

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Aaron Banfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs, seconded by Aaron Banfield, made a motion to accept the August 2, 2022 monthly board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously. Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$395 for computer support for 2021 through August 16, 2022 through Lightning Event Management. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Lynda Coombs provided bank balances

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** No report

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Brian Schroeder will obtain a check for reserving a spot at the 2023 Cincinnati Boat, Sport, and Travel Show. OVKA will participate in the event January 25<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh said he would like to get a list of Kid Kart tech tools that are needed. Brian Schroeder will provide this.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT:** Ray McKibben reported some transponders are being repaired and he will get an update. He further reported the observation posts are set and he will get with Aaron Banfield about materials. McKibben noted the deck needs to be done to which Banfield explained the plan is to get that done before our next home race with the assistance of Banfield's dad. Ted Cradlebaugh said some steps will need to put in this observation tower to which McKibben agreed. Bruce Wyke inquired about the status of the golf cart. McKibben explained it was taken to the repair shop and is being gone through; he plans to have it back by the next race once it is done. Cradlebaugh asked McKibben what he thinks the cost will be. McKibben anticipates the cost to be \$100 to \$200 and said he will take care of it. Wyke responded he rejects the notion that McKibben would have to pay for anything out of his pocket to which Cradlebaugh agreed. McKibben will get with the board once the golf cart is up and running. He discussed addressing the rear-end assembly in the Yamaha golf cart next and will get more information.

**SWAP MEET:** Bruce Wyke reported Swap Meet registration opened September 1<sup>st</sup> and the website has been updated with all the new information. He said there are a limited number of rooms at a special rate of \$126. Wyke reported a direct email campaign took place over the weekend and detailed the responses and lessons learned. He added postcards have been ordered and should be in in time for him to bring them to our race at Motorsports Country Club. Further distribution will take place via Josh Johnson, Wyke, and others. Wyke discussed other advertising that is taking place to reach out to both the karting community and outside the karting community. He said he and Johnson are going to be working diligently on event

sponsorship and promotions to get the word out. Wyke said asked that people like and share the event on Facebook. He further reported banners are up at G & J Kartway and were present at the recent Vintage event. Wyke said he has one more banner and would like to put it up at Full Throttle; Aaron Banfield can assist with this. Banfield extended thanks to Wyke and everyone on the Swap Meet committee.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**BYLAWS:** Aaron Banfield noted bylaws meetings have been going on over a long period and he would like to discuss them and get a vote. He said assuming the vote is affirmative, the process would be we send the bylaws to legal counsel for review. Banfield explained if the bylaws are approved by legal counsel with no changes or nothing material, those bylaws would go into effect; if they come back with recommended changes, it would come back to the board for review and discussion. Ray McKibben said he thought there was some language that was going to be discussed. Brian Schroeder replied it's fine the way that it stands. Aaron Banfield made a motion that we approve the proposed bylaws sent out last month and send them to legal counsel for review. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Bruce Wyke raised the question about everyone's understanding of the way the race schedule, formats, and configurations will be handled going forward. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if it's the president in term now that sets a schedule for the next season. Bruce Wyke replied it would be the incoming right now and now the actual schedule would be set by the current; he is in total agreement with that to which Cradlebaugh agreed. Don Boles asked what the date is that the schedule has to be in by. Cradlebaugh asked if Shelley Powers has approved our dates yet for this year's schedule. Banfield explained Powers confirmed she received it and he is waiting for a reply; he hopes to get it from her very shortly. Cradlebaugh asked Gary Gregg to follow up which Gregg agreed to. Josh Johnson asked if it is in the bylaws not to schedule an OVKA away race on another track's race that weekend. Ray McKibben replied no, it is not. Johnson asked can we. McKibben said that is a discussion the board should have with the president. Johnson said we talked about that last year, and someone decided we weren't going to do it, yet here we are again. Wyke said so if the number of races we would have in a given year, that's going to be set by the current president and asked if there is anything in the bylaws like a twelve-race season. Banfield responded the number of the races is not set by the bylaws, it is set by the rulebook; he has always taken it that the rules committee and the Board set the number of races and not the president because in the rulebook it says how many races and drops we have. Wyke asked if Johnson's question how we want to race away would be defined by the board or rules committee. Banfield read from the bylaws draft: "The sitting president shall publish race dates and facilities for the following season by the November board meeting. In the event the president does not present a schedule at the November board meeting, the board of directors shall elect a single board member to develop and publish a schedule prior to the December board meeting. The incoming president shall set configurations and race formats as specified in the OVKA rulebook and publish it prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>." Banfield said assuming these bylaw changes go into effect, he would present a schedule to the board at the November board meeting and if for whatever reason he did not, the board would elect a board member to take over for that. He explained the reason we put it that way is if for whatever reason the outgoing or the sitting President doesn't do their job, we've already got a process in place to get a

