

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: President Aaron Banfield called the virtual meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He explained the meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams with Zoom running also as we transition to the Teams format.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the February 1, 2022 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield and passed with six in favor and one abstained (Schroeder). Coombs shared that long-time karting friend and OVKA lifetime member, Jean Stafford, passed away. She added flowers were sent to the funeral which was held today. OVKA extends their sympathy to the Stafford family.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Aaron Banfield provided bank balances. He reported banquet expenses have been taken out and all Swap Meet funds have been deposited; the Swap Meet payment has yet to clear. There was discussion of reconciliation with the track owner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET: On behalf of Jeanette Holliday, Aaron Banfield reported the date of January 21, 2023 is in the process of being set for the 2022 OVKA banquet. He explained the second Saturday was not available and with this date, it allows us to participate in the boat show. Banfield reported a \$1,000 deposit will be needed and pricing is being worked on. We will await confirmation from Holliday.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: No report.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Josh Johnson said today is the deadline for reserved pit spots. He added there is one spot left and reported the website has been updated as best he could. Johnson plans to contact a few people who have not renewed their spots. He reported there are three new members who would like to reserve spots. Johnson shared there are a few more sponsors and said we have more sponsors than last year.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh reported the fuel tester is on its way back from Digatron. He said the cost was about \$30 plus shipping and he will let the board know the total cost. Ray McKibben reported he requested Lynda Coombs print a few of the Briggs 2022 engine rulebooks that he provided her via email.

TECHNOLOGY: Aaron Banfield reported Gary Osterholt will be making some updates to the website.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT: Ray McKibben said since the weather is turning reasonable, we can look at Saturday, March 12, 2022, to meet to review work that needs to be done at the track. He proposed meeting at 10:00 a.m. Aaron Banfield asked McKibben to reach out to Don Boles also about this. Ted Cradlebaugh, Dylan Cradlebaugh, and Bruce Wyke will attend. McKibben will send out an email about the date and time. Banfield stated we need to get a gameplan. He noted cleanup day will be Saturday, April 2, 2022, starting at 11:00 a.m. Aaron Banfield made a motion to appropriate up to \$500 for supplies and food for the April 2, 2022 cleanup day. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with seven in favor and one abstained (Schroeder).

Banfield made a motion to appropriate up to \$600 for materials for building five new desks on casters for registration. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with seven in favor and one abstained (Schroeder). Banfield noted there are some boards that need repaired. McKibben said the shower heads need to be inspected. Ted Cradlebaugh reported the finish line needs to be repainted which Rainer Pansch agreed to take care of. Banfield added the tram lines need painted. McKibben shared he has identified a couple of gas golf carts and needs approval of funds. Aaron Banfield made a motion to set aside up to \$4,000 for a club car gas golf cart to be set up for the Race Director. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with six in favor and two abstained (Schroeder, Wyke).

SWAP MEET: Scott Golladay provided an accounting of Swap Meet proceeds and expenses. Aaron Banfield reported there was a conversation with facility management about the condition of the parking lot and some other concerns. A \$1,000 credit will be issued for next year and there will be language in the contract. Golladay reported the contract has been signed for 2023 and Gary Gregg sent the deposit. Golladay said at clean-up day he will provide maps and the timeline he followed for the committee. He extended thanks to everyone on the committee and all of the volunteers. Golladay also extended appreciation to Bruce Wyke for the great job he did coordinating the classes. Wyke thanked Golladay for coordinating the Swap Meet through the pandemic and an ice storm. Golladay shared we lost a few vendors and people due to some roads not being passable. Banfield said Golladay and Wyke did a fantastic job.

MARKETING: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

OVKA SWAG: Bruce Wyke asked that any members involved in T-shirts and hats to let us know. Lynda Coombs said she is happy to assist but needs someone who can take the lead.

TIRE TESTING: Aaron Banfield reported he talked with some people and he would like to have a meeting to build a tire testing plan to include three people to seek input from. Banfield will request three sets of tires for each test driver. Ray McKibben inquired how close the compounds are going to be and if we are looking for longevity or grip. Banfield replied these guys will figure out the criteria as to what we're looking at. Ted Cradlebaugh said we should consider what other tracks and series are running plus what the supplier is going to provide. He further stated he would like us to go into this with defined test criteria then go with an RFP. Cradlebaugh added this will involve more than the three testers. Dan Fiehrer stated that in theory, if we run what other clubs are running, it could mean more sales of that tire and attracting more racers to our club. Banfield responded he has not seen that and we have to determine how much that factors in. He further stated we have a generous policy with allowing racers to run what they want and DQ at the end of the day.

