

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023**

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the July 11, 2023 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield and passed with eight of those board members in attendance at the time in favor and one abstained (Bokeno).

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of treasurer, Jason Gregg, Lynda Coombs provided bank balances and a gate pass report. Aaron Banfield discussed pending track reconciliation with G & J Kartway. Josh Johnson discussed moving funds into a higher interest account. Dan Fiehrer said he agrees with Johnson and shared information about bank CD rates. He further stated he thinks it needs to be looked at. Ray McKibben agreed and asked that this be on the agenda next month. Aaron Banfield will talk with Gary Gregg about this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRACK IMPROVEMENT: Ray McKibben reported he is working on getting information what is wrong with a couple of transponders and noted they are older units. Ted Cradlebaugh said we need to talk with Gary Gregg regarding having some type of commitment to this club about repaving the track so they all know; it's something we've talked about and it's not being discussed. Ray McKibben reported that Gregg has been actively looking and talking to the pavement companies; due to pavement companies having a high volume of build-it back right now, they won't make the formula that Gregg wants. He further stated that Gregg is waiting until their production slows down then they might be willing to do a formula for the track that Gregg wants. Aaron Banfield said will follow up with Gregg.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Ted Cradlebaugh plans to take karts to an upcoming car show in Germantown. Brian Schroeder reported the Cincinnati Convention Center is being renovated and the Cavalcade of Customs Show and Boat Show will not be taking place next year. He has not heard if those events are being changed to a different venue; he will keep an eye out.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: No report.

MARKETING & DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS: Elliot Bokeno thanked everyone who bought Champ Race t-shirts. Brian Schroeder reported he looked into live streaming and there are places where we can put a link. He and Elliot Bokeno are still working on this. Bokeno shared he has been in touch with a person who runs the streams at Whiteland about what it takes on the hardware side and the logistics of it. He added once the two pieces are put together, we can make something happen in the coming years.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Brian Huntsbarger reported he received two sockets last week and sent Lynda Coombs the paperwork from SNAP. Aaron Banfield forwarded the bill to the treasurer. Huntsbarger will weld the sockets this weekend. Bruce Wyke inquired about working fire extinguishers in the grid to which Brian Schroeder replied he believes they're on the post and Ted Cradlebaugh concurred.

CHAMP RACE: Aaron Banfield said the Champ Race went spectacular and he heard positive feedback about the event and food. Dawn Schroeder replied it went exactly as planned and she thinks everybody had a good time. She noted the budget was exceeded by \$10.79. Schroeder shared how easy the different rental place was to work with. Ted Cradlebaugh said Dawn Schroeder did a great job. Lynda Coombs thanked Schroeder for taking care of distributing trophies. Elliot Bokeno will provide Dawn Schroeder, Rob Neuzel, and Ray McKibben with a link for submitting pictures.

BANQUET: In follow-up to last month's board meeting, Lynda Coombs reported she spoke with Jerry Rigney with the Marriot on July 26, 2023 who Jeanette Holliday had been working with. He said the date of Saturday, January 20, 2024 is held for us and a \$500 deposit needed to be made so Coombs mailed it the next day. Rigney said that limited access will be available the Friday night to take items in but total access will not be available until Saturday morning. Coombs reported Rigney said he anticipates a 3 to 4% increase for meal prices and he will try to work on our pricing next week, as well as review previous menus and work up menu suggestions. Rigney shared that last year they poured soda out of pitchers and there were complaints so they will be providing tea, lemonade, and water for the meal and sodas and adult beverages will still be available for sale at the cash bars. An event order will be emailed to Rick Coombs as they have his contact information from him chairing the event in the past. Lynda said one or two people will be needed to chair this event and it is her understanding there are a few people who are interested in helping but not chairing the event. Lynda further stated a need she sees is to have a printed list of the details how ordering of prizes was handled to pass that information along to the chairperson. Dawn Schroeder shared she set up a Google Drive for the banquet where everything that she and Jeanette Holliday did, such as foldables and budget information, are available to whoever is interested in being chairperson. She feels it will be a pretty seamless handover and she and Holliday will be available to answer questions. Aaron Banfield said we have had a couple of conversations with people who have expressed interest and if anyone is interested in being on the committee or running the committee, please let him know. He further stated we have good resources; Dawn, Jeanette, Rick and Lynda are available to help them understand the commitment.

