary action be taken. Following discussion, Josh Johnson made a motion to

issue a six-points race suspension, probation for the remainder of the 2022 season, and upon return provide an apology to the club at the driver's meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Golladay and passed unanimously. There was discussion of unsportsmanlike conduct by a parent of a driver. A determination was made to have a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2021. Jeanette Holliday shared concerns about multiple unsportsmanlike conduct situations and said this needs to be addressed as a whole and it needs to be made very clear that this is not acceptable. Ray McKibben reported another track that was experiencing the same issues, made a Facebook post and laid down the law. Bruce Wyke suggested Holliday speak at the driver's meeting about this matter. Dylan Cradlebaugh discussed penalties that can be levied based on the situations. McKibben said he would like to see better communication to Dylan Cradlebaugh from board members when they hear things.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT: Executive session was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION (resumed): Josh Johnson reported a concern from a driver. Scott Golladay shared his experience in the class. Ray McKibben said he would rather have one of their team drivers comment. Rainer Pansch said this is the first he has heard of this and the driver's lines are a little interesting and will come with experience from going into a turn. Brian Schroeder asked if it is the driver's first year to which Pansch replied yes, it is; he's learning. Dylan Cradlebaugh noted he is making new driver mistakes, is still learning, and he does not think it is anything malicious. Cradlebaugh has had conversations with the driver and will make sure to keep an eye on it.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Brian Schroeder to adjourn at 9:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- Bylaws Workgroup #6 – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 20, 2021, via Zoom (same link as board meetings)
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 2, 2021, via Zoom **ONLY**
 - PC / smart phone: <https://zoom.us/j/6495878039>
 - Password: 2020
 - Dial in: (312) 626-6799
 - Meeting ID: 649 587 8039
 - Password: 2020

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Check with Motorsports Country Club then email the board regarding food service, pit spots, and Friday practice; inform the Track Improvement Committee what sealer we currently have; send email to the board with the link for bylaws meeting, provide Ray McKibben and Ted Cradlebaugh with pictures of the crack sealer product.
- Don Boles – Check show trailer for brochures, provide Scott Golladay with contact information for a carburetor tech class.
- Randy Landes – Provide kart for the Cavalcade show if needed, assist with the Cincinnati Boat, Sport and Travel Show.

- Michael Lewis – Assist with obtaining website hosting information from Gary Osterholt, post when the track will be shut down for repair work.
- Ray McKibben – Partner with Scott Golladay regarding graphics for the OVKA adult show kart, assist with the Cincinnati Boat, Sport and Travel Show, provide Aaron Banfield and Michael Lewis with information about our domain provider, check how long sealer is good for, partner with Rob Neuzel about pictures, obtain information about crack sealer.
- Rob Neuzel – Partner with Ray McKibben about pictures.
- Brian Schroeder – Coordinate Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show and the Cincinnati Boat, Sports, and Travel Show.
- Bruce Wyke – Provide Michael Lewis with the file about Motorsports County Club.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: R. Beaman, D. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, B. Degenhardt, E. D'Agostino, D. Fiehrer, D. Frank, L. Frank, R. Lash, R. Neuzel, R. Pansch, and T. Wilkinson.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 10/23/2021