

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Aaron Banfield called the annual general membership meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. at the Cincinnati Marriott North at Union Centre and welcomed everyone.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs reported a \$250 donation was received from Rob Lehmann who is a lifetime. He asked that the contribution be used to advance efforts that Benefit OVKA. A thank you note was mailed to him.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of treasurer, Jason Gregg, Aaron Banfield provided the treasurer's report, including the track improvement fund. He reported reconciliation with G & J Kartway and Motorsports Country Club is pending receipt of information from those tracks.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BANQUET:** Aaron Banfield noted tonight is the annual banquet which we have been looking forward to. Ray McKibben thanked everyone who sent photos for the banquet slideshow.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Dylan Cradlebaugh reported as of this morning, the draft of the 2023 OVKA rulebook was emailed to the board for review prior to being approved. Aaron Banfield asked the board to review it and explained an email vote can take place but every board member has to vote and vote has to be unanimous. Ray McKibben requested there be a time and date for this to be finalized and Ted Cradlebaugh suggested scheduling a meeting. Banfield scheduled a meeting via the usual Microsoft Teams link for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Dylan Cradlebaugh is awaiting the Briggs rules. Brian Schroeder reported the rules were released on January 22, 2023 and he will send them to Dylan. McKibben requested Schroeder send the rules to all of the board. Banfield thanked Dylan Cradlebaugh and everyone on the committee. Dylan shared that Heather Cradlebaugh took a lot of time editing the rulebook and suggested she be provided a gift card. This will be discussed at the January 31st meeting.

**SWAP MEET:** Bruce Wyke reported on table registrations and said 250 tables is the goal. He said this year we didn't see people take advantage of the early bird break with a \$60 rate instead of \$70. Wyke discussed income and expenses. He reported Elliot and Ethan Bokeno have been providing their expertise for online marketing and we owe them a lot of gratitude. Elliott Bokeno provided information about the marketing he and his brother have been doing and their plans in moving forward. Don Boles reported he has had people reach out to him and he believes it was due to the marketing that has been done. Ray McKibben extended thanks to Elliot and Ethan Bokeno. Elliot Bokeno reported that the seminars to be held at the Swap Meet are filling up; the Introduction to Karting went from seven people to twenty-five people overnight after ads were run. Rainer Pansch discussed promoting the idea of a \$10 ticket for a chassis raffle. Wyke explained there will be a marketing push these last two weeks. He then showed a map of the table spaces and explained there will be no move-in in front of the building this year and that information will be published. Wyke reported he and McKibben will be doing a walkthrough on Monday. Ted Cradlebaugh offered to come in the morning to assist in directing people. Boles will discuss a process for the move-in with Wyke. Rick Coombs asked why loading cannot take place in the front. Wyke replied because they replaced all the pavers out

front and said there will be four dock doors where trucks can pull up. Aaron Banfield stated he thinks it will be better. Wyke explained people who buy things will be able to take their purchases out through the front doors. He reported an email will go out the week before with a map and information about the dock location. Emerson D'Agostino asked if there is a worker sign-up. Wyke replied we will have that tonight and Lynda Coombs, Josh Johnson, Brian Schroeder, and himself will help with sign-ups. He added there will a morning shift from :00 to 11:00 a.m. and an afternoon shift from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wyke said with the boat show, we are asking a lot of volunteers. He reported the hotel block did not get filled. Boles shared that yesterday, they wouldn't give him the special rate and told him Wyke had to call them about it. Wyke replied the special rate falls off three weeks before the event which is part of the contract. Several people said they would book a room if they can get the special rate. Lynda Coombs shared that in the past for the banquet, we were able to get an extension of the special rate by having a conversation with them. Wyke will follow up about this. Boles said Wyke and the Swap Meet Committee have done a great job; attendees applauded.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT:** Ray McKibben provided an update about the transponders that were sent out. He noted there is one transponder where it is questionable if it can be repaired. He is awaiting further information.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Aaron Banfield reported he and Rex Johnson will take care of coordinating move-in to the boat show on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. Banfield is heading up the boat show by default. Dan Fiehrer, who assisted last year, shared that it's not friendly to get in that building as a group, especially since most people already moved in for this event. Ethan Bokeno reported there was a video put on a flash drive for display at the event. Don Boles is awaiting finding out if DARF will be doing a show at the Piqua Mall. He asked that if anyone receives information about this to please let him know. Brian Schroeder reported DARF is interested in coming to one of our races. Boles replied they can come for free one time and just need to sign the waiver. He shared that one time we put two DARF visitors in our mechanics race. Boles extended an invitation to anyone who would like to do a show and said we have a trailer that can be taken to shows. Matt George asked if anyone has considered participating in the PRI show and reported the cost is \$80. Banfield explained there are other costs with that, such as hotels. Dan Fiehrer reported one of the curves show walls has broken pieces. Banfield will provide McKibben with pictures of the broken pieces to check into getting replacement parts.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Michael Lewis reported on checks that have been received for pit spots and sponsorships. He said that they have stopped trickling in. Elliot Bokeno inquired about signing up tonight to which Lewis can do. Lance Begoon asked if new people can sign up for a pit spot. Lewis explained currently there is one name on a waiting list and once the March 1<sup>st</sup> renewal deadline has come, there may be some spots that will be released. Brian Huntsbarger asked if there is a requirement to show up to which Lewis replied some people sublet their spots and some do not show up. Lewis asked that he be sent a text message about spots where no one is showing up and he will contact them. Tyler Abel asked if pit spots are going to be repainted. Lewis replied yes and explained he and Kurt Schanie will go out on a

