

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-president Michael Lewis called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs, seconded by Michael Lewis, made a motion to accept the May 3, 2022 monthly board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Lynda Coombs provided bank balances. Ted Cradlebaugh inquired how race day reconciliations have been going. Coombs replied we have balanced and said she has been receiving track gate fee information that is included with the race day report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CHAMP RACE:** Dawn Schroeder provided the status of Champ Race preparations. She reported so far approximately \$8,900 has been spent out of a \$10,000 budget and noted prices are higher. Dawn said there is a need for cornhole games, as well as someone to organize the tournament, and a need for people to watch the bounce houses. Michael Lewis will post this on the Facebook site. During discussion about fireworks, Gary Gregg was contacted and agreed to cover \$2,000 for them. Ray McKibben made a motion to match Gregg's \$2,000 for fireworks. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with three in favor, two opposed, and two abstained (roll call: Cradlebaugh-yes, Golladay-yes, Holliday-yes, Lewis-abstained, Schroeder-abstained, Wyke-no, Coombs-no). Following further discussion, having been on the prevailing side of the vote, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion for \$3,000 total for fireworks split equally with Gary Gregg at \$1,500 each. The motion was seconded by Scott Golladay and passed with five in favor and two abstained (roll call: Golladay-yes, Holliday-yes, Lewis-abstained, Schroeder-abstained, Wyke-yes, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes).

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** No report.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Brian Schroeder asked if we chose to not attend the Lebanon Blues Festival. Lynda Coombs responded last year the event conflicted with one of our races as is the case this year. She reported last year there was a restructuring of booth locations and the high visibility spot we used to have is no longer available to us. Schroeder reported he looked at a few parades but they are on racing weekends.

**MARKETING:** Bruce Wyke reported there are hats available for sale and he will be looking at apparel. Dan Fiehrer inquired about OVKA stickers. Ted Cradlebaugh replied he saw some in the tower. Fiehrer noted the pictures on the OVKA website still need to be updated. Michael Lewis reported he received pictures from Mr. Neuzel and will go through them then get them to Gary Osterholt.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Bruce Wyke inquired about the status of a tech director. Ted Cradlebaugh has not heard anything. Ray McKibben asked that the OVKA website tech section

be updated to reflect the 2022 Briggs engine rules set instead of 2021. There was discussion of tech workers for the Champ Race.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Michael Lewis recapped his commitments for website updates and changes.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT:** Ray McKibben reported Bruce Wyke will be sending out a request for volunteers to assist with filling cracks on the track. Wyke said the date is planned for 9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, in the morning, once it is confirmed with the track owners. McKibben will take care of this via email. McKibben confirmed he has the mixer for the drum and reported on the existing buckets of sealer. He said he will go out the night before to make sure everything is ready to go and reported he has purchased the materials. McKibben reported the transponders that had been sent out look good with the new cases and Lynda Coombs has been happy with the results. He explained we have a batch that need to be sent out. Following discussion of potential transponder repair costs based on previous pricing, Josh Johnson made a motion to appropriate up to \$900 for transponder repairs. The motion was seconded by Scott Golladay and passed with seven in favor and one abstained (Coombs). Ted Cradlebaugh inquired about the status of the golf cart. McKibben explained it is running and reviewed the repairs that were made. McKibben will box up the transponders for shipment. Johnson noted we are proposing all of our pricing go up next year and raised the question if the transponder rental should be increased; it's costing the club a lot of money; another \$900. Brian Schroeder replied that can be an off-season discussion. McKibben said you are looking at raising the cost and need to look at keeping club racing inexpensive in this day and age; we are not-for-profit. Dan Fiehrer reported MCC charged \$35 for rental transponders. Michael Lewis said this is something we can do in the off-season. Ted Cradlebaugh added we can discuss all of the prices and bring this up. Johnson said not everything needs to go up and maybe some things can go down. Cradlebaugh asked if the wood was ordered to build the corner worker tower in turn three. McKibben reported we do have the wood and he is waiting for Gary Gregg to tell him he can go ahead and do it because some things need to be moved. Once McKibben has the posts set, Aaron Banfield and his father will take care of building the deck. Wyke asked if it was decided to not put a roof on it. McKibben explained that decision will be made after it is built once they look at the design and decide what type of roof will handle the winds there. He said it's not just a matter of throwing a roof on it; you've got to make sure it's going to hold up and he is doing research into what we can put up there for shade.

