

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: President Aaron Banfield called the virtual meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs, seconded by Rick Coombs, made a motion to accept the April 5, 2022 monthly board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously. Lynda Coombs shared sympathy cards were sent to the Don and Pat Rettich upon the passing of their son and to the Cradlebaugh family upon the passing of Heather's father. OVKA extends their condolences to both of these families.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Aaron Banfield provided bank balances, including the track improvement fund, as well as expenditures thus far.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: No report.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Josh Johnson reported he has some sponsors who would like to pre-pay for a second class which would be non-refundable. Lynda Coombs asked if the pre-paid second entry will be transferable to another racer with the sponsor's permission. She said if so, she feels it should only be allowed for a racer who is registering for a first class. Aaron Banfield agreed. Following discussion, consensus of the board was to allow this. Coombs explained Johnson will provide her with a list which will be added to the sponsor registration signature sheet. Banfield stated we have to be clear that this is non-refundable. Ray McKibben added the same goes for pit spots which Banfield agreed with. Rick Coombs asked if we have some new pit spots back in the cow area. Johnson replied the way it was explained to him was it is just additional parking; Gary Gregg did not want it turned into pit spots as of yet. Coombs asked if it is overflow parking to which Johnson replied yes. Coombs explained the area is not very solid so eventually we're going to have to look at putting gravel roads in and said we need to keep that on our radar.

MARKETING: Bruce Wyke reported there have been requests for t-shirts and sweatshirts and he would like to work with Lynda Coombs about what has been done in the past. Wyke explained he has not yet reached out about graphics for the golf cart and asked if the \$500 could be better spent. He noted we could use OVKA stickers to decorate it. Ray McKibben responded he thought we were committed to it; he conveyed that to Jeff Roberts who is waiting for him to bring the golf cart. McKibben discussed mechanical issues with the golf cart and said he wants to get the correct OEM parts on it; he hopes parts will be in this week. Brian Schroeder asked what we are wanting in graphics and said his wife can do OVKA Race Director graphics at no cost. Wyke raised the question whether to look at overturning the graphics motion and start over. During the meeting, Wyke reached out to Jeff Roberts who said he will not start graphics until he has the golf cart. Josh Johnson asked how many hats were sold to which Wyke responded it should be around 50.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Michael Lewis, Brian Schroeder, and Brian Huntsbarger discussed disparities between the C50, C51, and C52 engine in Kid Karts resulting in possible competitive advantages. Schroeder reported he has the start of a rule set and has emailed it to Banfield

and Lewis. Bruce Wyke said he thinks we will be able to level the playing field for everyone. Lewis and Schroeder will communicate with the Kid Kart parents and work on a resolution for this matter.