schedule done for the December board meeting. Banfield discussed scheduling the race at Motorsports Country Club and said he would need to check his notes regarding what was known about MCC's schedule. He added after last year's challenges at Whiteland, that was not something we were looking at intentionally repeating a second time. Lynda Coombs asked if all of the board members have had an opportunity to review the bylaws. Wyke replied he was confused if the board and/or rules committee directs the president on the number of races, could they also direct the president on the fact that we would be unwilling to race an away facility after one of their races? He asked if the board would say bring it home rather than be willing to go through that. McKibben replied the board has discussed the topic how to go about handling an away race and it's been back and forth; it's been many years since we had that topic discussed. Ted Cradlebaugh stated about the only way you can get it confirmed is to rent the track the day before so it's not scheduled. Dylan Cradlebaugh added make it a Saturday race. Don Boles said when you call to make that arrangement with the track, you should be able specify we prefer to not have a race the day before. Brian Schroeder read from the January 15, 2022 board meeting minutes: "Aaron Banfield reported the 2022 schedule is missing weather dates and he will see that a post is put on the website. He said there will be two dates toward the end of the season. Banfield noted race twelve will be at Motorsports Country Club with the configuration to be determined. He explained they have a ProAm race on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the day before. Ted Cradlebaugh asked what time we can get in to which Wyke replied they have been accommodating and he likes the idea of going over and supporting them." Schroeder said we all knew it beforehand and explained it poses an issue for his son as he can't race the senior class at that track so if they want to race on Saturday, they have to drop down to the junior class and take all the weight off; they're not planning on running it; everybody else will have it for practice that day but for them, it makes no sense. Emerson D'Agostino added you have to run MG tires with ProAm or they won't let you race. Wyke said we all knew it was coming and he wonders how we can handle it in the future. Lynda Coombs asked if there is any more discussion with no reply. The motion was voted on and passed with ten in favor and one abstained (Johnson). Johnson stated so basically, we just discussed it again the same as we did last year and we have done nothing to prevent an away race to be scheduled on the same day or weekend of another race that we're going to. Banfield asked Johnson if he wants to make a motion or what he wants to do. Johnson said unless he's the only one that feels this way, if we're going to do something about it, he thinks now would be the time to do something about it rather than just continue to talk about it and do nothing. Ted Cradlebaugh replied he made a suggestion to rent the track the day before. Schroeder said his take would be when the board makes a motion to accept the schedule and the dates, we need to make sure we're okay with it then. McKibben said he would like to know the cost to have the facility to ourselves on Saturday when we are racing on Sunday prior to the schedule being presented so we could lock that in and the board can make a financial decision of being able to have the track. He feels it would be much easier on our members to set up and be able to practice. Boles said he thinks it would be real easy to talk to whatever track we go to, if we could have the track the day before and pay them for practice. Banfield noted the arrangement we have and said that would have to be a conversation with those tracks as to whether it would be worth their time and effort to have a practice the day before. He further stated he has no problem having those conversations and

