

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

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-president Michael Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. via Zoom and welcomed everyone.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the October 5, 2021 regular board meeting minutes, as well as the October 7, 2021 special board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Michael Lewis and passed unanimously. Coombs explained with the annual mailing going out later this month, she needs to know if there is any intent to adjust the 2022 membership fees as typically the membership application is included in the mailing. Brian Schroeder asked when the last time was that it was increased; Coombs replied it was a long time ago. Schroeder reported Motorsports Country Club's fee is \$55 and others are \$50; he's not saying we need to; he was just curious. Ray McKibben said keep it the same. Bruce Wyke asked if Aaron Banfield has indicated any interest in making any changes to membership fees. Coombs replied Banfield has not said anything and she can take a look back to see how long it has been since the fees have been changed. She said she personally sees no reason to change them unless it is a matter of generating some additional revenue. Dan Fiehrer suggested raising it \$5.00 and put it toward track improvements; he does not think that will deter anybody to which Ted Cradlebaugh agreed. Fiehrer made a motion to raise it to \$40; Scott Golladay seconded the motion. McKibben asked how many members we have roughly to which Lynda Coombs replied she would have to pull that out of the club computer which she does not have with her. Wyke asked what the order of magnitude is; is it 100 or 500? Lynda Coombs replied 100ish. Wyke said let's just say 100 for round math; that would be about \$500 that we're voting on to apply to track improvement. Fiehrer said no, it would be \$500 a race. Michael Lewis explained it is annual membership fees that we are talking about and said we can leave this the way it is from \$35 to \$40 and vote on it or this is Fiehrer's opportunity to retract; Fiehrer said he will leave it out there. Rick Coombs amended Fiehrer's motion to make it a \$10 increase for membership. McKibben said he is going to raise his original question as to how many we have so we know just how much we're raising; this is a motion that was not brought up before. Lewis said it was 100ish and we don't have exact numbers as Lynda is on vacation; he feels like it is immaterial how many members we have; he thinks putting money toward track improvements is always a good idea. McKibben replied he doesn't dispute that; usually we get a heads up on something like this on increasing fees. He added we are a not-for-profit club and our membership would like to know the reason why and sometimes weigh in beforehand. Lewis asked for input from members present. McKibben said these members didn't read this in the previous meeting minutes or agenda. Lynda Coombs replied it typically falls under the secretary's report and she understands and appreciates McKibben's point of view; it doesn't matter to her if it stays the same. Rick Coombs stated it needs to be done because of the mailing. Lewis said if that is McKibben's opinion, he suggests he vote it down. McKibben said he is only raising a concern and it is an opinion because we all represent the members; he does not want to be made to feel he is bringing up something bad. Lewis asked that this be noted in the minutes. Ted Cradlebaugh seconded Rick Coombs's amendment. Gary Gregg amended Rick Coombs's amendment to make the membership fee \$50; Coombs said he will change his amendment to \$50 and Cradlebaugh seconded it. Wyke asked if the amendment indicates it is now \$15 per member that is going to be earmarked for track improvement. Cradlebaugh replied that is his understanding. Schroeder said he is not sure how we do that; years ago, we allocated \$5,000 to track improvement then it went to something else. Wyke said he thought that was part of Fiehrer's original motion; it doesn't change his vote either way; he is

just trying to get a better understanding. Seth Streidl asked if we are also going to leave the late renewal \$50 as well Lynda Coombs replied it would seem logical that if we increase the regular rate, we would increase the after April 1st rate. Schroeder said it would be \$65. Don Boles suggested making it \$45 for early and \$50 for late. Lynda Coombs explained the purpose of trying to get membership forms in sooner than later is it helps to get the data in before the first race. She further stated she is not sure if going with a \$45 early fee and \$50 late would be adequate to prompt people to get it in sooner. Lewis said the late fee needs to stay \$15 so if we're going to \$50, with the late fee it needs to be \$65. Fiehrer revised his original motion to increase the 2022 membership fee to \$50 and with the late fee \$65. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with twelve in favor and one abstained (McKibben).

