

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: President Don Boles called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. and asked that cell phones be turned down or placed on vibrate. He noted there is a lot to do this evening.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the August 1, 2017 board meeting minutes with a typographical error correction in the Champ Race Committee section; it should have been "big hit" instead of "bit hit". The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Lynda Coombs thanked Aaron Banfield for his close review of the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don Boles provided the bank balance on behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Lynda Coombs reported paperwork has been received for the Indy Circle Track Show on Saturday, January 27, 2018. She explained this event provides a venue for distribution of Swap Meet flyers the week before. Coombs said the fees have stayed the same with booth space being \$60 and electric \$20. She will submit the paperwork and payment. Rick Coombs reported one of the 10' by 10' canopy is damaged and needs to be replaced. Pat Slattery suggested looking at Dick's Sporting Goods. Don Boles asked Lynda Coombs to check into one. Ray McKibben said Jeff Roberts or someone might be able to put OVKA lettering on it. Rick Coombs reported lights are needed for the Lebanon Blues Festival next year. Lee McCready thanked everybody who volunteered at the Lebanon Blues Festival.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: No report.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben reported five to six bags of oil-dry needs to be purchased following the Vintage event. Don Boles responded it will be there for this weekend. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if anyone has talked with Jeff Roberts about the OVKA billboard that is fading. McKibben replied Roberts thought it would last a good five years. McKibben reached out to Roberts during the meeting and Roberts said he will take care of the billboard.

RULES COMMITTEE: Pat Slattery asked that suggestions for the 2018 rules be submitted to him. He asked Aaron Banfield if we have the option to have Rules Committee meetings at Full Throttle to which Banfield replied yes. Lynda Coombs will provide Slattery with an electronic version of the 2017 rulebook to use a template for making revisions for 2018.

SWAP MEET: In follow up to an email Doug Benson sent to the board regarding Swap Meet pricing, he explained there are two parts to it - the entry and table spaces. Benson discussed options for increasing revenue. Ted Cradlebaugh said he could agree to an increase for the adult entry fee. Pat Slattery said adding \$5.00 to the entry is too much and we need to figure out a way to get more people to the show. Cradlebaugh said where we are is a total step up from the fairgrounds and we are paying more. Benson explained having more booths means more for the shoppers. Cradlebaugh suggested making a cutoff that vendors cannot pull out until a certain time. Brian Schroeder noted there is no time frame for the end time. Ray McKibben recommended putting a start/end time. Ken Kuethe asked if there is a director of social media. Don Boles replied Gary Osterholt makes posts. McKibben explained that Benson puts posts on Facebook and sends flyers to kart shops who include them in their shipments. McKibben said ideas can be sent to Osterholt. Schroeder asked if we want

to be in the WKA rulebook and noted it hits a lot of people. Cradlebaugh responded they charge a hefty amount. Rick Coombs made a motion to raise the adult Swap Meet gate to \$15.00, under 14-years-old remain \$10.00 and children 6-years-old and under are free. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield. Gary Gregg suggested trying to get Wendy's or McDonald's to donate \$2.00 off coupons we could give out at the door. Reid Smith replied both of those restaurants are nearby. Slattery suggested giving adults a ticket for a split-the-pot drawing. Gregg added it could be the armband number. Boles replied we can decide this later. Brent Warren asked if we are going to discuss raising table prices. Coombs responded that's separate. Warren said it would affect the way he would vote. Boles stated he thought we were going to raise one or the other. McKibben explained Benson's email was regarding both. Following further discussion, Coombs's motion was voted on and passed with nine in favor and two opposed (Slattery and Warren). Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to raise aftermarket vendor tables \$10.00 more. The motion was seconded by Reid Smith and passed unanimously. Banfield asked if it would be appropriate to put a minimum time that booths stay open until. Gregg suggested making it until 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. Coombs explained the Indy Show has a minimum time and Cradlebaugh said the same is true for the Blues Festival. Rick Coombs made a motion that vendor teardown not be before 3:00 p.m. with 4:30 p.m. as the end time. The motion was seconded by Brian Schroeder and passed unanimously. Schroeder suggested having drawings at 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. Schroeder asked if workers will get in for free to which Benson replied yes, they always have. Schroeder reported the last couple of years it has been difficult to get people to help. Benson said he really does think what we came up with this evening are good decisions. Schroeder asked if announcements can start being made now about these changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 TIRES: Reid Smith provided the Board with tire proposals and explained he put together a summary of the first four proposals. He said testing will be run on Sunday and asked what the board wants to find out. Smith reported fall off time is the main metric they are planning on looking at. Don Boles recommended the board take the proposals home, review them and discuss them next month. Smith said we will have testing data but he doesn't know if it will be significant enough for one tire to stand out. He explained in the request for proposal process, we sent our class structure and our philosophy then left it up to the tire providers. Ted Cradlebaugh requested a list of the tire testing inventory to which Smith said he will send. Aaron Banfield asked what the tire testing procedure is. Smith explained he talked with Derek Hughes and he anticipates there being at least three karts. He further stated we are not trying to figure out who makes the best tire; we are looking at does the tire fall off significantly after two races to see if there is a tire that stands out. Smith said we ought to be voting at the next board meeting and if we can't, there needs to be a special board meeting. Boles asked that board members do not come to the next meeting with ten questions. Brian Schroeder noted we won't have results of testing. Smith replied he will distribute them to the board by email. Brent Warren asked that board members email their questions to all board members then let Smith answer them. Smith responded he will send a summary of all of the questions and answers. Schroeder suggested meeting about this and Warren asked when a good time on a race day would be. Boles replied there is no good time but we will do it.