TECHNOLOGY: Michael Lewis reported he will be making a post about the track being closed on Saturday for track improvement. Dan Fiehrer inquired about changing the slides on the OVKA website. Lewis will reach out to the webmaster.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT: Aaron Banfield reported track repairs and sealing is scheduled for this coming Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bruce Wyke noted we have fifteen volunteers signed up and asked if there is any concern about the temperature and weather on Saturday. Ray McKibben said it is his understanding if it rains, we go to our second date. Banfield said he thinks we should make a call to postpone on Thursday and asked Wyke to contact him at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday to take a look at the weather. McKibben said some old cardboard boxes will be needed; Banfield will provide these. McKibben made a motion to appropriate \$260 for additional parts for the golf cart. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Josh Johnson asked with the parts being ordered through an E-Z-GO dealer, are they installing them? McKibben responded he is installing them himself. Brian Schroeder asked if it is known what it would cost to have the dealer do the installation meaning that if it doesn't fix the problem, would they then put our parts back on and look more in-depth? Rick Coombs replied no, they will not; once you install electrical parts, they will not; more than likely they will take them back off and once you buy it, it's yours to which McKibben agreed. Schroeder said he likes McKibben saving money and asked if we could be on the hook for something else if it doesn't fix the problem. McKibben reported they were very thorough in their testing and he is pretty confident what the issue is but it is never 100%. Following further discussion, the motion was voted and passed with six in favor and three abstained (Johnson, Lewis, Schroeder). Lynda Coombs reported there are twelve transponders that have broken tabs that she would like to have the cases replaced like Ray McKibben did for five of them. Additionally, she plans to look at the charging capacity that is needed to be able to charge all of the transponders at the same time. McKibben asked if the five transponders that had cases replaced are working as expected. Coombs responded she has not seen any issues as far as functionality but it's only been two races so maybe we want to wait a while longer. McKibben suggested waiting a month and inspecting the five closely to make sure the tabs aren't breaking and if they pass inspection, do the others at one time. Wyke said he thinks we should wait on moving forward with golf cart graphics and maybe he needs to bring up a motion that we reconsider but he thinks we should wait until the golf cart is functional before spending \$500 for graphics. McKibben said under the original motion, there was no date to be set on doing the graphics; it does not mean you have to take action on it immediately. Banfield explained we have a motion to approve the expenditure; it does not mean we have to execute that expenditure. He said if it's the direction of the board to wait until we have a fully functional golf cart to wrap it then he thinks we're good and he will ask the board members to not pull the trigger on that expenditure until we talk as a board again. Banfield added if we vote that down, the spirit and intent is just to wrap the thing when it's fully functional or re-visit it at that point but if we pull it off, by our bylaws we have got to wait six months to revoke that. Lynda Coombs read the original motion, "McKibben shared he contacted Jeff Roberts about doing graphics for the newly acquired golf cart and made a motion to appropriate \$500 for the graphics, seconded by Rick Coombs, and passed with nine in favor and one opposed (Johnson)". She added there is no specification for a time frame. Banfield suggested we hold off until the golf cart is fully functional. Wyke responded he is good with that. McKibben reported the materials have come in for the observation deck and he will be getting a spot marked out where Gary Gregg wants it.

OLD BUSINESS: OVKA SWAG: Aaron Banfield said based on the number of hats he saw this past weekend, it looked like it was a pretty good sale. Wyke reported there was a request for a re-order and he thinks the colors went really well.

REQUEST TO MOVE UP: Aaron Banfield noted we had a request to move up last month that had more than five board members approve and put their name to it. WKA did approve the request for Wes Schroeder to run seniors and that has taken place twice now.

2023 RACE ENTRY FEES: Aaron Banfield said he feels the club has been performing extremely well over the last couple years but he thinks we have a lot of expense around the track this year to possibly put out if we're going to resurface and do some other repairs to the track which he is very excited about. Banfield said he thinks it's time we look at the cost of race entries; he believes we're the lowest in the region that he is aware of or there may be someone at or near the same price point. Banfield discussed inflation and reported expenses have gone up and said we are trying to be efficient. He thinks there are some conversations to be had going into next season and said we should start talking about this early on. Banfield said he is not suggesting we make a vote tonight; he would like to talk to get some ideas out there, give our members a chance to hear it, weigh in, share that input and take some time to deliberate this over a couple months and make sure we give people as much heads up as we possibly can. He asked for input and suggestions about increasing race entry fees for next season. Ray McKibben suggested waiting until much later in the season to make this decision so we can see where inflation is putting everything at and noted how volatile our fuel is right now. Banfield replied he would like to start having some conversations and get it out there to hear some opinions and let people express their feelings. Josh Johnson added one other thing to consider would be sponsorship and asked if the price of race entry fees goes up, will the sponsorship price go up too? Banfield replied we will have to look at that as well. Dan Fiehrer said he thinks both the first and second entries could be raised \$5.00 and he thinks that would be a step in the right direction. McKibben discussed potential income that could be generated from an increase. Fiehrer replied it could be put toward track improvement and McKibben said it could be put toward the banquet. Fiehrer inquired about the price tag for track improvements to which Banfield replied we've got a pretty good idea of ranges for starting points on resurfacing on the track. Banfield explained he is having conversations with the track owner about what that would look like and said currently his mindset would probably leave most of our funds intact but there are a lot of other improvements at the facility that he thinks we should look at making, including taking all the light poles out and putting LED lighting around the entire outside of the track which would give us the ability to run forward and backwards, and run night races without the need to bring in towers. He further stated the track is by far one of the best driver tracks in the country and he thinks it would be a good investment to make the off-track facility as inviting as the on-track facility is. Banfield reported Gary Gregg has said we can absolutely look at resurfacing the track; it's a facility decision and Gregg and his family are going to make the decision on the pavers; he has someone he would like to use. Banfield talked with Gregg about putting some additional extensions on and Gregg has someone he would like to deal with on that who has experience with earth leveling. The Gregg's will keep us informed and as we get a better picture of what the Greggs want to do, we need to ask what part OVKA can do to support this and maybe share in some of the cost or cover some other expenses to make our home