NEW / OPEN DISCUSSION:

206 SPORTSMAN WEIGHT: Glenn Sheppard said he would like to continue discussion of the 206 Sportsman weight for next year and asked if anyone has any additional questions or feedback. Josh Johnson asked about the driver's weight and Sheppard provided details specific to his driver. Aaron Banfield noted we ran at 265 pounds a few years ago. Bruce Wyke said the age was dropped to 7-years-old instead of 8 to 12 and asked if Sheppard is asking to move the weight to 265. Sheppard replied that would be his request. He added the primary reason it was moved was because some tracks had move to 250 then moved it back. Wyke said a veteran driver is going to have to run heavy and asked about 260 pounds noting we voted to move a Kid Karter in. Brian Schroeder reported Sportsman is well below everyone else, as is Mini Swift. He said we have a lot

of racers moving up early and asked if we are looking at the KA class as they're going to be 10 pounds heavy. He further stated we need to look at all these weights. Schroeder said the rulebook is set, that's fine; we need to stop targeting age groups; we see the majority move to the next class because they don't have to add weight. Mark Brown pointed out having a 9-year-old Sportsman with 50 pounds on their kart and said we are going to find more light kids than heavy kids. Sheppard replied there are a lot moving out of Kid Karts into Sportsman. Dylan Cradlebaugh said he will look at all of the drivers the first day and this should not be done for two people; it should be done for the whole class. He shared he was in the same situation in the past. Glenn Sheppard made a motion to increase the LO206 Sportsman weight to 265 pounds. The motion was seconded by Brian Schroeder. Ted Cradlebaugh stated it is best to see how the kids are. Ray McKibben reported that in the days of the TaG class, a precedent was set where the Race Director and Tech Director worked with the class to try to keep everybody happy and said that is what Dylan Cradlebaugh is trying to do. Dylan Cradlebaugh replied that is exactly what he is trying to do and said we spent eight weeks discussing rules and it is March 1st. Sheppard stated he had sent this to Dylan and he can't wait to decide to buy a junior kart. Rick Coombs said it sounds like everybody around us is at 265 pounds. Wyke replied that is incorrect and shared weights from other tracks and series: Whiteland at 260 pounds and New Castle at 250 pounds for ages 8 to 12; MCC at 265 pounds; Thompson with a hybrid model for rookies and cadets; GoPro at 265 pounds for 7 to 12 with a green slide; Route 66 at 265 pounds, WKA at 265 pounds, and CKNA at 265 pounds. Wyke further stated clubs have a different approach than regionals and said everybody is bolting 5 pounds on and off. Ted Cradlebaugh asked Sheppard if 257 pounds would help. Wyke said he thinks 260 pounds for Dylan Cradlebaugh to work around. Sheppard responded at 265 pounds, they will be overweight at the start of the season. Brown stated we're discussing a competitive edge versus safety and said that's not right; that's too much weight on a kid's kart or split them into light and heavy. Sheppard said then a 10-year-old moves up. Brown replied you can always race heavy versus being unsafe. Aaron Harvey reported WKA is 265 pounds and there is 40 pounds put on at the track. Dylan Cradlebaugh responded that's nationals with more experience. Wyke stated 206 Sportsman is our defacto Rookie class where they learn to race. Rick Coombs amended the motion to 260 pounds. The amendment was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with five in favor, 2 opposed and one abstained (Wyke).

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to adjourn to executive session was made by Aaron Banfield, seconded by Rick Coombs, and passed unanimously at 8:19 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of workers for the upcoming season.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: Aaron Banfield, seconded by Randy Landes, motioned to adjourn the executive at 8:57 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- OVKA Clean-Up Day – 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 2, 2022.
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2022, in person at Full Throttle Adrenaline Park, 11725 Commons Drive, Cincinnati, OH, 45246 **AND** via Microsoft Teams virtually.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Ted Cradlebaugh – Provide the board with the cost of fuel tester repair.
- Ray McKibben – Send out email regarding meeting on March 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. to review track repairs that are needed.
- Rainer Pansch – Repaint finish line.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: M. Brown, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer, B. Geesner, B. Glasgow, A. Hart, R. McKibben, C. Moore, R. Neuzel, R. Pansch, and G. Sheppard.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/27/2022