MISSION STATEMENT: Aaron Banfield said he will be meeting with Don Boles and Ray McKibben to put together a survey for hopefully race thirteen. He reported he plans to have a draft of a mission statement at the next board meeting.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Aaron Banfield reported he ordered a set of tech tools. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Craig Bogan who has stepped up to oversee 206 tech. Don Boles stated someone is needed for two-cycle tech. Ray McKibben reported a Briggs seminar is being planned for the Swap Meet. Cradlebaugh added this will be for people to become certified.

FUTURE PLANNING: Brian Schroeder said a few months ago he submitted a proposal to have practice sessions with pizza on the days before two Saturday evening races, one of which was this past race, and he was told to hold off until next year. He said we need to look at setting aside money for lights down the road. Schroeder stated we don't have any goals at all and he would like to target 2019 to replace lights setting aside something like \$7,500 per year as we are not saving anything. Reid Smith suggested having a board retreat to discuss some ideas and what things would look like in ten years. He said we could put some financial planning out there balancing how much we think karting is going to grow. Aaron Banfield said now is the time since we are doing well with numbers. He suggested setting an amount, such as 20% each year, to put in a capital account that could be used as a buffer when there is a drop in numbers. Brent Warren said the first step is to get a survey and mission statement put together then see what our members want. Don Boles said the track owner needs to be thanked a lot. Schroeder stated we don't do any maintenance on the golf carts and we need to. Banfield asked if there is a reason we are not doing the pizza. Schroeder replied he was told he didn't have enough information but he had it here. He asked how many people are on the track before a race to which Gary Gregg replied thirty to forty. Schroeder discussed potential pricing for forty pizzas at \$6.00 to \$7.00 each. Rick Coombs said he thinks it would be more than that. Banfield said he will speak for the Vets; they would be happy to cook hot dogs and hamburgers if pizza is too expensive. Ray McKibben offered to obtain a grill. Schroeder said we could maybe do this once a year. He further stated he thinks we want to shut the track down. Boles said it would be nice to tell people this weekend. Ted Cradlebaugh stated he thinks it is a great idea. Banfield replied we need to set a budget amount. Brian Schroeder made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 for practice and food for Saturday, September 16, 2017 club day with the track to shut down at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Warren said his family would like to volunteer to help.

TRANSPONDERS: Lynda Coombs asked if someone has looked at the transponders that are missing tabs. Ray McKibben replied Jeff Roberts is looking at them and it is doubtful they can be repaired. McKibben explained he put one of them on his kart and used a washer on the clip and it held. He said zip ties can also be used.

STAGING LANES: Ted Cradlebaugh said the staging lanes need to be down the front straight so karters stay in their lane. Gary Gregg replied it will never happen. Aaron Banfield said he can go to Lowes to get spray paint for the sprayer. Brent Warren responded we could do the painting Saturday morning. Banfield discussed the positions of the two lines and said he will get the paint to Warren.

REQUESTS TO MOVE UP: Lynda Coombs reported requests to move up were submitted and approved by WKA for the two drivers discussed last month.

AMBULANCE LOCATION: Pat Slattery inquired about positioning the ambulance next to the building. Rick Coombs replied another option would be before turn one. Aaron Banfield asked about putting the ambulance by the garages. Ted Cradlebaugh replied we might have to add gravel. Don Boles said at the end of fence holds water. Ray McKibben stated by the tower is perfect. Warren replied there will have to be some fence work done. Brian Schroeder said he remembers bringing this up a year or two ago. Coombs explained the ambulance needs to be positioned back from the window so scorers can see out. Schroeder asked when we plan on doing this. Gregg replied this year; it won't take long to cut it.