track an absolutely world class facility. McKibben noted one of the other things to bring up in budget discussion is looking at inflation for upcoming banquet prizes. Banfield tabled discussion about 2023 entry fees until next month and asked everyone to share this with other members so we can get as much insight as we can. Lynda Coombs asked if we know what other tracks charge to which Banfield replied he thinks it's fine for someone to look and report back but he doesn't need to know that to make a decision. Fiehrer said one thing to keep in mind is that our track is a little bit different; there's a lot of people that donate a lot of time and don't ask for any money while the other tracks that we go to are a business. He further stated Ray McKibben, Brian Schroeder, and all of you guys have donated a lot of time out at the track. Josh Johnson asked Banfield what dollar amount he is looking at for an increase. Banfield replied somewhere between \$5.00 and \$10.00; he thinks \$5.00 is probably more appropriate for right now but he wouldn't have a problem with \$10.00 if we had a designated use for that increase and the money would go straight into a track improvement fund. Mark Heber noted if we go up \$5.00 for both the first and second entries, that puts us exactly the same as Whiteland.

NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:

DIRECTORS & OFFICERS INSURANCE: Lynda Coombs reported she was informed by Elaine Gregg that the directors and officers insurance has increased from \$2,160.00 to \$2,938.00 for 2022 to 2023. Coombs said while it is a substantial increase, it is something we have to have. Brian Schroeder made a motion for payment of the directors and officers insurance. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield and passed unanimously.

2022 BANQUET: Jeanette Holliday said she would like to try to get the banquet budget as soon as possible as she would like to get started early and be able to take advantage of different things she finds throughout the year and that may be on sale rather than waiting until the end of the year. She said this would avoid being backed in a corner at the end of the year to get whatever she can. Holliday reported this past banquet she had a budget of \$33,000 and came in approximately \$2,100 under so she thinks she can utilize the money a lot better farther in advance. She said she knows we also need to figure out funds for the Champ Race that's coming up rapidly. Josh Johnson inquired if the pricing for the food, hotel, or venue is going up. Holliday replied we increased the price this past year and that is definitely not something that we want to have to do again. In order to keep the food pretty much what we had this past year, which everyone that she talked to said that they really enjoyed the food, it will go up a slight amount; she hasn't gotten a dollar amount yet but it will go up a little bit so we will also have to cover that difference. She said it won't be significant but she doesn't want to lower the food; if we went down, they could have kept the budget the same for us but it would have put us with a pasta buffet which she doesn't think for the price that we're charging that that was something she wanted to do. Johnson noted we were at \$33,000 last year and raised the question of going to \$35,000. Holliday replied she is looking for ideas from everyone and said she is not set on anything and will work with what she's given. McKibben suggested increasing it by at least 10% and said even though Holliday came in under budget, he still wants to give her all the room that she needs. Johnson asked if it should be \$36,000. McKibben discussed taking into account the cost of shipping and everything going up so she doesn't have to compromise on the prizes that we get. Michael Lewis asked if an initial budget can be set knowing that it may increase. He said he thinks the point was that Holliday wanted funds allocated so she knows what she has to start with to take advantage of prices that may be low or something that she finds for prizes or

negotiating room for contracts. Lewis further stated if it's not set in stone, it could be in addition to later on during the year and she would know what the minimum is and try to make it work and if that's not enough, we can add to the budget. Following further discussion, Aaron Banfield made a motion to that we set aside \$36,000 as the initial banquet budget. The motion was seconded by Josh Johnson and passed unanimously. Rick Coombs asked Holliday to come back if more funding is needed.