SWAP MEET: Bruce Wyke shared details about estimated 2024 Swap Meet expenses and provided comparisons from last year. He explained a little money has been included in case they need to look for guest speakers and explained we need to keep in mind who we are trying to attract and how we attract them in relation to what is spent for speakers. Wyke discussed options for apparel, such as beanies, hats, t-shirts, and sweatshirts; he thinks it could be a money-maker. Wyke provided information about projected income with a slight increase in general admission. He said they're leaving the same numbers from last year for vendor booth sales with \$60 for early registration and \$70 for standard and mail-in. Wyke said he and Josh Johnson want to do a little better this year with some event sponsorship and are looking at \$1,000 and providing some online promotion. Wyke provided a summary of profit and said he is very confident in that and knows we can reduce expenses along the road. He reviewed proceeds from previous hat sales and said his thought is to use the Swap Meet to launch the 60th anniversary for the Ohio Valley Karting Association. Wyke shared a logo design for hats and beanies and said he and Elliot and Ethan Bokeno would be happy to discuss how we can spin that into shirts and sweatshirts. Elliot added he thinks we need to play up the 60th anniversary season as he thinks it's a big deal. He said we could do some cool things with it, such as a 60th anniversary shirt, hat, jacket, or sweatshirt, not just at the Swap Meet, but throughout the year there's probably a lot of opportunities and the Swap Meet is the perfect

place to start. Wyke said like we did last year, we use the Swap Meet as a platform to develop some of the things that we can then capitalize on and further develop. He pointed out that last year we were hurting for content and noted what the Bokenos have done for this year and said it's awesome. Elliot explained he took so much video and pictures at the Swap Meet last year and that is now where we can start with a bunch of promo videos and hopefully drum up early interest, such as pre-December, and try to build some real momentum for it. He asked about having someone like Kart Chaser come out and do a live broadcast walking around talking to people for an hour or two. Wyke does not know what they would charge; he said it's worth an ask and he will report back to the committee. Wyke discussed Ethan's online committee getting prepared for vendors to be able to register online for their booth, extra tables, electricity, etc. He said it could also be available earlier for the banquet. Wyke raised the question how we can develop the online store within our GoDaddy and said the online payment and online store is probably his number one priority. He discussed other details that need to be addressed including, printed marketing materials and getting a handle on the email hierarchy so we can develop the contact page for OVKA.com for the Swap Meet page. During the meeting, Elliot Bokeno pulled the old links and posted that details will be coming soon. There was discussion about the OVKA logo. Wyke made a motion to for \$20,750 for estimated expenses for the 2024 Swap Meet. The motion was seconded by Banfield. Don Boles asked if the amount includes apparel to which Wyke said there is about \$1,500 included. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

OVKA APPAREL: Discussed during Swap Meet topic.

100CC MASTERS/HEAVY TIRES: Aaron Banfield reported he spoke with Keith Freber who said there is no shortage of tires and anyone can contact him to order tires. Banfield would like to have conversation with the class this weekend and he encourages board members to participate in it and get that feedback. Banfield said he thinks we're going to want to look at tires as to what we are doing with the R-70s next year and raised the question if we are going to continue with just the Masters/Heavy class or expand that to other classes. Banfield wants to make sure we have conversation with those classes and discuss it.

STARTERS: In follow-up to conversation last month, Aaron Banfield reported we had Gorilla tape available and obtained the necessary parts to convert our starters. The parts have come in and by this weekend, Brian Schroeder and Brian Huntsbarger will make sure those are properly affixed to our starters and we will have them in the grid so we can keep an eye on that and make sure that's taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS / OPEN DISCUSSION:

PROTESTS: Aaron Banfield reported we have a couple of protests; the first one he does not think we have anything to address as we're still waiting on WKA to give us a cost and handling instructions. Banfield explained we ran into a situation at tech where a 100cc cylinder head that was originally deemed outside the spec and there is a protest on that that we are looking at sending that off to IAME for follow-up. Brian Schoeder replied it's a piston, not a cylinder head and explained the tool that was being used was a piston dome and height tool and it was utilized to measure the piston height and we found later it wasn't for that so what's in question is the piston height so the protest is for the piston to be sent for the height of the piston to be measured. Schroeder stated we didn't have any means at the track to measure that on that engine. Banfield said following the process that we have outlined in the rulebook, we have got to get that number from IAME East and WKA to follow through on that so we're in a holding