if the board says we're only going to travel if we have the track available for practice the day before and that's a requirement we can put in place, that may limit our ability to travel. Banfield said some tracks may say they don't want to deal with that and there may be a financial cost to that but it's up to this board to decide how we want to do it and we can follow that process; he doesn't have a problem with having that conversation. Rick Coombs said what if we just don't travel; it makes it real simple. Banfield replied that is an option as well. Lynda Coombs discussed seeing the bylaws as specifying who sets the schedule and actual content of the schedule being a separate activity where there could be conversation amongst the Board about the schedule itself. Wyke responded he does not think the Board has control over that; he thinks that's the President. Banfield explained the sitting President sets the dates and locations. Schroeder read the bylaws draft that Banfield had and asked if the Board would make a motion on accepting it or is it merely put out there by the President. Banfield replied it's just presenting it. McKibben said the Board still must vote on the schedule that is being presented. Banfield replied no; we have not done that ever. Ted Cradlebaugh stated the President sets the schedule and that's what it is. Wyke added the board does not vote on anything. Ted Cradlebaugh asked Banfield to check on how much it would cost for us to rent MCC on the Saturday prior to our race. Gary Gregg said it's nice to have the schedule done in November or even publish it in December; it's good business to not schedule on top of other races but sometimes we have to. Banfield shared the other series he has talked with said if we get our schedule out before theirs, they will do their best to try to stay off our dates.

**TIRES:** Aaron Banfield reported the RFP was sent out to Hoosier, Vega and MG. He has not heard back from them and he will follow-up by phone this week to make sure they got it and see if they have any questions.

**NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**NIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP TIEBREAKER:** Josh Johnson said he does not know that we have rules for tiebreakers for the night series champion and he believes we have two kids who have the same number of points for first place. He asked how the Board wants to do the tiebreaker. Mark Heber replied two plaques. Bruce Wyke suggested we go back to the tiebreaker in our rulebook for regular points; it's real simple to do and will identify the champ real quickly. Josh Johnson made a motion to use the current tiebreaker formula for the night series championship. The motion was seconded by Bruce Wyke. Brian Schroeder said we should all understand it before it is voted on so everybody is aware of the method of a tiebreaker. Wyke said some language should be added to that night championship section as a rulebook update. Dylan Cradlebaugh provided the tiebreaker method specified in the rulebook: "Step 1) Number of final wins; Step 2) Number of wins, heats and pre-finals; Step 3) Number of pole awards; Step 4) Number of final 2nd place finishes; Step 5) Number of 2nd place finishes, heats and pre-finals Step 6) Number of final 3rd place finishes; Step 7) Number of 3rd place finishes, heats and pre-finals and so on until the tie is broken." Aaron Banfield said the tiebreaker for night races should factor in only night races; it should not factor in day races. Wyke asked who is going to write the language to update the rulebook. Dylan Cradlebaugh said he would copy and paste the language and put for night races. Banfield said the only thing he would make sure is that it's in the motion or in the rule change to say that the night championship should only factor in night

racers. Don Boles suggested saying we will follow the same procedure for night races. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**PROTEST:** A level two protest was submitted to the Board by Mark Heber on behalf of his minor driver. Following information provided by Mark Heber and Dylan Cradlebaugh, the protest was denied.

**REQUEST TO MOVE UP:** Victoria Huntsbarger shared her son's racing history and requested that he be permitted to move from Kid Karts to the Mini Swift class for the 2023 racing season at the age of seven-years-old. The following five Board members affirmed they feel there are no safety issues with the driver moving up and believe he is capable of racing in the Mini Swift class next season: Aaron Banfield, Mark Heber, Josh Johnson, Michael Lewis, and Brian Schroeder. Lynda Coombs will submit a request to WKA.

