

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the July 11, 2017 board meeting minutes with two changes as follows: Page 6-Rulebook Comment change from "administration" to "administrator" and add thank you to Ray Brown for helping with tech at the Champ Race. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Lynda Coombs reported volunteers are in place for the Lebanon Blues Festival this coming Saturday. Lee McCready suggested selling OVKA t-shirts to which Coombs agreed to assist with this.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: No report.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben reported the front end on the big retrieval vehicle is worn out and the clutch on the golf cart needs to be replaced. Brent Warren asked that the brakes on the electric golf cart be addressed also. McKibben made a motion to appropriate \$600 for the clutch, brakes and parts for both vehicles. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed unanimously.

RULES COMMITTEE: Pat Slattery asked when Josh Wagar started on rules for the next year. Lynda Coombs replied typically by October with suggestions having been gathered throughout the season. Aaron Banfield suggested letting the members know to which Slattery agreed. Dylan Cradlebaugh said this can be done at driver's meetings and Ted Cradlebaugh added on the website also. Mike Lewis offered his assistance for website support.

CHAMP RACE COMMITTEE: Lynda Coombs reported the cotton candy machine was a bit hit. Thank you to Pat Slattery for coordinating the event.

SWAP MEET: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he talked with Doug Benson today. Benson will be presenting some proposals next month and he is leaning toward raising the admission price to \$12. Cradlebaugh said we will add some people at the door to address having to count change so there is not a backup. Ray McKibben reported Benson has asked him to assist coordinating the tech seminar.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 TIRES: Ted Cradlebaugh asked why we do not have tire proposals at least sent to the board and said we can't wait until the end of the year to do this. Ken Kuethe replied he or Don Boles can email Reid Smith about this. Pat Slattery said he thinks Smith has proposals from all but one but that might be tires. Cradlebaugh said we need to look at cost, wear, availability and what they are going to provide. Brent Warren read an email sent today from Smith that explained he has received one more tire proposal and he will be working with Don Boles get the testing summary data and proposal summaries out to everyone by mid-August for review prior to the September board meeting.

GENERATOR: Ray McKibben reported the old generator has been serviced.

MISSION STATEMENT: Aaron Banfield reported he plans to get together on a Friday night before one of the next two Saturday races to work on developing a mission statement.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Aaron Banfield reported he will have a comparison of tech tools for the next race. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed a disqualification matter.

FUTURE PLANNING: No report.

GIVE BACK TO OUR MEMBERS: Lynda Coombs read Brian Schroeder's proposal from last month:

“3. a. Friday August 12th (1 day prior to race 10) Practice under the lights!

1. Weather permitting?? (Decision Friday by 4pm)

2. Track closes at 8:30pm (lights set)

a. \$3.00 armband

i. Money goes to Charity Race payout

3. Armbands required to enter track

4. Must enter/exit track at grid, not turn 7/9

5. Volunteer corner workers – Parents

b. Saturday Sept 16th (1 day prior to race 13)

1. Weather permitting?? (decision Friday by 4pm)

ii. Armband required for each driver

iii. Armband required for each family member

iv. At 3pm pizzas will be ordered

v. Practice stops at 6pm

1. Track will remain closed for remainder of night

2. Estimated cost to club \$1000

a. 60 drivers - \$600 practice

b. 180 people - \$400 pizza”

Ray McKibben said we can't say yeah or nay because Gary Gregg is not here. Aaron Banfield stated the question about getting lights for Friday was not answered. McKibben replied availability would need to be checked. Ken Kuethe suggested board members have discussion at the track. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if this is just for practice to which Kuethe replied yes. Cradlebaugh said if it is a short track night, we could do it with our lights. Kuethe stated with two weeks to go, we are not quite set up.

TRANSPONDERS: Lynda Coombs reported the transponders and charging case were received. She explained many of the old style transponders have broken tabs and asked if there is a way to retrofit them. Ray McKibben suggested having Jeff Roberts look at them. Jeff Calvert pointed out if they are repaired, they might not fit back in the charging case. Roberts suggested using them last and he will try to come up with something. Rex Johnson asked if the transponders have been tested to which Coombs explained they were charged and had green lights.

STAGING LANES: Randy Landes discussed Ted Cradlebaugh staging the karts at the last race. Cradlebaugh replied he was trying to keep them in their lane. Rex Johnson said with the 420 class, it helped having him there as it helped them focus on the guy in front instead of at the side. He further stated they were the best starts as far as consistency. Aaron Banfield said he thinks the idea of staging lanes is great and suggested putting up a couple of cones to separate them until we put in staging lanes. Cradlebaugh said the proper paint will need to be used, such as paint that will grip. Ken Kuethe stated he is close enough to run out there and he thinks we should continue with the

thought process. Banfield reported he has experience with mixing play sand in paint which gives it texture. Rex Johnson discussed strategies for lining up. Cradlebaugh said we need two lines and Banfield asked how far down it would go. Ray McKibben replied from the acceleration line to the start/finish. Cradlebaugh pointed out we say when they get the green flag, they are racing. Kuethe said he would rather test it; he thinks lines are a great idea.