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Lynda Coombs provided bank balances. Michael Lewis said there are two outstanding items; the Whiteland away race has a balance we owe and they have directed us to cut a check and donate it to the Racing4Vets and Motorsports Country Club has been contacted to determine the amount owed. Brian Schroeder reported he needs to be compensated for engine tags and we have also made motions at recent board meetings for shows. He further stated although we're reading out how much we have in checking and savings, he asked if we document past motions on expenditures. Rick Coombs responded Aaron Banfield has been keeping track of that where 20% is put back. Schroeder said he is thinking ahead, like the Swap Meet; we need to make sure we have the money on hand and we need to be cognitive of the expenditures we make so we don't go into a deficit. Bruce Wyke added there are things out there such as Swap Meet advertising and thanked Schroeder for bringing that up. Lewis suggested that be made part of the treasurer's report and he will mention it to Banfield. McKibben reported generally a detailed expense report is generated annually by the treasurer for the previous year so it gives us a good snapshot of what we're spending. He added maybe in January or February we take a look at that. Ted Cradlebaugh said he thinks Banfield should keep track of it and announce it when we give the treasurer's report. He further stated we have paid Gary Gregg a fair amount of money and we do not know how much more we owe him or how close we are. Gregg replied we are close and discussed race day finances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET: Jeanette Holliday explained her biggest concern right now is getting a budget and she needs some direction on that. She noted this is her first year doing this coming from last year not being a normal year. Holliday said there are obviously a lot of problems getting things right now so she needs a budget to start working with so she can get ahead of this. She doesn't want to wait until the last minute to try to get things because it's just not going to happen. Michael Lewis replied that is understood and he thinks we should look at what was approved last year for a budget and he thinks we can talk this through. He said everybody needs to keep in mind that the cost of goods has risen exponentially. Brian Schroeder and Scott Golladay discussed how much will be needed for the Swap Meet. Schroeder said to look at the checking and savings and know that we have some expenditures as well. Don Boles stated let's try to get the banquet settled before we go to the Swap Meet. Schroeder replied we can't; we need to have the Swap Meet guaranteed to have the facility covered and he does not want someone to come up with some astronomical \$50,000 for the banquet. Schroeder further stated he is working backwards. Josh Johnson reported he spoke with Aaron Banfield about a budget for the Swap Meet, that things are going to be harder to get, the inflation that is going on, shipping is going up, and the growth of the club that we had last year versus this year. He said his idea is \$29,000 for the banquet which matches the growth of the club around 12%. Boles replied last year's budget was a lot cheaper because we did not have to pay for the facility. Lewis said he would ask if all of the monies that were appropriated were actually used. Bruce Wyke suggested looking at 2019. Lynda Coombs reported she has the

amount that has been appropriated back to 2001 and said for 2019, it was \$30,000. Ray McKibben said if he remembers correctly, we had an increase in 2019 from over 2018 because we had growth. Lynda Coombs responded in 2018, the budget was \$33,000; it was decreased to \$30,000 in 2019 then further decreased for 2020 but that was a different situation. McKibben said we can count 2019 then go from there and asked Johnson about the amount of growth we had. Johnson said he does not know the exact numbers but it seems there was about a 12% increase in participation; he believes last year was \$27,000 and with the growth of the club, he believes we should also raise the banquet money up as well, not only because of the growth of the club, but because he believes things are going to be more expensive this year with inflation, shipping, and everything. Lewis reviewed calculations with 12% growth and said it is an additional at \$3,240 if you add that to the \$27,000, we're at \$30,240 which puts us right in line with the 2019 budget. Johnson said he thinks \$33,000 is too much. Boles stated we're guessing on what this stuff is going to go up. Lewis explained he is not guessing; he's using a 12% growth rate times a previous budget which would add an additional \$3,240. Boles noted the cost of everything going up from two years ago is a bunch to which Lewis agreed. Schroeder said he wants to hammer on the bank balances and upcoming expenses again. Boles said he thinks \$35,000 would be reasonable. Schroeder explained you never know what to expect with the Swap Meet; you could get COVID that hits the day of and shuts it down, you could get a snow day, or an absolute 80-degree sunny day and it could be prosperous. Wyke asked Schroeder what number in the \$30,000 range he feels is right. Schroeder replied \$30,000 and said he picked that based on past history of the Swap Meet and the years Schroeder has been around. McKibben said you can figure a seven to ten percent cost increase on the purchase of prizes. Holliday asked if we typically hit the budget mark or come in low. Rick Coombs said no, we do not, but there has occasionally been when he has gone over; typically, he has spent less. Coombs further stated he does not believe our tires will go up because we are locked into a contract this year; shipping will go up as it is outrageous right now and he thinks McKibben's numbers are way low on that part. Lewis asked Rick Coombs what amount he has gone over to which Coombs replied less than \$1,000. Wyke asked Rick Coombs what he thinks the number is. Coombs said he thinks it can get done for \$30,000 but she might have to ask for a little more. Scott Golladay reviewed proceeds from last year's Swap Meet and noted we spent a lot of money of hand sanitizer and things like that; we probably have some left over. Boles suggested we start with \$35,000 and let Holliday see what she needs; that way we're covered. Rick Coombs noted there will be sponsorship income coming in. Gary Gregg will check when that was received last time. McKibben asked Gregg what his thoughts are on the banquet budget. Gregg replied \$30,000 to \$33,000 and \$35,000 is not too far off either but he thinks that might be a bit high. Rick Coombs made a motion to allocate up to \$33,000 for the 2021 banquet. Schroeder said he has been very critical of the club's money tonight and he is happy with \$33,000. The motion was seconded by Bruce Wyke and passed unanimously. Lynda Coombs asked Holliday about the class average for the OVKA 420 class. Holliday explained she discussed this with Banfield who said they did not meet the minimum.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Brian Schroeder reported he spoke with a representative of the Cincinnati Boat, Sport and Travel Show which is on January 14th, 15th, and 16th along with January 19th through 23rd. He noted we had allocated some money at the last board meeting and there was discussion about leaving our booth up and unmanned while we are at our banquet on January 15th. Schroeder explained we can join just the last five days at a cost of \$850 and we have already allocated money. He added he thinks it is in our best interest to be there January 19th through 23rd to which Ray McKibben agreed. Schroeder said there are people who will not be able to be there during the day on weekdays and on weeknights. He suggested reaching out to those who do not work during the day to help out until people can get there after work. Schroeder reported move in is Wednesday, January 19th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He stated if we choose to have an unmanned