pattern. Ray McKibben said it is his understanding that tool is only used to measure the dome and there's not a tool designed or in IAME; in IAME rules it doesn't show that tool being used to measure height or overall height of the piston; it's only used for the dome. He asked if the tool is not being used properly then how can there be a DQ over it. McKibben said he would like to see in IAME rules how this was done; he has seen the tool and the tool itself it is only an outline of the dome; there's no place of measurements on the tool itself, so how can you use it to measure overall height and put a DQ in place if you're not using the proper tools. He further stated it is his understanding it passed the dome height and that the shape of dome passed so he is trying to understand how this tool was used to measure and then a subsequent DQ is issued if there's no procedure in place for it using that tool for that application. Brian Huntsbarger explained the guy who is in charge behind the decisions is out so they gave him different names to validate the use of the tool. He detailed the things he went by and shared that IAME's recommendation is to have a stock piston that we know is a good baseline and we call that legal and call that as our gauge of height, depth, skirt changes, and anything that might have possibly got modified from stock; we're allowed to compare that to stock, so there were some other things we could have probably checked to disprove or prove. He added there's a lot of learning here with the tools we're provided. Following further discussion, Huntsbarger said if by sending it out and they say it's okay, they stuck it on a block and they tested it in the height and it's good then we know maybe that's a different tool we need to buy to actually have a gauge there that we can slide under the surface; that's kind of what we're coming to, maybe we don't have the right tools. McKibben discussed the tool not being designed to measure top and bottom of the piston and said his understanding of tech is you generally have a way to back up those findings. He further stated the application of this tool and trying to do something with it that it wasn't designed for or giving you a detailed way to do it, he questions. He asked who we send this to. Huntsbarger responded IAME told him they won't take parts. Banfield explained in our rulebook, WKA is the official source unless they deem it to go to this source as a frame of reference. He reported that Mike Tetrault has been reaching out to IAME and Tetrault committed that WKA will give us an answer who we can send it to have it tested. Schroeder shared details about how he and Huntsbarger have noticed other IAME tech tools to be in question; he does not want people to think this is a one-time incident with a tool that's in question; they have questioned three others they have seen not be up to par. Schroeder added he feels very comfortable and happy that Huntsbarger is helping out at tech because they bounce things off one another just to make sure there is no gray area when it comes to tech, but this one has a little bit of a gray area. McKibben responded that what he's questioning is the tool itself and raised the question whether it is designed to measure the overall length or just measure the crown and the top of the piston. Huntsbarger said he thinks the answer is maybe the club buys a 100 piston and a 60 piston and we can also keep in scale and double-check with our tools and also with gauges that become the gauge block; we leave it in an IAME piston box; that's one of the things in the rules to always utilize a known good piston or known good part so there's no question on what something is supposed to look like on comparison to some of these tools and whether the tool is supposed to be profile only or height. Huntsbarger discussed what he has been seeing in some of the addendums to the rules and said there's all kinds of things that IAME is saying they apologize it doesn't pass tech, you have got to buy a new part. He explained some of these parts are coming from different manufacturers and different parts of the world and said maybe we're getting stock parts that aren't and if these tools are designed to fit one piston and the rest of them all look like they're sloppy, then maybe we're going to have to find a different way to find these problems. Following further discussion, Banfield noted that the part is in quarantine and said we will continue to work with WKA and keep everyone informed. Schroeder reported on a