nice day to restripe them. Ray McKibben noted that \$300 was allocated and has not been used yet. He shared that we have an account with Sherwin Williams and he will get information to Lewis about this. Lewis said more than one day will be needed. Randy Landes reported that the stencils we have are not that great.

**MARKETING:** Bruce Wyke reported that the Marketing Committee has been on hold until after the Swap Meet. Matt George asked if we have cards with the schedule on them. Don Boles replied we have tri-fold brochures. Lynda Coombs shared that in the past we have had business cards with contact information on the front and the schedule on the back; she would like to see them return.

**TECH DEPARTMENT:** No report.

**BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**2023 SCHEDULE:** Aaron Banfield reported the 2023 schedule is officially out with copies on the table in the back of the room and it has been published on the website. He explained we are travelling this season as we could not get dates to line up. Banfield said he will start next year's schedule by at least selecting weekends so they can be spaced out more and so we can lock in dates.

**ELECTION OF 2023 OFFICERS:** Aaron Banfield explained all nominees are running unopposed. Voting will be with a show of hands with one person per family membership. The following officers were elected for the 2023 season:

President – Aaron Banfield

Vice President – Michael Lewis

Board Secretary and Track Secretary – Lynda Coombs

Treasurer – Jason Gregg

**RACE DAY STAFF:** Josh Johnson asked who is going to serve as Race Director and Tech Director. Michael Lewis responded Dylan Cradlebaugh has accepted the position of Race Director. Aaron Banfield said he continues to search for a Tech Director.

**WEBSITE HOST:** Aaron Banfield reported the website will be transferred to a new hosting company. He explained they will pick up the website from Gary Osterholt and drop onto theirs; they will not be doing any editing. Bruce Wyke said we can develop our IT strategy.

**BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION:** Bruce Wyke shared Elliot Bokeno's extensive history with OVKA, as well his post-secondary education and professional expertise. Wyke motioned to nominate Elliot Bokeno to the OVKA Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Scott Golladay. Aaron Banfield said as a point of order, he will look at the bylaws as he believes there is a thirty-day waiting period.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Aaron Banfield, seconded by Ray McKibben, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 p.m. Motion carried.

**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:**

- Cincinnati Boat, Sport and Travel Show – Wednesday, January 25, through Sunday, January 29, 2023, Duke Energy Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45202
- Rules Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2023 via Microsoft Teams (link on OVKA website).
- OVKA 2023 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 4, 2023, The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2023, Virtually via Microsoft Teams (link on the OVKA website).

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Aaron Banfield – Provide Ray McKibben with pictures of broken pieces on the show booth for checking into replacement parts.
- Don Boles – Discuss the Swap Meet move-in process with Bruce Wyke.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Assist with directing people the morning of the Swap Meet.
- Ray McKibben – Provide Michael Lewis with information about the Sherwin Williams account.
- Brian Schroeder – Email Briggs rules to Dylan Cradlebaugh and the board.
- Bruce Wyke – Check with Roberts Centre regarding whether the special sleeping room rate can be extended.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Banfield, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, S. Golladay, J. Johnson, R. Landis, M. Lewis, R. McKibben, K. Schanie, B. Schroeder, and B. Wyke.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Albright, J. Begoon, L. Begoon, C. Bogan, Elliot Bokeno, Ethan Bokeno, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, E. D’Agostino, M. D’Agostino, A. Dargis, D. Fiehrer, M. George, B. Huntsbarger, D. Jennings, B. Lance, B. Langley, C. Moore, R. Pansch, C. Schanie, E. Schanie, D.C. Shappard,

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/29/2023