booth for the first weekend, it will cost us \$900; so, he feels we just target the second weekend for \$850 for a corner booth. He noted \$750 would put us at the next less visible spot. McKibben said tentatively he will assist with setup. Lynda Coombs asked if actual show hours are available for all of the dates. Schroeder will obtain this information. Wyke said he calculated fifty-five hours for one person to man that booth for five days; that's a lot of volunteers. Schroeder explained originally, we had allocated money for the boat show for both weekends; he does not feel the first weekend is worth us going to and thinks it will be worth it to go the second weekend. He added it will be less cost to the club and he thinks we can get some extra members there to help man the booth. Schroeder explained he is still gathering information and will share that with the board and reach out to all members for help; we have a little bit of time. He reported he is waiting to hear back about the Cavalcade Show, has shared our interest, and will make the phone call to get that taken care of. Schroeder noted the Cavalcade of Customs Show will be two weeks before our presence at the Boat, Sport and Travel Show. Lynda Coombs reported she does not have confirmation about the Indy Circle Track Show which is typically at the end of January. Boles asked Schroeder about the PRI Show in Indianapolis. Schroeder replied we can set up a booth at PRI; he has no recollection of the dollar amount. Emerson D'Agostino said from his experience at PRI, he hasn't seen many local groups there and it is more for Indy car shop manufacturers. Schroeder added he does not think our club would get anything from it personally. Boles replied a lot of people from all over go to see it. Schroeder stated with as busy as we are going to be, he thinks we have too much going on to consider that. Wyke noted PRI is in December and is for the racing industry; the demographic with PRI is racing industry people and he does not anticipate us wanting to invest money in anything that is not open to the public; it is not open to anyone under 16 unless you have a racing license. D'Agostino explained you need an SCCA license. Wyke added with that being less than a few weeks away, he doesn't see it. Boles replied it will be tough to get workers with everything else we're doing. Schroeder said one thing he would like to do at this weekend's clean-up is take a look at the trailer, straighten, clean, and figure out what we need to make sure it's up-to-date. Boles discussed items that were previously in the trailer and said it needs to be organized. Schroeder added there's a Racing4Vets kart and the engine we're going to want put together for shows. He would like to come to the board next month if we need to purchase anything. Wyke asked whether we are getting pods and a sticker kit for the kart. Schroeder responded that is McKibben who can chime in on that. Schroeder will take a look to see what is needed this weekend. Wyke offered to help with cleanup of the kart. McKibben said he will touch base with Wyke. Boles reported trailer tags were obtained.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: As a reminder, Josh Johnson said we changed the pit spot deadline from April 1st to March 1st. Michael Lewis updated the pit spot form and will provide it to Lynda Coombs for the annual mailing. Ray McKibben asked there be a notice posted on the OVKA website and Facebook. Johnson noted the premium spots have been \$150 and the non-premium spots are \$100; he asked if anyone wants that changed or should we leave it the same? Don Boles asked what designates premium and non-premium. Johnson explained the premium spots that are \$150 are on the grid, down Arrow alley, the one behind that, and the center aisle. He said the ones that are non-premium are across the dirt track where the tractors go and the furthest line closest to where the free pit spots would be. Consensus was to keep fees the same. Johnson said he wanted to make note and have it in the meeting minutes that the new section where Gary Gregg put gravel are paid pit spots; there's about six of them there that are already paid for by other members and if you're not one of those members that paid for the pit spot, please do not park there. Lynda Coombs asked Johnson to describe where those spots are. Johnson replied they are from the ticket booth to the trailers. Brian Schroeder asked what Johnson thinks about having a sticker with the pit spot number on the tongue jack. Johnson replied Shelley Powers has mentioned before that she would to have the trailers numbered so they can be

