

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: President Don Boles called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and asked that cell phones be turned down or placed on vibrate. He said sidebar conversations need to be taken outside as there is a lot to discuss tonight.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the October 3, 2017 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Jeff Calvert and passed unanimously. Coombs explained the Rules Committee made a determination to allow three digit kart numbers next year. She said she wanted the board to be aware since the 2018 membership application will be going out later this month and it will be on there.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Brian Schroeder reported he spoke with a Cavalcade of Customs Show representative about moving our booth. He said there is no Bengals game or motocross going on the same time this upcoming year. There will be the return of the BMX bikes at the show. Schroeder explained he will be provided a map once it is available and the price will be the same as what we have been paying. Don Boles reported he is working on identifying karters to be recognized at the DARF banquet coming up in December. He said plans are in place for the Indy Circle Track Show being held Saturday, January 27, 2018. Aaron Banfield reported an Introduction to Karting event will be held at Full Throttle Indoor Karting in Springdale at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready explained Lynda Coombs will be including the 2018 pit spot reservation form in the annual mailing going out later this month.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Don Boles reported there was a great turnout for the track close-up day and a lot was accomplished. Lynda Coombs read a list of items that were completed which included crash bags put away, trash cans emptied and stored, pot holes filled, three storage units cleaned and organized, restrooms cleaned, tower files and cabinets organized, tower counters cleaned, and tech barn table cleaned. Ted Cradlebaugh explained the temperature needs to be above fifty degrees in order to complete the sealing and asked people to watch the weather so a group can come out. Brent Warren and Rick Wagar offered to help. Rick Wagar asked if this can wait until the spring to which Josh Wagar replied we can probably get away with doing it then. Rick Coombs extended thanks to everyone who came out with special thanks to Craig Bogan and Rex Johnson who started early and pulled the bags out by hand.

RULES COMMITTEE: Pat Slattery reported two Rules Committee meetings have been held with a third scheduled for this coming Thursday at Full Throttle Indoor Karting. He asked that anyone with input submit their ideas to him. Rick Wagar explained the committee has gotten through the majority of items and he hopes in two more meetings the committee work will be finished. Wagar explained when the board approved the Rules Committee, it excluded finances, tires, schedule and class structure. He said he has an issue with the Rules Committee agreeing to remove the requirement that all tires must be painted prior to the race with the intent being for racers to be able to use as many tires as they choose. He said he believes this should be subject to board approval, not determined by the Rules Committee as he does not believe the committee had the authority to adopt

this because the board did not give the committee authority over tires. Rick Coombs made a motion we leave it as is in the rulebook, "All tires must be painted prior to being used in a race". The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe. Following further discussion, Lynda Coombs asked if there has to be a vote to leave this the same. Rick Wagar replied he asked for Board direction. Ted Cradlebaugh said people have got to understand if it rains and the sun comes out, if you run wets when it is dry, they're done. The motion was voted on and passed with nine in favor and four opposed (roll call: Calvert-yes, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-no, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-no, Slattery-no, Smith-yes, Warren-no, Banfield-no). Don Boles stated he believes we said one set of rain tires would last a year.

