

OVKA BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
7:00 P.M. - Tuesday, February 4, 2025

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS – Elliot Bokeno

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT – Dawn Schroeder

- Motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting, seconded by Elliot, passed unanimously

TRACK SECRETARY’S REPORT – Lynda Coombs

- Alpha timing information will fit better with the Banquet report

TREASURER’S REPORT – Elliot Bokeno on behalf of Jason Gregg

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Shows & Promotions – Don Boles/Emerson D’Agostino
  
- Sponsorship / Pit Spots – Dan Fiehrer
  - Give Dan a couple days to get everything updated
  - Around 100 spots possibly available and 130 requests roughly
  - Email Dan with requests
  
- Marketing and Digital Communications – Ethan Bokeno
  - Social efforts are really working well, lots of people said they found the Swap Meet through the social posts
  - AlphaTiming charges 3% surcharge per transaction - Elliot made a motion to move forward with Alpha Timing for registration knowing they have a 3% fee for each transaction that will be paid by the club. The original credit card fee of 3% will remain with the card holder which will not change the amount the racer pays to use the credit card for registration. Seconded by Aaron Banfield, passed with 7 yes votes (Banfield, Cradelbaugh, Fiehrer, Gregg, Huntsbarger, Neuzel, Schanie) and 1 no vote (Coombs).
  - Motion made by Elliot to allocate up to \$600 to pay for Lightning Event Management for one more year in case anything goes wrong with Alpha Timing. Seconded by Rick C, passed unanimously
  
- Track Improvement - Ray McKibben
  - Waiting for transponders to return
  - Lynda has two more transponders for Ray to look at. She knows they are defective.
  - Waiting to schedule clean up
  - Painting turtles - Ray will get with John Powers to arrange when this will occur

- Swap Meet / Trade Show Committee - Dan Fiehrer / Elliot Bokeno / Rob Neuzel / Kurt Schanie
- Highly successful! Thank you to the committee for all the behind the scenes and all the volunteers who helped out!
- We haven't receive the final bill from Roberts yet
- \$39,850 roughly this year, \$41,075 last year but we sold more vendor booths this year
- Thinking about making some changes for next year including policing the vendors getting wristbands
- Suggestion from Carson Smith, think about having a round table type of discussion for track promoters from the region. Help the tracks to work together.
- We need more people volunteering, we definitely worked on a skeleton crew this year.
- New Memberships at the Meet - 5 brand new to OVKA
  
- Banquet - Emily Schanie / Anna Bokeno
- \$34,494.00 145 Adults, 15 kids
- Liked the venue but some things could change
- The Main Event was successful again this year
- The eagle trophy is not readily available which is why the kid karts and micro swift had a different trophy because there weren't enough.
- Emily resigning as chair. She recommends a committee of more than two people!
- We really appreciate all the touches Emily has added like the centerpieces and decorations.
- Ted mentioned that we need to think about only budgeting for the banquet that is brought in by the Swap Meet. We need to be mindful of the costs.
- Venue cost was a little higher, we had a food and beverage minimum which we didn't meet which cost us about \$500. Emily recommends we don't go with a venue that has a minimum. We were down about 50 entries from last year.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Edward Kloecker move from Sportsman to Junior was approved by WKA
- Rulebook amendment to fix participation award levels in the appendix for the 2025 banquet
- Elliot made a motion to amend the levels of participation for banquet prizes because the total number of races has changed. Level 1 will be 6-9 races, Level 2 will be 10-11 races, Level 3 will be 12 races. Seconded by Dan F, passed unanimously

## NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION

- Brian H proposes that we have two track owners vouch for racers requesting to move up. This would show they have the ability to race

at more than just one track. It would show a broader ability and could cut down on the number of requests.

- Should a person who asks to move up need to be “of age” during the calendar year in question - Of Age by April 1 - Discussion to be continued before the next Rulebook.
- Beckham Lewis is asking move from Junior to Senior; January 6, 2011 (just turned 14)
- Board members giving their vote: Ted Cradelbaugh, Aaron Banfield, Kurt Schanie, Brian Huntsbarger, Elliot Bokeno
- We have an interested UC student candidate for tech director. He went to the tech seminar at the Swap Meet.
- Josh Wagar might be interested in being Race Director.
- Emerson is looking for some help in regards to the 206 engine in order to help the kid karts. He wants to learn more about the 4 cycle engine.
- If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all. We don't want to take away anyone's free speech, but if it isn't good for our club, please don't put it out on social media. There are avenues to talk with Elliot or Dan or a board member in order to work through problems. The social media logarithms cling to the negative/argumentative comments and perpetuate those views. Keep putting positive out there and more positives will be visible.
- It is probably time to start thinking about the weekly awards. Brian Schroeder brought some silver plates that have been donated by AKRA. We just need a design to be printed. If anyone is interested in designing it, contact Elliot
- If anyone is new to the track, send them down to the Racing4Vets. They always have a lot of people in the pit and they can show them what a race day is like. Randall Potter could be a contact for this.

ADJOURNMENT to informal meeting to recap the Swap Meet

- Elliot made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM, seconded by Dan F.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2025, via Microsoft Teams virtually (link on OVKA website)