corresponded with his list so they can be called to move. Rick Coombs suggested a sticker be placed on the trailer jack to which Schroeder agreed. Schroeder will work with Johnson on getting stickers made. Johnson asked who has a Cricut machine. Lynda Coombs offered hers. Emerson D'Agostino asked if people in a free spot would need a sticker in case they need to be moved. Johnson replied no. Johnson reported Gregg wants to put his trailers in the gravel area during the off-season and there are a few trailers there now that need to be moved. Johnson explained the bottom of the pit spot form says the only person that can park there is the member who reserved the spot. He reported that every race weekend, somebody wants to park in someone's spot who isn't there. McKibben suggested adding language that you must have the person's permission. Schroeder said to add language that you must have the sticker on the tongue jack. McKibben stated he does not see an issue with it as long as you have the person's permission. Johnson asked if we remove that language altogether and asked how he would know if someone has permission to park in another's spot; he doesn't have time to call every weekend. D'Agostino raised the question of having a written note. Wyke replied that pretty much takes all of the teeth out of the stickers that Schroeder was discussing. He further stated if we send a person two stickers because they have two spots, they can sublease them to pretty much whoever they want. Schroeder agreed and said he does not think Johnson needs to be policing on race day weekends. He suggested we give stickers to put on tongue jacks so the track owners can get a quick reference on who owns what trailer. His assumption is if there is a trailer that needs to be moved, let's say for a bike race weekend, the Greggs would reach out to whomever is the owner of that trailer to ask them to move it, and if there is a trailer there without have a sticker, they would move it without calling anyone; that's how he looks at it. McKibben replied he thinks it is a race day issue that Johnson is having to contend with where the problems are mainly coming in; it is not with trailers being left there. Schroeder said he does not see how we can tell Johnson to police pit spots for those who are pitting in a person's pit spot who has been given permission but then someone random pulls up in a spot; we cannot leave that on Johnson. Boles said he thinks Johnson is talking about people pulling in someone's spot or two people trying to get the same spot. Johnson responded the main issues he has had are incidents where people know that some spots are open because the racers do not show up and they pull in there because they know they're not coming. He asked what the board wants him to do about that situation; should he kick them out and tell them to go to the free section? Johnson said he does not have a whole lot of time with running two karts to run up and down the pits to see who is in whose spot. He explained he has tried multiple times to get Aaron Banfield in driver's meetings to somehow put a foot down about people parking in the pit spots of people who are not there; he does not know if it's just not a clear message to our members. McKibben suggested installing a sign where you get your wristbands as a first step to please not park in reserved spots; if you need a spot, see XX person to locate a spot. McKibben added it is probably typically coming from people who are new, he would assume. Boles replied no. McKibben stated if it's existing members over and over again; maybe the board would have to address it with that person. Ted Cradlebaugh stated he doesn't think anything was figured out with this conversation to which Johnson replied it's the same as last year, no big deal. Boles stated it has been an ongoing problem since we started charging for pit spots. Dylan Cradlebaugh said if they're paid though, they're paid; you got your money; if someone pits there and they're not there, they're not there; what's the big deal?. He added if they want to argue over pit spots, that's on them; figure it out; they're adults. Schroeder said not that he wants to hear arguing but if there's an issue, that is when he thinks we address it to which Dylan Cradlebaugh agreed. Lewis said let's all take a responsibility in that moving forward to at least say something so it doesn't all get put on Johnson. Johnson replied with what Dylan said, "What's the big deal?", it's just going to get out of control with people parking anywhere they want anytime they want; it's already out of control. Lewis said he sees it as the owner of the spot if they are there and using it, they're not going to allow someone random to come in and use it; if people want to fight

over empty spots when the people are not there, then let them hash it out. Dylan Cradlebaugh added if it comes to a problem then they come to us and we handle the situation. Dan Fiehrer pointed out everybody knows who parks beside them and he would say something. He suggested to say something more at the driver's meeting. Lewis asked Johnson what he would want noting Johnson mans the reservation part of it. He asked if Johnson feels we should all take ownership of it on race day and asked if Johnson has a philosophical difference or viewpoint about a paid pit spot that's not showing up if somebody parks there that they shouldn't. Lewis asked what Johnson wants to see happen and said Johnson has heard from Dylan and himself and if it bugs him, speak now and we'll figure something out. Johnson responded we will just go forward for next year and he will include Banfield and Lewis more about issues that come up on race days and we'll just handle it. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked if it is typically first thing in the morning on race days. Lewis asked if it is spectators and parents. Dylan said regular cars is different; we need to have clarity here. He suggested doing it like the Buckeye series where the cars park out by the silos and semis and you have no cars in the pits whatsoever. Johnson said you can get on the microphone and say for everybody to move their cars outside; he bets they're not going to move their cars. Boles asked what about his pickup truck that he drives in there. Lewis replied that is a co-vehicle and if it fits in his spot, he's all for it to which Wyke agreed. Boles said everybody park cars everywhere and people want to park close to someone's spot. Johnson said you do that then it never fails that right before registration closes at 9:30 a.m., they come running. Schroeder asked Johnson for his thoughts about during clean-up in the spring, we keep the number there and put a six-inch by twelve-inch name the first year then the second year during track clean-up in the fall, we paint over those names with black then in the spring paint over them with the name of the people that own the pit spots. Johnson replied he is all for trying something. Schroeder noted that would be great stuff for kids to do working with an adult. D'Agostino said he agrees and added that if you're coming into a place for the first time and see a name rather than a number, you're less likely to park there. Johnson and Schroeder will get together in the spring.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the need to repair the Digatron. Don Boles asked if we are going to send that out to which Cradlebaugh said he will call Digatron and find out about the repair. Brian Schroeder asked if we need to allocate any money. Cradlebaugh replied he has no idea. Schroeder reported a new one is \$700 or \$800 and he is okay with making the motion to have \$500 to have it repaired; that way, when he talks with them, if he needs money, he can just run with it. Rick Coombs seconded the motion. Gary Gregg suggested making it \$700 or \$800 in case a new one is needed. Schroeder revised his motion to allocate up to \$800 for repair or purchase of a Digatron. Rick Coombs seconded the revised motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY: Michael Lewis reported he made a post today with the digital brochure for the 2022 OVKA Swap Meet. He further stated it appears he has some pit spot notices and reservations to put on Facebook, as well and an announcement for soliciting volunteers for clean-up day this Saturday. Lewis reported he is waiting for a response from Gary Osterholt about transitioning of the website responsibilities.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he talked with Ray McKibben about the five-gallon pails of track sealer; we have to find out if it is good or not. Cradlebaugh said if it is good, we should catch a decent day and hit the bad spots on the track if we can. McKibben reported he called the company that we use regarding the age of the mix and the cool temperatures we are dealing with. He tried to mix a small batch with it being cold and it doesn't want to mix very well. McKibben explained it will make pourability into the larger cracks more difficult and small cracks we can get a covering on. He said it is really not an ideal situation; we missed the window due to the