**OLD BUSINESS: OVKA SWAG:**

**2023 RACE ENTRY FEES:** Tabled.

**BYLAWS:** Michael Lewis explained the goal is to set up a meeting outside of our monthly board meeting to discuss the bylaws. He asked if anyone has an issue with holding the meeting next Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Josh Johnson asked if this is a committee or board members and general members. Ted Cradlebaugh responded it should be open. Lewis concurred and said the date and time will be posted on the OVKA website and Facebook.

**NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Brian Schroeder reported he heard from the Greggs that our pits are not being kept clean; there are tires, skids, and a lot of debris that are not being picked up when people leave. He asked that this be shared at the driver's meetings. Michael Lewis responded he can spearhead that effort at the driver's meeting this weekend.

**PIT SPOT / PIT SPOT:** Brian Huntsbarger said he is normally good about moving his trailer for the bikes and reported last time he put it exactly where they wanted it but he got boxed in by three of Barnett's trailers. Brian Schroeder said he understands the frustration Huntsbarger has gone through and he will ask the Greggs where they would like trailers moved to so they don't get boxed in.

**KID KARTS:** Brian Huntsbarger reported he ran into a kid that's turning eight this year mid-year and is racing 206 Kid Karts. Huntsbarger said the parent pointed out our club allows eight-year-old kid karters which Huntsbarger did not know and found the rulebook does say through eight-years-old. He said he was under the impression it was until eight. Huntsbarger explained one of the clubs the family races at does not allow them to race to eight so they might be coming out later in the season to hit some races. Brian Schroeder responded technically with our club and WKA, it is very possible that a racer comes to our club or WKA and they enter the first race and the next day they turn nine, they can continue the entire series that entire year. He further stated the same thing goes with Sportsman and Juniors. Michael Lewis added it is attained age at some particular date in December of the year prior to the new season so them turning eight middle season is not an issue. Schroeder reported there have been a few of them that have run WKA Kid Karts at age eight and ran OVKA Sportsman; they actually run the Sportsman because they are learning that new kart, gearing, and engine.

**HOOSIER WETS:** Bruce Wyke reported Hoosier wets are available so anybody who wants rain tires can order them. He added Pat Slattery and Comet have them. Wyke asked if this is something our members would like to hear; he has been asked a dozen times on different things why wasn't it put on Facebook. Lewis replied he can see that side of it but he can also see the side of read the rulebook. He will see that it gets posted that rain tires are readily available and are back in stock.

**COMMUNICATION:** Ray McKibben said he would like to commend the communication that was done with the cancellation of the last race; it was a very good job with all the phone calls and messages to let the membership know. Michael Lewis replied we certainly don't ever want to cancel a race but the timeframe was afforded to make sure nobody left from a long distance and found out when they got there that the race was cancelled.

**TRACK PAVEMENT:** Dan Fiehrer said he does not know how much discussion is going on about putting new pavement on the track but seeing another track was crumbling up this weekend, he thinks it would be good to talk with them before we make a significant investment to see the hurdles that he has had this year already. Lewis replied he has heard Aaron Banfield has been in communication with them about their process and what they have encountered. Lewis has left the discussion about repaving the track to the president as he sees fit and he is sure information will be disseminated out publicly if and when a decision is made either way. McKibben provided information about a member with background in asphalt.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. was made by Michael Lewis, seconded by Bruce Wyke, and passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:**

- Bylaws Meeting - Virtually at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2022.
- OVKA Memorial Championship Race – Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, 2022, G & J Kartway.
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 5, 2022, in person at Full Throttle Adrenaline Park, 11725 Commons Drive, Cincinnati, OH, 45246 **AND** via Microsoft Teams virtually.

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Michael Lewis – Partner with webmaster about posting on Facebook needs for the Champ Race and updating the website regarding the date for the Briggs engine rules set; go through pictures for the OVKA website; announce at the driver's meeting about keeping the pits clean; post on Facebook about the availability of rain tires.
- Ray McKibben – Prepare for crack sealing day the night before; confirm track improvement sealing day with track owners via email; set posts for corner worker stand; prepare transponders to be shipped for repairs.
- Brian Schroeder – Talk with the track owner about trailer parking.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, S. Golladay, J. Holliday, J. Johnson (late arrival), M. Lewis, B. Schroeder, and B. Wyke.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** R. Beaman, Ethan Bokeno, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, E. D'Agostino, D. Fiehrer, B. Huntsbarger, R. McKibben, C. Moore, T. Myers, R. Neuzel, R. Pansch, and D. Schroeder.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 6/28/2022