SWAP MEET: Brian Schroeder asked that if anyone wants a particular vendor contacted about participating in the Swap Meet, to let Doug Benson or himself know. He explained a list has been compiled over the years but a lot of them do not have contact information.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported the annual mailing with the banquet registration form will be going out in a few weeks. He asked the Board to provide him with a budget for the 2017 banquet. Ken Kuethe replied it was at \$35,000 last year to which Coombs said he had sent the information to the board. Kuethe noted the banquet came in under budget last year. Brian Schroeder asked where the club stands on bills to which Gary Gregg replied he is going to have to buy some of the things because the last Swap Meet was not as big and the club bought vehicles. Ray McKibben stated entries were up 5%. Ken Kuethe made a motion for the banquet budget to be \$36,000. The motion was seconded by Aaron Banfield and passed with thirteen in favor and one abstained (Coombs). Coombs explained the subsidy does not come out of this.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 TIRES: Brent Warren said we have kids here for tire discussion. Don Boles asked that one person speak at a time. Derek Hughes explained he is here this evening to answer any questions regarding the tire testing data. He reported the testing was done over a two-day period with the equivalent of four to five race days. Hughes explained how the data is to be read. Reid Smith said they tried to make it visual and provided subjective feedback. Hughes pointed out at the end are comments from each driver which can be combined with the data to come up with a decision. Hughes and Smith discussed how the data and driver comments correlate. Hughes said he would like to give a nice shout out to Andrew Patterson who did double duty both days and did a great job. He also gave a shout out to Kristen Warren who counted laps and Don Boles and Ray McKibben for their help. Rick Wagar asked if the data being presented tonight is for the ultimate decision to be made tonight. Hughes replied that is up to you guys; he is here tonight to explain the data and testing. Doug Cook asked if there was a general consensus what the club is trying to determine. Don Boles replied the goal is to find a more durable tire that will last longer. Smith explained they did not design this around one specific parameter so people could look at different things to which Hughes added the report reflects that. Smith said the goal was to give the board as much information as possible so they can make a decision. Ray McKibben reported the tires that were tested have been brought to the meeting this evening so people can see them. Hughes encouraged every board member to take a look at them. Ron Swift asked if the tires got flipped to which Hughes replied yes, that was done intentionally. McKibben and Hughes discussed the track conditions on testing days and Hughes added the track was in great condition. Brody Warren reported on TaG tire testing. Brian Schroeder extended thanks to Hughes and Brody Warren for all of their work. Following a round of applause, Hughes said he had a lot of help and Brody Warren stated it was an honor to be a part of this. Smith explained the request for proposal process and said the way it is structured, there is nothing that precludes us from working out the contract but at some point, there has to be a cut off. He further stated each participant has made it clear they would like to have our business. Brent

Warren said he is worried about what he is supposed to vote on. Aaron Banfield stated if we pick a manufacturer, we need to define things and Smith can go back and negotiate. Following further discussion, Lynda Coombs suggested a matrix be put together detailing all of the factors to be considered. Smith replied we are at the right point where we can do a matrix. Banfield asked Rick Coombs when he needs to know about tires for the banquet. Rick Coombs replied he can wait until next month's board meeting. Pat Slattery said he would like to see it laid out. Smith said he needs two weeks to negotiate. Ted Cradlebaugh stated we can always give coupons for tires at the banquet. Josh Wagar asked how long the initial bids have been in to which Smith replied three months ago. Wagar said he thinks the board should be able to make a decision. Slattery replied what's the rush. Brent Warren said he does not feel he got all the information until tonight. Banfield said he would like to get a chart and have a meeting in between. Cradlebaugh suggested board members write down which tire they want to go with and we move from there. Dawn Schroeder asked if based on the data tonight, is there a way to eliminate two of the tires. Aaron Banfield made a motion we eliminate MG tires from consideration. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh. Boles said he would like to see two tires eliminated. Smith pointed out we have had three months to mull over 90% of this. Banfield's motion was voted on and passed with thirteen in favor and one opposed (Warren). Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to vote on three manufacturers by secret ballot, turn it in, and that is what you're going to go with. The motion was seconded by Jeff Calvert. Ray McKibben amended the motion to table the matter until next month. The amendment was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with ten in favor and four opposed (roll call: Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, McCreedy-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-no, Slattery-yes, Smith-yes, Warren-yes, Banfield-no, Calvert-no, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-no). Smith will provide supplemental information. He noted the reason we waited for three months was for the testing and we have it here. Smith suggested careful reading of the proposals; they were issued three months ago and he did not get a single question. Cradlebaugh added next month we will be in the same boat.

MISSION STATEMENT: Tabled per request by Aaron Banfield.

TECH DEPARTMENT: Don Boles said we need a list of what gets painted for the 2018 rulebook. Ted Cradlebaugh will provide Rick Wagar with this information.

FUTURE PLANNING / OVKA SAVINGS: Tabled per request by Brian Schroeder.

STAGING LANES: Tabled until February per request by Aaron Banfield.