**VIDEO PHOTOGRAPHY:** Ray McKibben suggested updating our video to include some drone flyovers. He understands during a race day it is probably not feasible but maybe a mock race could be done or during the Charity Race. McKibben said Harris Malik has the capability. Emerson D'Agostino and Harris Malik discussed FAA airspace requirements; Malik will research the specifications. Aaron Banfield noted that right now the rule is no drones over the track and races. Brian Schroeder will check with a neighbor who is legally able to fly drones. He added it was the club who denied the use of drones because we were having problems with picking up transponders; we had a year where there was a drone flying over and karts were not being counted at the start/finish line. Banfield asked if someone wanted to come out to shoot a video at the Charity Race where if it were to interfere with transponders, it's not as critical an issue. He raised the questions if that would it be worth lifting the rule for this one occasion to get this video shot then reinstating the rule. Banfield reported he has seen drones fly and has seen them crash. McKibben said he agrees with keeping the rule in place and have an exception made; he's not saying the Charity Race; maybe get karters together to do a mock race. Banfield noted if we do a mock race when we're not racing, our rulebook is not in effect and we can shoot whatever video we want if Gary Gregg is not opposed. Gregg replied he is not opposed and discussed the area being on the FAA map as the Camden vortex. Malik said he will seek information and coordinate accordingly, especially with Gregg. Rainer Pansch asked if anyone has ever discussed live streaming on race day since we have some new towers. Malik replied he has attempted to do some live streams and one of the issues is reliable phone connections by either one of the major carriers; there is a dead spot somewhere on the track where it loses connection all of a sudden and it ends the live stream unannounced. He said it may be isolated to him but he will try as he has another GoPro on the way. Malik added if you're talking about live streaming from one of the stands where a camera sits and looks at stuff, that might work, especially if you can find a good area. Pansch replied he doesn't know if OVKA is interested in doing wi-fi camera broadcast to help promote the club; just entertaining to put it on the Facebook page. Banfield said if Pansch wants to look into it as he has no idea what would be involved in that; what devices, what preparation, who's going to do it and make sure it's done correctly Pansch said he just brought up an idea.

**WEBSITE PICTURES:** Dan Fiehrer inquired about getting the website pictures updated; he noted it has been brought up the last three meetings. Bruce Wyke explained with Rob Neuzel's permission, he has their Dropbox that has thousands of pictures that can be gone through and sent to Gary Osterholt for the website. Aaron Banfield asked Wyke to take over getting some pictures to Osterholt.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** Jeanette Holliday reported a situation was brought to her attention. A discussion took place, but not all parties were present. Additional discussion will take place with the parties involved, and will be discussed further with the board.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 9:09 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board discussed a board member probation matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. was made by Aaron Banfield, seconded by Rick Coombs, and passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2022, in person at Full Throttle Adrenaline Park, 11725 Commons Drive, Cincinnati, OH, 45246 **AND** via Microsoft Teams virtually.

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Aaron Banfield – Follow up regarding tire RFPs; send letter regarding unsportsmanlike behavior matter.
- Lynda Coombs – Email bylaws draft to legal counsel; submit request to move up to WKA.
- Harris Malik – Seek information about FAA airspace specifications; coordinate a drone video.
- Ray McKibben – Obtain an update about transponder repairs; follow-up about golf cart repairs.
- Brian Schroeder – Submit fee for the 2023 Cincinnati Boat, Sport, and Travel Show; provide Ted Cradlebaugh with a list of Kid Kart tools that are needed.
- Bruce Wyke – Partner with Gary Osterholt regarding new pictures for the OVKA website.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** R. Beaman, Ethan Bokeno, D. Boles, C. Bonno, A. Buntz, B. Cloon, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, E. D'Agostino, D. Fiehrer, A. Harvey, C. Holliday, V. Huntsbarger, A. Jackson, D. Jennings, H. Malik, R. McKibben, C. Moore, T. Myers, R. Neuzel, R. Pansch, E. Schanie, and A. Wyndham.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 9/30/2022