KART PAINTING: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed pictures taken by Dawn and Brian Schroeder of the areas that get painted. He said he tried to paint on the pictures and it will be necessary to take new pictures. Aaron Banfield reported two different people painted his two in-line engines differently and he got two different answers. Brent Warren said we need a list and he does not see a reason we need pictures. Lynda Coombs reported she emailed Cradlebaugh a list from 2015. Cradlebaugh replied that list is a little generic but it is close. He added he will provide the painters with a list. Warren said the painters might benefit from having pictures.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUESTS TO MOVE UP:

- Josh Johnson requested his six-year-old daughter, who is one month from seven-years-old, be permitted to move up from Kid Karts to LO206 Sportsman and Yamaha Rookie Sportsman at the Charity Race. The following board members affirmed this request and feel there are no safety concerns allowing the driver to move up: Ted Cradlebaugh, Ken Kuethe, Ray McKibben, Pat Slattery and Brent Warren.
- Everett McCauley requested Landon Curtis his fourteen-year-old grandson, who will be fifteen in October, be permitted to move from Yamaha Junior to Yamaha Senior Y Pipe at the next race. The following board members affirmed this request and feel there are no safety concerns allowing the driver to move up: Jeff Calvert, Ted Cradlebaugh, Ray McKibben, Pat Slattery and Brent Warren. McCauley thanked the board for taking this under consideration.

Lynda Coombs will submit the requests to WKA.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

RACEDAY CONCERNS: Brent Warren said he wishes Rick Wagar were here this evening and he does not like bringing this up without him present. He reported several people have commented about the amount of golf cart activity that goes on during races and they are concerned. Pat Slattery replied he has to concur. Ted Cradlebaugh said Wagar needs to go to turn one, park the cart then get out and watch. Ken Kuethe will contact Wagar about this. Rick Coombs reported he has heard very strong language in the pits and it has also been brought to his attention by others. He stated as board members, we need to squelch this, and we are promoting this organization as family fun. Cradlebaugh replied this is another reason Wagar wanted to reinstate the pit steward position. He said this matter needs to be addressed at the driver's meeting. Kuethe will inform Wagar.

AMBULANCE LOCATION: Ted Cradlebaugh suggested repositioning the ambulance. Ray McKibben drew a diagram detailing a potential new location. He said it could be put next to the tower and we could make an opening in the fence. Aaron Banfield suggested installing a rolling gate. Brent Warren recommended positioning the opening at an angle. Pat Slattery said we should walk it to which Ken Kuethe agreed and said this can be done at the upcoming race.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Rick Coombs, motioned to adjourn to executive session at 8:08 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER VOTE: Having been nominated last month, Aaron Banfield was voted to the OVKA Board of Directors.

LO206 JUNIOR CLASS: Brent Warren reported the LO206 Junior class would like to run the black slide instead of the yellow slide. Aaron Banfield responded that is a senior slide. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if this is going to affect the 206 points and eliminate us from the Briggs Racing Series. Ray McKibben replied we need to look at what the 206 rules say. Cradlebaugh stated this will make the Junior class faster than the Senior class. Warren said right now it is slower than the Sportsman class. McKibben suggested the matter be tabled until next month. Kuethe recommended it be by the next race. Banfield suggested talking with David Klaus to get confirmation. Cradlebaugh asked if we can put in a black slide and add weight. Warren was not in favor of this due to the current weight of the kart. Jeff Roberts said we could limit the gear and Pat Slattery added then the tires could be blown up. Warren stated we don't have a problem with Sportsman being faster than Junior but we do with Juniors being faster than Seniors. McKibben said he does not want to make a change until we check because they specify what slide and if we start changing, we will lose what the 206 Cup is all about. Banfield replied if we check with Briggs and it eliminates us from the Weekly Racing Series, we're done. McKibben discussed the slides being specified because they are the best for the age groups and he does not see a reason for changing. Slattery responded it's not attracting any new members. Lee McCready stated now you're going to say Seniors are slower. Slattery noted it is like the can class in the past and Cradlebaugh added that is why we went to pipe. McKibben suggested the matter be deferred until the next meeting. Kuethe asked Banfield if he would be comfortable contacting Briggs to which Banfield agreed to do so. Banfield stated if they say if we make this change, we are out of the Weekly Racing Series, we don't want to do this.

RACE CONFIGURATION: Pat Slattery said he should have brought this up during the meeting. He said we have two more races on A and B and that makes five short races in a row and it is kind of ridiculous. Brent Warren replied we're bouncing from A to B five times. Slattery added we built the long track to use. Ken Kuethe said he does not know if it is up to the President or Race Director. Warren said to keep in mind the next three are night races and two out of the next five are short tracks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT: Ken Kuethe, seconded by Jeff Calvert, motioned to adjourn the executive session at 8:38 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 5, 2017, Lebanon, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH 45044 (west side of Interstate 75).

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Contact Briggs regarding slides.
- Lynda Coombs – Assist with t-shirt sales at Lebanon Blues Festival, email WKA regarding requests to move up.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Provide painters with a list of areas/parts that are to be painted.
- Ken Kuethe – Contact Rick Wagar regarding golf cart usage on the track and addressing language in the pits.
- Mike Lewis – Assist with website support if needed.
- Ray McKibben – Address repairs to big retrieval vehicle and electric golf cart.
- Pat Slattery – Let members know when rules for next season will start being discussed.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Calvert, R. Coombs, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, L. McCready, R. McKibben, J. Roberts, P. Slattery, J. Wagar and B. Warren.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Banfield, A. Calvert, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, J. Johnson, R. Johnson, M. Lewis, E. McCauley and S. McCauley..

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 8/21/17.