track temperature. McKibben recommends we set a date in the schedule early in the season like June that we have a track sealing day that we know we have a dry, warm temperature so we can do this properly. He was told with the age of the stuff, it should be good if the temperature is above 40 or 50 degrees when we do this but ideally, we want warmer temperatures. Cradlebaugh asked for clarification if McKibben is saying the cans are going to be good to mix. McKibben replied we will be able to utilize them if we have warmer temperatures; if we try pouring cold like this, we may have issues. He explained there is air temperature versus ground temperature and said the track itself has gotten cold and it is not just the surface we're pouring into; some of the crevices are several layers deep; we can try to do it and see how well we can get the mixture to pour. If we find it is too thick, he would not continue with it. McKibben further explained you get down a couple of inches, it's going to be cold, and that's where we need the stuff to seep down into. He stated there have been times we have poured a five-gallon bucket into one crevice so you want that stuff to get down deep and if we start pouring and it doesn't sink down in there, we're not doing any good with it. Ted Cradlebaugh said maybe we can seal it this time instead of putting it down in the crevice and asked how many cans we have. McKibben replied Banfield said he has about a pallet. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked if you can put them in the tower with the heat on for a week. McKibben said that would be ideal. Boles noted warming blankets can be obtained through a rental place. Banfield will bring the pallet on clean-up day. McKibben said he is thinking about doing the sealing after clean-up day. McKibben stated we put off purchasing another golf cart but Dylan Cradlebaugh, Ted Cradlebaugh, and others have spoken with him that they would like to have a replacement cart for 2022. McKibben would like to get funds allocated so when he spots a gas golf cart that is priced right, he would like to be able to purchase one like he did with our retrieval vehicle. He said he is looking at about \$4,000 in order to replace the current golf cart. Schroeder asked how much it is to have it repaired. McKibben reported the rear end assembly is not available for that particular series. Dylan Cradlebaugh added it is more than the rear end; he is concerned about the front end and going across the track and having a wheel fall off. He added we could even look at getting a rental. Dylan Cradlebaugh and McKibben discussed uses for it as a secondary cart. McKibben said he would be replacing it with the same brand as our big retrieval vehicle because those brands hold up a whole lot better. He added we have gotten our money's worth out of it. Schroeder said his take is we have four months and we do not need to allocate any more money for a few months. Ted Cradlebaugh said if McKibben sees something, to come to the board. McKibben asked Gary Gregg if he was okay with that to which Gregg said he was.

SWAP MEET: Scott Golladay provided an update on table sales thus far and reported we are going to be extending Friday night setup time for vendors to 9:00 p.m. Golladay noted he sent an email to the board containing information about classes and seminars that will be offered and a volunteer list that is being mapped out. He will bring up the need for volunteers during track clean-up this Saturday, as well as at the banquet. Bruce Wyke will serve as seminar room leader. Golladay reported we can bring our own projectors but we have to rent their projector screens. Wyke said he was glad to hear they had their in-house intercom repaired. Golladay explained we had talked with them about their speaker system which they have repaired and we should be good to go for next year. Brian Schroeder is assisting with the entry process. Josh Johnson said it was news to him that the Roberts Centre has RV parking. Golladay replied we had that last year. Johnson said that is a good thing to advertise and he believes hookups are available. Golladay said he mentioned it in his last video. Don Boles suggested making a designated spot or people will park right in front of the doors. Johnson replied it is controlled by the hotel, not us. Boles reported we have had motor homes pull up right outside the doors before. Golladay said he will be policing this.

MARKETING: Bruce Wyke said as the volunteer list for the Swap Meet becomes a little more defined, he would like to work with the four OVKA tent volunteers on some things we are going to try to get accomplished as far as developing some new member lists and gathering some contact information from people that are interested in karting. He would like to see us develop several opportunities to work on during those next few months to get some new karters to the track. Dylan Cradlebaugh reported Kart Chaser does ads and asked if we thought about getting in touch with them about advertising the Swap Meet or putting our name on their flyer. Wyke will reach out to them then email the board.

RULES COMMITTEE: Aaron Banfield reported Rules Committee is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday in November. Dylan Cradlebaugh will serve as chairperson. Cradlebaugh reported board members who will be serving on the Rules Committee are Scott Golladay, Ray McKibben, and Bruce Wyke; general members are Craig Moore, Rob Neuzel, and Kurt Schanie. Anyone can attend via Zoom. Cradlebaugh explained Banfield has offered use of Full Throttle if we want to meet there in person. Cradlebaugh asked if anyone has something they feel needs looked at, please forward it to him. Banfield will assist with editing of the rule book.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRANSPONDERS: Ray McKibben confirmed the five transponders he sent were received. Upon completion, the board can review the quality then go forth with getting the other ones repaired. It will be a month or two before we get them back.

BYLAWS: Aaron Banfield said we need to get a date scheduled to get together as a board. He heard from two people so he will make another try. Once the bylaws are revised, they will be sent for legal review.

NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:

RACING4VETS: On behalf of Racing4Vets, Rainer Pansch made a motion for continued OVKA sponsorship the same as in the past for next year. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. Bruce Wyke asked what the sponsorship includes. Aaron Banfield explained it is five points race entries per event, ten pit passes per event, and a pit spot. Wyke asked if that is also for Spirit4Racing. Lynda Coombs replied they might be a little bit different. Don Boles suggested we approve both of them at the same time. Wyke responded he is against that 100%. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked the Vets for standing up for us. Pansch extended thanks to OVKA on behalf of Racing4Vets.

REQUEST TO MOVE UP: Michael Lewis reported a request to move up came in from Mike Kloecker a couple of weeks ago via email. Kloecker said he would like to see about moving his son up to the Mini Swift class next year. Brian Schroeder said he is one board member that approves of it. Ray McKibben reported he has seen the young man race and improve and he does show the maturity to be able to move up; McKibben will be the second board member to affirm this. Josh Johnson asked why he wants to move up, if he is of age, and asked for more details about this young man. Kloecker explained his son is seven-years-old and will turn eight in August so he does not want to try to switch him halfway through the season to move him up to Mini Swift because he would have to buy all new equipment and stuff like that. That's why with his last year's sportsmanship, competitiveness, and his driving skills, he would like to move him up early. Schroeder said he wants to interject that he and Kloecker spoke and Schroeder has watched Kloecker's son race throughout the year. Schroeder said he feels Kloecker's son is more than capable of fulfilling the advanced position; he knows this is dad's recommendation but it is Schroeder's recommendation too. Michael Lewis noted the age rule of WKA for Mini Swift is eight

to twelve-years-old and Micro Swift is seven to ten-years-old he believes. He asked if we get the board members, would they approve it even though they have a class for that age; we just don't happen to have that class. Aaron Banfield responded during the time he has been involved in this, he has not seen the WKA have a problem with the recommendations we have made but to be clear, at the end of the day, if we meet the number of board members that send this to WKA, it is ultimately their call; they could say no for whatever reason. He further stated he is not sure what their logic is in these decisions but they do have a right to say no; they are the insuring body. Kloecker replied he understands. Ted Cradlebaugh said he would be one to stand up for him also. Bruce Wyke agreed and noted the young man won the championship, took a second as a drop, has no place else to go, he has learned everything there is to learn about racing a Kid Kart, and it's time for him to graduate. Dylan Cradlebaugh said he has watched him and he agrees. Banfield said we need to have five board members who are in favor and he will put his name on that. McKibben stated he will also. Lynda Coombs confirmed the five who approved as Wyke, Schroeder, Cradlebaugh, Banfield, and McKibben. Kloecker thanked everyone for their assistance.

AWAY RACES: Ray McKibben asked if everyone saw his email about away races. Lynda Coombs noted it was sent October 24th at 2:00 p.m. McKibben said it was actually sent out twice. He stated since we started travelling again, there are several things that he thinks we can do better and that were brought up by members. These include posting information at least seven days prior to going to an away race about the cost, practice fees, and how the practice is going to work there. He knows when we went to Whiteland there were several members who were disappointed in the amount of practice time they got the day before. That way they are better prepared and know going in what to expect; that would make it a much better time for our members when we do visit away tracks because things are different when we do go to other tracks. He does not know what happened with fuel but he wants to thank Aaron Banfield for voluntarily going back and getting fuel for those who somehow did not get the message about fuel. He said we need to do a little better job knowing what to expect with the size of pit spots, and where free and reserved parking are; a simple map getting posted that's more accurate would help out with that. McKibben added people need to know when the gates are going to be open; there are those who would like to know when they can pull in on Friday evening so they can get their practice session in in the morning if that is possible. We need to know if bathrooms and showers are available or is it just porta-johns. He stated we need to know if food is available or not. McKibben said a big thing was the public announcement system FM transmitter; it was difficult to hear at both tracks. He doesn't know what we can do to help that situation but he thinks we can be a little more prepared way beforehand, not just a week before. Seth Streidl reported Shaun Bayliff is actually improving the PA system at Motorsports Country Club. McKibben said he and a lot of members feel we shouldn't go to a track that has an event scheduled the night prior to our race or during the day; it creates too many issues with people travelling wanting to get set up. Mark Heber said his opinion is some of these things are a good checklist and some of these things are encroaching on the schedule making which needs to be the president's call. McKibben replied he understands that but these are things that were brought up. Heber said these are good feedback but when you're making this list of travel things, there's definitely a checklist and then there's some opinions about the schedule that need to be given as feedback to the president and not necessarily on a checklist. McKibben replied it says on here this is just a list to be helpful and to be reviewed; it's things that we should look at so we can make our travel experience much better. He said he does know that being on top of another race created some problems for members and also practicing; these are things that we need to be clear about well ahead of the planned away race. Also, forms that are different at different tracks; Lynda Coombs did an outstanding job of making sure we got this covered this go-around but we should never forget about ensuring that we're properly prepared on that. He said