2018 CLASS STRUCTURE: Aaron Banfield made a motion we eliminate the Yamaha Rookie Sportsman class and modify the Yamaha Sportsman class to WKA's age range of seven to twelve-years-old. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed with nine in favor, three opposed, and two abstained (roll call: Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, McCreedy-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-no, Slattery-abstained, Smith-yes, Warren-yes, Banfield-yes, Calvert-abstained, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-no, Gregg-no). Ray McKibben made a motion we go to 370# for the LO206 Senior class. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with ten in favor, two opposed, and two abstained (roll call: Landes-yes, McCreedy-no, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-yes, Slattery-abstained, Smith-yes, Warren-yes, Banfield-yes, Calvert-abstained, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-no, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes). Banfield asked if we can make a TaG/KA100 class. Josh Wagar replied no because we would be adding a motor we have no participation. Following further discussion, Josh Wagar made a motion any class we ran this year, whether they made four or more average last year, we allow to race, including 80cc Shifters and Pro Swift Sportsman minus Yamaha Rookie Sportsman. The motion was seconded by Brian Schroeder and passed with six in favor, four

opposed and four abstained (roll call: McCready-yes, McKibben-abstained, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-yes, Slattery-abstained, Smith-yes, Warren-no, Banfield-no, Calvert-abstained, Coombs-abstained, Cradlebaugh-no, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-no, Landes-yes). McKibben asked if engine rules fall under class structure. Josh Wagar replied the rule is we follow WKA unless our rulebook has something different. McKibben said he will table the matter for now.

INSURANCE: Gary Gregg stated we need to insure the transponders, radios and generators. He reported he checked into the cost and it is around \$700 to \$800. Gregg will report more next month.

RACE DIRECTOR: Don Boles reported a Race Director is in the process of being lined up.

CHARITY RACE: Gary Gregg discussed allocation of Charity Race proceeds. Following discussion, Brian Schroeder made a motion to donate \$1,250 to DARF, \$1,625 to a church in Fairhaven, \$1,000 to Gratis EMS and \$625 to a church in Gratis. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed with twelve in favor and two abstained (Slattery and Calvert).

RADIOS: Tabled per request by Ray McKibben.

NEW BUSINESS:

LAPTOP, SOFTWARE LICENSE & SETUP: Tabled per request by Lynda Coombs.

2018 OFFICERS: Lynda Coombs explained 2018 OVKA officer nominations take place at the December board meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Rick Wagar, seconded by Brian Schroeder, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- USA Kart Parts & Full Throttle Indoor Karting Intro to Karting – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 11725 Commons Drive, Springdale, OH 45246
- DARF Banquet of Champions – Saturday, December 2, 2017, Celebrations Banquet Center, Dayton, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2017, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show – Friday through Sunday, January 5-7, 2018, Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45202
- OVKA Annual Membership Meeting & 2017 Banquet – Saturday, January 13, 2018, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, 9664 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH, 45040
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 27, 2018, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA 2017 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 3, 2018, The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Aaron Banfield – Discuss staging lanes at February 2018 board meeting.
- Gary Gregg – Discuss equipment insurance pricing at the December board meeting.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Provide Rick Wagar with a list of what gets painted for the 2018 rulebook.

- Ray McKibben – From October: Check into having the promotional video modernized, provide pressure washer to prepare pavilion for sealing, coordinate sealing of pavilion, address radio concerns.
- Jeff Roberts – From October: Fix billboard graphics, partner with new 420 tech person.
- Brian Schroeder – From October: Coordinate the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.
- Reid Smith – Provide supplemental information detailing tire factors, negotiate tire contracts.
- Josh and/or Rick Wagar – From October: Assist with Full Throttle's Introduction to Karting events.
- Rick Wagar – Help with track sealing.
- Brent Warren – Help with track sealing. From October: Address PA system gain control.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: S. Birkle, R. Brown, A. Calvert, D. Cook, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, G. Crutchleo, D. Fiehrer, D. Hughes, V. Oatts, D. Schroeder, R. Swift, J. Wagar, R. Wagar, B. Warren, J. Warren, and K. Warren.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 11/27/17.