second protest that was in the LO206 Senior class that involved his son. He explained during tech he did not feel it was right for him to stop tech procedures and walk out and unbolt his son's engine; he knew it had to be done, but with twenty people standing out there, people were waiting on him. Schroeder explained Wes did take off the KA and tear that one down himself while Schroeder, Huntsbarger, and Craig Bogan were doing tech. Schroeder shared there was some confusion; his son had already put the KA back so the LO206 was off in the gravel area while there was discussion about the piston and Lynda Coombs was talking with Schroeder about making sure she received the tech sheets so she could document people passing tech. He said at that time he began not feeling well then it started raining and about 7:30 p.m. at night his wife was packing up; he had no idea their engine had not been teched and left post-tech inadvertently. Upon walking out of the tech garage, Schroeder passed out and hit the gravel; thankfully, Aaron, Rick, and Lynda were there. Schroeder explained that day he was focused on the other racers and getting them through tech and he neglected two things; one was he had not eaten or drank much and the other one was his son. He said there was no intent and he didn't even realize that his kart wasn't teched. His son had removed one of the bolts on the bottom, the cable and fuel line and thought Schroeder was going to pull the engine off. Bruce Wyke asked what the protest is. Schroeder said he passed out and doesn't remember much and remembers people saying he needed to fill out a protest. Dawn Schroeder said she filled out a protest as a special consideration because Wes had earned the fastest lap trophy and that is very important to him. She explained Wes is not running the class for points and is very disappointed that she and Brian took the kart out of tech before it got checked because of the confusion with Brian being in tech and Dawn doing the Champ Race. She said she filled out the form just to bring it to the board for special consideration that he be able to keep that fastest lap trophy. Dawn further stated they understand they left tech early but due to the circumstances, they thought they would bring it to ask the board. Wyke asked if Wes stayed in tech with the kart. Dawn replied he did not as it was starting to rain and Wes ran back to pack up the trailer. Josh Johnson asked roughly what time the 206 Seniors were being teched. Rick Coombs replied they were the last class and shared he was in tech helping and as Brian said, he had other things on his mind. He said the motor had not been taken off and set with the other motors and as a result, with it starting to rain, Dawn grabbed the kart to keep it dry and headed back at which time he passed her under the pavilion. Rick stated he feels it's one of those things that everybody got tied up in tech with the KA instead of the 206 and it was a mental error; he doesn't believe it was anything malicious on anybody's part. Rick noted that Wes finished third so it's not for the win and his thought is that one ought to be reinstated. Rick said Brian Huntsbarger and Aaron Banfield can attest to everything that we were dealing with and Banfield talking to everybody to get everything figured out. Banfield replied he will echo what Rick said, that there was a lot of chaos and confusion and there was a sincere attempt to do really good tech for the Champ Race and have a quality effort; it was chaotic. Wyke asked Rick if he would feel different if we were to reinstate his third-place finish; if he was running for points and finished in the top five and just didn't go to tech, you'd reinstate it. Rick explained he did not hear part of this conversation about the fast time trophy and he is looking at what happened in tech. Ray McKibben said it is his understanding the length of time the kart was in tech was quite lengthy then the rain came in and it was nothing intentional to bypass tech. He added given the circumstances of what he heard with Brian passing out and everything else that was going on, he is kind of leaning with what Rick is trying to communicate. McKibben stated we are a club and he thinks the person fulfilled everything but mistakenly pulled the kart out after a very long day with the weather coming in. Gary Gregg suggested Schroeder bring both of their 206 engines in on Saturday or Sunday and they could go through tech. Banfield responded that the process is once the kart leaves tech, we can't pull it back into tech; we don't know what's been