LO206 JUNIOR CLASS: Aaron Banfield explained the issue was answered by David Klaus; Briggs said if we change slides, it would disqualify drivers from the Briggs Racing Series. Ray McKibben

said in emails and discussions with Klaus, all the clubs are following 206 rules. Brent Warren replied that's not true. Don Boles stated the decision has been made.

NEW BUSINESS: None submitted.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

CLASS STRUCTURE: Brian Schroeder said we start the year off without knowing what classes are showing up and asked if it is possible in the next few months to let people know what is being considered for classes we will be running. He said that way over the winter we can be trying to find parts. Ted Cradlebaugh replied a lot depends on the Rules Committee as they decide class structure. He further stated we are never going to fix this if we continue to have the rule if there are four karts, they can have a class. Aaron Banfield responded as a rule, it was good when numbers were down. Schroeder said we have eleven to thirteen classes per race day and asked if we can narrow it down. Banfield replied if we have multiple classes that come out with four or more, we would run them and there could be fourteen or fifteen classes. He said this can run people off because there are less laps due to a lot of run groups. Schroeder said we had Novice in years past which was replaced with 206s. Cradlebaugh responded we have to cater to younger kids. Schroeder stated there is going to be some give and take and there are seven families who run multiple classes who may have to pick. He added we need to talk about this. Cradlebaugh said Lynda Coombs can give you class averages.

INSURANCE: Gary Gregg said he thinks the club should buy theft insurance on our transponders and kid kart. Don Boles suggested including headsets and radios. Brian Schroeder said we could include the golf carts and Brent Warren recommended including tech tools.

CHURCH SERVICE: Mike McIntosh explained there has been discussion in the pits about organizing a church service on Sundays. He said the question is timing. Gary Gregg suggested it be after the driver's meeting. McIntosh said he is willing to help organize this and noted WKA does it after warm-ups and qualifying. Brian Schroeder suggested doing this at 8:00 or 8:15 a.m. Rick Coombs said the Kid Kart Director has a walk-around one-half hour before warm-ups at 8:30 a.m. McIntosh will plan on having a church service at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

LIGHT TOWERS: Ray McKibben said he is looking for help for Friday during the day to set up five light towers for Saturday's race. He said he will also need a couple of driver's to assist with aiming the lights. Help will also be needed Sunday morning to take the light towers down.

RACE DIRECTOR: Aaron Banfield discussed Rick Wagar having brought up three or four months ago that he will not be Race Director next year. Banfield said one person is interested. Rick Coombs replied there is one other who may be interested. Brent Warren said we need somebody with experience. Ted Cradlebaugh stated if we want to look for somebody outside of the club, the position would have to pay more; it is a tough job. Ray McKibben replied we did that one year and it ruffled a lot of feathers. He asked Warren what he is looking for specifically. Warren replied somebody who will do the job professionally. Rick Coombs noted we are also going to need a Tech Director next year. Warren responded we need to talk about this now. McKibben said the people need to have the background. Warren asked where we are on having a Pit Steward. Don Boles replied Ted Cradlebaugh is doing it now. Warren asked if Boles is going to do the Pit Steward position next year to which Boles said he isn't sure. Brian Schroeder suggested putting it on the website what position we are looking for. Cradlebaugh said if money is offered, it might bring some of them out.

ADJOURNMENT: Rick Coombs, seconded by Reid Smith, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH 45044 (west side of Interstate 75).

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Meet with Don Boles and Ray McKibben to put together a survey, present a draft mission statement at the October board meeting, make arrangements for Vets to assist with cooking for the September 16, 2017 club day, obtain spray paint and get it to Brent Warren.
- Don Boles – Purchase oil-dry.
- Lynda Coombs – Submit Indy Circle Track Show paperwork and payment, check into purchasing a canopy, provide Pat Slattery with electronic version of 2017 OVKA rulebook.
- Ray McKibben – Obtain a grill for the September 16, 2017 club day.
- Reid Smith – Coordinate tire testing, send Ted Cradlebaugh tire inventory, provide tire testing results to the board and a summary of questions and answers via email.
- Brent Warren – Assist with the September 16, 2017 club day.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Banfield, D. Boles, J. Calvert, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, L. McCready, R. McKibben, B. Schroeder, P. Slattery, R. Smith, and B. Warren.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: D. Benson, A. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, H. Cradlebaugh, M. Lewis, E. McCauley, M. McIntosh, S. McCauley and D. Schroeder.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 9/25/17.