this list that he sent out to the board was things that were brought up between our two travel sessions. McKibben reported there were several members that did not travel because they didn't have the information, or they didn't care to travel, or they didn't like not being able to practice properly. He stated we need to do the best we can to ensure the biggest turnout we can at an away race because it is an expense for everybody involved. He said he likes to travel and he likes to race with our club; he can go to a track anytime he chooses; but one of the good things about it is he is racing with the guys he races with all year at a different track. McKibben explained this list was just put together as something we need to look at and see if we can do an even better job so we have even bigger turnouts at away races. Aaron Banfield responded that he appreciates the list and there are definitely things on there he could have done better so he appreciates the feedback. McKibben stated it was no finger-pointing at Banfield at all. Banfield replied he is not offended at all; even in the best circumstances, we always have room for improvement; he appreciates the feedback. McKibben thanked Banfield. Dawn Schroeder said she has feedback on travel. She explained she works with Buckeye Karting Challenge and they raced at Motorsports Country Club after the OVKA race. When they were cleaning up, Shaun Bayliff made a comment about how clean it was after BKC and how much he appreciated how clean the pits were. She reported he stated, "You should have been here after OVKA; it looked like a bomb dropped". Dawn Schroeder said if we're going to continue to travel, we need to make sure that somebody walks the pits after everybody pulls out or something because she was shocked that he made that comment. Michael Lewis responded he would have hoped that Bayliff would have communicated that to the organizers of the away race. Schroeder stated she would hope so too but in case he didn't, she thought she would bring that up since McKibben was talking about it. Lewis said this is the first he heard of it; he pulled a trash can right in front of his pit and used that all day. Schroeder said BKC takes their own trash cans and they go around and gather all the trash and she doesn't know if it was just that. Lewis said he thinks that certainly helps and he has noticed when he goes to races that are part of the ProAm, he has to go walk and search out for a trash can because there isn't one around; typically, he would put his trash together then walk it to the dumpster. He stated that could be part of the issue, the readily availability of trash receptacles or if they are even out. Lewis said he can certainly take it to Bayliff and make sure we get it right moving forward and apologize. Bruce Wyke said he is glad Dawn Schroeder brought his up because every time he walked to the grid, he would easily pick up four or five empty water bottles, food wrappers, and chip bags, on the grid where it looked like they just drank a water bottle in the kart then just tossed it in the grass; he couldn't believe it. He added he knows the trash on the grid was something that bothered Shaun and there were trash cans right there. Wyke said Schroeder is right on target; it was pretty bad. McKibben reported he went to Michelle Bayliff in the morning who gave him some trash bags to help because there weren't a lot of trash receptacles like he's accustomed to at G & J. He added Wyke did make a point that people at the fence line were leaving their bottles. Lewis said regardless of trash receptacles or not, he's not laying blame because there were not enough or they were not put out; you have to take responsibility for your actions 100%; please don't think he was enabling the behavior at all. Dawn Schroeder said she didn't mean to trash the club or anything but they have a relationship with Bayliff and she thought wow, that he would walk away with that taste. Lewis responded it's important for many reasons; being able to go back and enjoy the facility, if we ask to go again, he's going to say no, and we certainly don't want that. Don Boles said we need to educate our people to take care of their pits and clean everything up before they leave and announce it the day of the race also. McKibben added if you pack it in, you pack it out.

CHARITY RACE PROCEEDS: Lynda Coombs reported the Charity Race proceeds were \$3,665.40 which includes race day entry proceeds, gate fees donated from the track owners, as well as individual donations. She asked if we are going to go with the exact amount or round it and who we are going to donate to. Ray McKibben asked who we donated to last year. Coombs

reported in 2020 we donated \$1,000 each to Gratis EMS, a church in Fairhaven, a church in Gratis, and DARF. She explained one of the two churches ended up not having a pantry anymore so that donation was reallocated. Ted Cradlebaugh said it went to the Camden Police Department. Brian Schroeder suggested 25% be donated to an organization that the Greggs choose, 25% to Gratis EMS, 25% to DARF, and the other 25% to be determined by the board. McKibben asked about donating to the Camden Police Department. Rick Coombs suggested we round the amount to \$4,000. Aaron Banfield made a motion that we donate \$4,000 with 25% going to the Gratis EMTs, 25% to a charity that the Greggs select, 25% to DARF, and 25% to the Camden Police Department. The motion was seconded by Brian Schroeder and passed with eleven in favor and two abstained (Gregg & Wyke).

2022 SCHEDULE: Michael Lewis explained that CKNA has the track on April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th which would overlap with tentative race number two. Aaron Banfield said he will make that revision then email it out to the board. He noted the bylaws say that the president sets the schedule and he does not know if anyone else is planning on running but that way people can start making selections for vacations; that is his intent. Banfield asked that the draft schedule not be shared until we get the consensus that the dates are not going to be changed then it will be shared with the membership as a draft.

