

OVKA BOARD MEETING AGENDA
7:00 p.m., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS – Aaron Banfield

INSTALLATION OF 2024 OFFICERS – Aaron Banfield

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lynda Coombs

- Lynda made a ***motion to accept the board minutes*** as presented from the January 2nd board meeting, seconded by Aaron Banfield. It passed ***unanimously***.
- Lynda made a ***motion to allocate \$3000.00*** to the secretary fund to be shared by both the track secretary and the board secretary, seconded by Aaron Banfield. It passed ***unanimously***.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Aaron Banfield on behalf of Jason Gregg

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Track Improvement – Ted Cradlebaugh / Gary Gregg / Ray McKibben
 - Elliot discussed what needs to be done to prepare for opening day including a possible schedule of events for the day.
 - Gary has the bathroom renovations lined up.
 - Discussed metal doors in the men's room and the tower back door
 - Mr. Springer volunteered to build a new podium to donate to the club for presentation of awards each race day.
- Shows & Promotions – Don Boles / Lynda Coombs / Ted Cradlebaugh / Brian Schroeder
 - There is a box of "old" trifolds to use but we need to think of creating a new document.
 - Piqua Mall show is March 1, same as the original opening day
 - Establish a date and volunteers to set up at Full Throttle. Aaron said any day would work but Saturdays really have the best potential traffic. Several members volunteered to sit with their karts and talk with people who are interested in karting.
- Sponsorship/ Pit Spots – Rex Johnson
 - The end date is coming up and Rex has a lot of people looking for spots. Make sure you get your reservation solidified by the March 1 deadline.

- Rex asked that the deadline date be made earlier for next year. Discussion centered around February 1 in order to allow members to pay for their spot at the banquet but would also allow Rex to sign new members at the Swap Meet.
- Marketing and Digital Communications – Ethan Bokeno
 - Please tag #OVKA and @OVKA and G&J Kartway with any pictures so Ethan can include them and promote the club.
 - Lots of great feedback online about the Swap Meet.
 - Discussion of how to go about streaming our races on YouTube.
- Tech Department – Brian Huntsbarger / Brian Schroeder
 - Brian S. made a **motion to allocate \$750.00** for miscellaneous tech items and tools, seconded by Rick Coombs. It passed **unanimously**.
- Banquet – Emily Schanie
 - Many compliments to Emily and her team for a fantastic banquet!
 - Emily is looking for a new venue for next year due in part to the large amount of “fees and surcharges” the Marriott charges above and beyond the initial quote.
 - More than 200 came to the banquet.
 - 20 kids went to the Main Event, thanks to Don Huff for loaning his large van to transport kids to and from the Main Event.
 - Total cost \$30,095.88
 - Emily made a **motion to add \$95.88** to cover the additional cost of the tires, seconded by Aaron Banfield. It **passed** unanimously.
 - Discussion about having the banquet near a hotel even if it isn’t at a hotel next year for families who travel and need a place to stay.
- Swap Meet – Bruce Wyke
 - Many compliments to Bruce and his team plus 40 volunteers for a successful Swap Meet!
 - Bruce displayed a comparison chart from the 2023 and 2024 Swap Meets. Total income this year was \$41,075.00 with 1,527 arm bands sold.
 - Bruce is looking at new venues for the 2025 Swap Meet although with the closing of the Duke center in downtown Cincinnati the prices seem to be very high.

- Bruce made a ***motion for \$1000.00*** to make a deposit to hold our date at the Roberts Centre for the 2025 Swap Meet, seconded by Aaron Banfield. It passed ***unanimously***.
- Brian S. asked about a price break if we book multiple years. Bruce said he would like to just negotiate the price for one year in conjunction with finalizing the 2024 bill and not look at multiple years at this time.
- Bruce highlighted the Intro to Karting class and how the ambassadors and the OVKA information booth helped the new people find answers to their questions. Several bought karts and parts after the class. They took 5 new memberships and several memberships for people returning to our club.
- Discussion turned to following up with these new members. Contact information will be sent to specific board members to contact these individuals to follow up before the first race.

OLD BUSINESS

- Awards – Aaron Banfield
 - Dan F. asked about the price of awards for the 2024 season. Aaron said he will look into it. We'd like to spend less than \$10 per class for first, second, and third place awards.
 - Aaron is looking for a person to take the lead on selecting and purchasing the awards for the upcoming season. Please reach out to him if you are interested.

NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION

- Ray M. made a ***motion to allocate \$550.00*** to pay for 3 new batteries and 2 new headsets for the radios plus shipping, seconded by Aaron Banfield. It passed ***unanimously***.
- Dan F. asked about the status of the golf carts. The \$7500 was voted on last month. Brian H. has the old ones at his house to see what needs fixed and getting them ready for the season.
- Aaron B. made a ***motion to allocate \$1000.00*** for clean up day to cover the costs of painting turtles, tram lines, etc., seconded by Brian S. It passed ***unanimously***. Ray will take ownership of getting the paint.
- Ray would like a bigger crew to help place the crash bags. He plans to park the truck at the entrance and carry them to place them rather than drive on the track like we have done in the past.

- Bruce asked about how to get the 3 credit card machines back. Aaron said he would contact him off the meeting and make arrangements to pick them up.

ADJOURNMENT

- Aaron B. made a ***motion to adjourn*** at 8:56, seconded by Ted C.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- G & J Kartway Opening Day – Saturday, March 2, 2024
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2024, via Microsoft Teams virtually (link on OVKA website)