FLAGS: Ray McKibben reported CKNA was at the track the previous weekend and they donated a small American flag to us; every track they go to they give an American flag to. He explained we should have a medium size flag available for use left in the tower because they were not able to find a decent size flag for the past event. Aaron Banfield reported we are going to need to put a new line up because the flag pole line broke. McKibben offered to take care of this.

CHAMP RACE: Dawn Schroeder said we have like two months until the Champ Race and it's at the end of June this year so we're thinking we could run into some issues with graduation parties and things like that so she is hoping the board can approve a budget for her; she is assuming she is doing this again as nobody has said anything and she is happy to do it with her team if that is okay. Schroeder pulled up last year's information and said obviously with the increases and all of that, she would like to have a little bit more as she doesn't know how much trophies, shipping, and all of that is going to be. She said she is thinking \$10,000 should cover everything and reported last year she spent \$7,800. Schroeder said she isn't sure about the fireworks; she thinks Gary Gregg paid for fireworks last year and she hasn't talked to him to find out if he wants to do that again and asked if she should she put that into our budget. Rick Coombs asked if that included food to which Schroeder replied yes, that was food, trophies, entertainment, prizes, and things like that.

Dawn Schroeder made a motion to appropriate \$10,000 for the 2022 Champ Race budget. Rick Coombs seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Schroeder asked for input about activities for the Champ Race and said a zip line has been asked for every year but she would have to ask for a lot of money for that. Johnson asked how much a zip line costs. Schroeder reported the last time she checked, it \$4,000 or \$4,500 for a seventy-foot zip line and they send their employees and all of it and we wouldn't have to do any of it.

SWAP MEET: Scott Golladay explained he will not be returning as the chairperson for the Swap Meet for next year and said he wanted to bring that up because a couple of people were asking him about it during this race weekend. He said somebody needs to be identified to chair this for next year because we're going to be coming up on having to start doing some things for the event. Lynda Coombs shared that Golladay put together a binder of all of the information for the Swap Meet and to her knowledge, we've never had anything like this, so that should hopefully make it easier for someone to get started. She further stated it is still going to be a time commitment and there is a lot involved in it. Golladay added the contract is already signed and the playbook is in the tower and includes a timeline that he followed or it can be changed, but it has everything labeled. He further stated it is organized and includes contact information, all of the emails, copies of the contracts, copies of the past five or six years of flyers, and information on the company that we used to make the flyers. Golladay noted we've got online registration and that made it so much nicer. There is also online registration for the classes,

which he thinks is a huge upgrade. Ray McKibben inquired about an email address for the Swap Meet. Golladay explained they had a shared email box where they could receive emails but he also had his contact information on the flyers too so a lot of the times they were either getting phone calls directly from the vendors or people were reaching out through messages on Facebook. Josh Johnson added the email address is ovka@gmail.com. Aaron Banfield said he appreciates the work Golladay has done and he knows it was a challenge. He said Golladay did a great job and asked to talk offline about the folks that were working with Golladay and to discuss potential volunteers to chair the committee. Banfield thanked Golladay and said the Swap Meet was a huge success especially when you look at all of the challenges we faced.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Aaron Banfield, seconded by Rick Coombs, and passed unanimously at 9:14 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in person at Full Throttle Adrenaline Park, 11725 Commons Drive, Cincinnati, OH, 45246 **AND** via Microsoft Teams virtually.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Partner with Bruce Wyke regarding track improvement day; provide cardboard boxes for track improvement day.
- Michael Lewis – Along with Brian Schroeder, address Kid Kart engines; reach out to webmaster about new pictures for OVKA website.
- Ray McKibben – Install rope on flag pole.
- Brian Schroeder – Along with Michael Lewis, address Kid Kart engines.
- Bruce Wyke – Partner with Aaron Banfield about track improvement day.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: R. Beaman, Elliott Bokeno, Ethan Bokeno, D. Boles, M. Cook, L. Coombs, E. D’Agostino, D. Fiehrer, C. Holliday, B. Huntsbarger, R. McKibben, C. Moore, R. Neuzel, R. Pansch, and D. Schroeder.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 5/31/2022