done and he thinks that's a dangerous precedent that complicates the situation even more. Gregg said the main thing is checking the seals. Banfield said he is not sure what they were checking but it was quite a bit more than just the seals. Don Boles said the only thing he is afraid of is what it would change in the future if we change this; it's always been this way. He added he's not saying anything against Brian or anybody else; he's talking about the long haul. Boles said he knows Brian was sick but he's looking at the future of the club and our ruling; that's something you think about on both sides. Schroeder shared that on Saturday he and Wes ate under the pavilion by themselves while all the tables were being put away because he was spending the time getting Champ Race stuff ready as he wanted things to go off without a hitch for everybody and he was more focused on all the other karters. He added that the comment was made about the protest and he really wasn't with it while it was being filled out following having passed out and it took a while for him to snap out of it. Lynda Coombs said procedurally in order to bring it to the board, it was felt that it was best to have Dawn fill out the protests, which Lynda has, rather than bring it to the board for discussion when there was no formal process followed. Banfield added we did follow the process as best we can and he was clear on Sunday that we understood the spirit and intent of what was trying to be communicated in the protests that there were unusual circumstances so if someone wants to challenge the process of how we went through it, please let him know, but we tried to make sure we captured the right information in the right manner. He said he thinks we used rule 602; if we're off a little bit, he asks for some grace. Wyke replied that was his point; he couldn't figure out why the protest was made because we followed the rulebook. Banfield responded the rulebook allows for someone that wants a challenge for whatever reason to bring it to the board; at that point we did not have a trackside committee present as it had gotten late enough that there was not enough present there to do that so bringing it to this board was the next best step to reiterate the facts, Wes brought his kart to post-tech; no one disagrees that the kart left without being post-teched but what the Schroeders are asking for is some consideration from the board based on the circumstances of this and that's where the board needs to look and discuss it and ask questions and make a decision on that particular request. Banfield added he thinks Brian or Dawn need to make that request in the manner of a motion to move forward. McKibben asked how long the kart was in tech to which Brian Schroeder replied three hours. Dawn stated they do acknowledge that it was totally their confusion that took the kart out of tech before it was teched; they understand that and greatly apologize. She added they are bringing this to the board because of the disappointment of their child; he earned that; they're just making an effort. Brian Schroeder said he wants to say that he neglected Wes and attending to his engines; Wes wound up tearing down the KA and that's a pretty good feat for a 15-year-old at post-tech and he put it all back together. Dawn Schroeder made a motion to reinstate Wes's position in 206 final at the Champ Race. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs. Johnson asked if that would be the position of third place and fast time to which Banfield replied yes, if you reinstate his finishing position, he will be entitled to the fast time award. Wyke inquired about the finishing positions which Lynda Coombs provided. Banfield asked if there would be a modification where he doesn't take the points for the season if he's not racing for points, but gets the fast time. McKibben responded he thinks that's a better compromise because fast time awards are separate versus racing; he thinks that would go over much better with the circumstances. Boles asked if we can give two fast time awards; Banfield replied no. Elliot Bokeno stated at the end of the day it comes down to it's such a hard situation and raised the question do you award something for a kart that didn't go through tech even though we know all of the situation. Wyke noted that by awarding Wes those points, you interfere with the season for another racer; he doesn't know what the priority is here. McKibben asked Dawn if she would consider making the motion for the fast time award and taking non-points for the actual Sunday race. Dawn replied

she was thinking about if her motion did not pass if she can make the amendment that it just be for the fast time award. Banfield amended Dawn's motion that this consideration would be just for the fast time award but Wes would not receive points for the event and would be awarded the fast time award only. The motion was seconded by Don Boles. Johnson asked if that means he still gets third place or would everyone move up one. Banfield replied if the amendment passes, he would be awarded the fast time award but would receive no points for the event. Wyke said current points wouldn't change. Ted Cradlebaugh said he understands the amendment and he is going to vote for it but he first wants to say that we're setting a precedent here of a board member and the tech guy. He further stated he knows people probably don't know the situation that happened and that's the only reason he will vote for this amendment but be ready for repercussions. Wyke added it does not have good optic to which Banfield and Cradlebaugh agreed. The motion was voted on and passed with six in favor, two opposed, and four abstained (roll call: Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Golladay-yes, Gregg-yes, Johnson-abstained, Landes-no, McKibben-yes, Schanie-no, Schroeder-abstained, Wyke-abstained, Bokeno-abstained, Boles-yes). There was discussion about abstained votes to which McKibben said an abstained vote is a neutral vote, neither yay or nay, and read from Wikipedia. Wyke said the quorum is definitely in question to which Lynda Coombs read from the bylaws that, "Motions are voted on only by a quorum, which consists of at least half the total number of board members. Main motions require a majority vote to pass". Banfield stated that motion carries. Dawn Schroeder extended thanks for the board's consideration.

TECH: Ray McKibben would like to make a suggestion for tech which Aaron Banfield asked that he bring offline. McKibben will send an email.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION: Brian Schroeder, seconded by Ray McKibben, nominated Brian Huntsbarger to OVKA Board of Directors. Huntsbarger accepted the nomination which will be voted on next month during an executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Aaron Banfield, seconded by Rick Coombs, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Talk with Gary Gregg regarding track resurfacing.
- Elliot Bokeno - Provide Dawn Schroeder, Rob Neuzel, and Ray McKibben with a link for submitting pictures.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2023, virtually via Microsoft Teams Microsoft Teams (link on the OVKA website).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Banfield, E. Bokeno, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, S. Golladay, G. Gregg, J. Johnson, R. Landes, R. McKibben, K. Schanie, B. Schroeder, and B. Wyke.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: L. Begoon, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, D. Chambers, A. Crouch, E. D'Agostino, D. Fiehrer, B. Huntsbarger, C. Irby, R. Johnson, H. Malik, C. Moore, R. Neuzel, R. Pansch, D. Schroeder, and D. Shappard.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 8/27/2023