DARF BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS: Lynda Coombs shared an email from DARF asking that we provide four to five class champions plus an asphalt karter of the year. Michael Lewis explained the board can certainly nominate four class champions and he would like to share a candidate for asphalt karter of the year. He said we can start that process and if anybody has names, we can jot them down. Brian Schroeder responded he wants to intervene and reported DARF has mentioned to him in previous years they are more than happy and we are more than welcome to have every one of our class champions at the DARF banquet; we do not have to pick a certain number; we can have everyone there if we so choose. Lewis responded he received an email that states they would like our organization to choose four or five class champions to be honored; what they have done in the past is in the past, and he is just going by the directive handed down to him by Lynn Cook. Schroeder replied that's fine what you have currently but when he has been there in previous years, they have shared with him we are more than welcome to have every one of our class champions at the DARF banquet. He reported when he has been there, we usually have three to four class champions and when we look at other tracks, such as modified and sprint cars, there have been ten to fifteen. Banfield said he will reach out to Cook and if they are willing to have all of our champions there, he will extend that offer to them, or if anyone else would like to reach out, that's fine. Coombs asked Banfield if he received the email from Cook that was sent today; Banfield confirmed he received it. Schroeder said we need to allocate and make a motion for funds. Banfield responded no, the email said four or five and Lewis added, two free tickets and additional tickets can be purchased for \$25. Lewis further stated to fulfill this request, Banfield can talk with Cook but let's get down four or five as Cook has messaged and emailed to Lewis about. Schroeder replied that's fine and if funds are needed, reach out to the board by email. Emerson D'Agostino provided a nomination for asphalt karter of the year. McKibben asked how long nominations are going to be open or is it just open and closed now. Banfield replied he thinks it will be open and closed now and historically, he does not recall the board ever being involved in a question on these. Coombs added the president made the determination oftentimes in consultation with the vice-president to which McKibben added he thinks Coombs is correct on that. Banfield said we will follow precedent on that and if there are other people that should be considered to let him know. Coombs said once those decisions are made, Cook requested their contact information. Banfield asked for Coombs's help with that.

SWAP MEET (revisited): Johnson said maybe two years ago, the Swap Meet flyer was put into the WKA rulebook. Michael Lewis responded it has been done for the past several years. Johnson asked if it is too late to do that. Lewis explained it is already in there because it is a two-year rulebook. Johnson asked if we update it and send it to them. Lewis replied they can't reprint it so we can't change the dates in it. Lynda Coombs asked if anyone recalls if the flyer we sent to WKA was modified in any way to say the first Saturday of February. Lewis reported the flyer in the WKA rulebook stipulates February 6, 2021 and says nothing about 2022. Schroeder suggested reaching out to Marie Borsuk at WKA with a digital copy to see if they would post it on the World Karting website. Lewis will contact Borsuk tomorrow. Johnson suggested maybe next year, have a general type of page. Coombs said she does not think we knew when we submitted the flyer that the tech manual was going to be for two years.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to adjourn the monthly OVKA board meeting to executive session was made at 10:04 p.m. by Michael Lewis, seconded by Aaron Banfield, and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Aaron Banfield reported on an incident amongst a couple of our board members at Motorsports Country Club. Following discussion, a determination was made to issue a ten-day notification letter and schedule a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to adjourn the executive session was made by Brian Schroeder, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, and passed unanimously at 10:37 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- OVKA Rules Committee Meetings – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2021 via Zoom: PC / smart phone: <https://zoom.us/j/6495878039> / Password: 2020
 - Dial in: (312) 626-6799
 - Meeting ID: 649 587 8039
 - Password: 2020
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 7, 2021, in person at Full Throttle Adrenaline Park, 11725 Commons Drive, Cincinnati, OH, 45246 **AND** via Zoom:
 - PC / smart phone: <https://zoom.us/j/6495878039> / Password: 2020
 - Dial in: (312) 626-6799
 - Meeting ID: 649 587 8039
 - Password: 2020
- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show – Thursday, January 7, through Sunday, January 9, 2022, Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45202
- OVKA Annual Meeting & 2021 Banquet – Saturday, January 15, 2022, Cincinnati Marriott North at Union Centre, 6189 Mulhauser Road, West Chester, OH 45069
 - 2:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting
 - 4:00 p.m. – Banquet registration
- Cincinnati Boat, Sport and Travel Show – Wednesday, January 19, through Sunday, January 23, 2022, Duke Energy Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45202
- 2022 OVKA Swap Meet – Saturday, February 5, 2022, The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Bring pallet of crack sealer to the track on clean-up day; assist with 2022 rulebook editing, reach out to DARF about class champions.
- Lynda Coombs – Provide Cricut machine for making pit spot stickers.
- Dylan Cradlebaugh – Serve as 2022 Rules Committee chairperson.
- Scott Golladay – Serve on 2022 Rules Committee.
- Josh Johnson – Partner with Brian Schroeder regarding pit spot stickers and marking pit spots for the 2022 season.
- Michael Lewis – Ask Aaron Banfield to report on financial motions during the treasurer's report, provide updated pit spot form to Lynda Coombs, post notices on Facebook regarding pit spots and volunteers for clean-up day, reach out to Marie Borsuk at WKA about 2022 Swap Meet digital information.
- Ray McKibben – Tentatively assist with setup for the Cincinnati Boat, Sport and Travel Show, partner with Bruce Wyke regarding a kart for shows, serve on 2022 Rules Committee.
- Craig Moore – Serve on 2022 Rules Committee.
- Rob Neuzel – Serve on 2022 Rules Committee.
- Kurt Schanie – Serve on 2022 Rules Committee.
- Brian Schroeder – Obtain additional information about the Cincinnati Boat, Sport and Travel Show then inform the board and reach out to all members for help; follow up about the Cavalcade Show, partner with Josh Johnson regarding pit spot stickers and marking pit spots for the 2022 season.
- Bruce Wyke – Serve as seminar room leader for the Swap Meet, reach out to Kart Chaser regarding advertising, serve on 2022 Rules Committee.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: R. Beaman, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, E. D'Agostino, D. Fiehrer, M. Kloecker, R. Neuzel, R. Pansch, D. Schroeder, S. Streidl, and T. Wilkinson.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 11/28/2021