

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008  
KINGS ISLAND RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Randy Vermillion called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. at Kings Island Resort and Conference Center in Mason, Ohio.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Randy Vermillion welcomed everyone to the annual general membership meeting and explained the purpose of this meeting is to review the work that has been going on since the season ended and elect officers for the 2008 season. Vermillion asked that cell phones be kept off or on vibrate and that side conversations be taken outside.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reminded everyone banquet registration opens at 4:00 p.m. and explained attendees will receive armbands when they check in.

**SWAP MEET:** Randy Vermillion discussed the upcoming Swap Meet on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008 at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield and said flyers are available. Friday setup time is from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Vermillion explained it was necessary to hire non-members to work the gate last year and asked that board members and general members offer up their help. To volunteer, contact Dennis Queary by phone at 937-510-3529 or 937-229-0470 or via email at [dqueary@netzero.net](mailto:dqueary@netzero.net). On behalf of Gary Gregg, Vermillion made a motion to appropriate \$500 for prize money for the vintage kart competition. The motion was seconded by Max Viney and passed unanimously.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Randy Vermillion reported Toshiya Michimi provided new pictures for the OVKA show booth and is redesigning the tri-fold brochure. Upcoming events include the Kart Marketing International Show in Schaumburg, Illinois near Chicago on Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24, 2008. Contact Lynda Coombs at 513-293-6905 or [Lcoombs23@aol.com](mailto:Lcoombs23@aol.com) to sign up to staff the show booth. Max Viney arranged for OVKA to once again participate in DARF's Annual Race Car Show, which benefits needy children. The event will be held March 8 and 9, 2008 at Lang Chevrolet in Beavercreek. Contact Viney at 937-671-5956 or [mfvineyjr@aol.com](mailto:mfvineyjr@aol.com) to sign up to work in the show booth. The Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Car Show will run March 14 through 16, 2008. Volunteers will be needed for the OVKA show booth. Viney is contact person for this event. Vermillion asked that members consider ways they can promote the club both during the off-season and throughout the year. Literature is available for distribution. Vermillion reported he, Viney and Coombs will continue to co-chair the Shows and Promotions Committee. A workgroup meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 26, 2008 at Ramada Inn Middletown. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Ideas will be generated and commitments made to carry out tasks to promote the club. Follow up meetings will be held to discuss progress and further actions needed.

**SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE:** Randy Vermillion explained a chairperson is needed to coordinate activities related to sponsorship. This position requires a moderate amount of time. Interested persons should contact Vermillion at 937-408-9030 or [RNV130@aol.com](mailto:RNV130@aol.com). Hal Thornton will continue to take care of pit spots and will work with the sponsorship chairperson.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported the recommendations of the Rules Committee are in the hands of the board. Discussion will take place at the February board meeting. Coombs explained approximately fifteen hours was invested by the committee reviewing ideas for the 2008 season. All of the suggestions offered up at the general rules meeting, as well as by email, phone and to board members were discussed. One additional item has come up recommending Dunlop SL4 or Bridgestone YHC tires as the spec tires for the TaG class rather than an open tire rule. This matter will be discussed at the February board meeting. Toshiya Michimi said he would like to revisit the class structure at the next board meeting to discuss adding a sportsman-age HPV class. Ray McKibben would like the club to offer a shorter race season in addition to the regular one, such as for those who race at regional events.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Max Viney reported work will resume when the weather warms up to finish the turtles and fencing. Tim Reed inquired about how turn seven will be protected to which Viney responded there will be taller fencing. The use of hay bales verses pillows was discussed. Randy Vermillion agreed to check into pillows and report back. Bob Wood asked if the new track addition will be used at all home races. Vermillion explained seven of the ten home races will include the new section. Vermillion also explained with the track addition, nine different configurations are possible. Dennis Queary will design a diagram of the configurations, which will be displayed at the track. Vermillion explained on practice days during the week before an event, it is up to all of the membership to police the configuration that is being practiced on, specifically the configuration of the next race. Both members and non-members are required to follow this policy at G & J Kartway. Toshiya Michimi noted at the end of each race, cones need to be set up for the next event to aid with this situation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ELECTION OF 2008 OVKA OFFICERS:** Following an explanation of voting procedures, the following persons were nominated and elected as Officers for the 2008 season: President – Max Viney; Vice-President – Tim Reed; Secretary – Lynda Coombs and Treasurer – Jason Gregg.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made at 2:45 p.m. by Max Viney, seconded by Tim Bell, and passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:**

- Shows and Promotions Workgroup – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 26, 2008 at Ramada Inn Middletown.
- OVKA Swap Meet – 7:00 a.m., Saturday, February 2, 2008, at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ohio.
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at Ramada Inn Middletown.
- Kart Marketing International Show – Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24, 2008 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Conference Center in Schaumburg, Illinois.
- DARF Annual Race Car Show – Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9, 2008 at Lang Chevrolet in Beaver creek.
- Cavalcade of Customs Show – Thursday through Sunday, March 14 through 16, 2008 at the Cincinnati Convention Center.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** T. Bell, D. Benson, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, R. Landes, M. Lewis, T. Michimi, D. Queary, D. Stempfley, II, H. Thornton, R. Vermillion, and M. Viney.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT;** D. Boles, G. Gregg and J. Hartings.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** K. Bell, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, A.R. Gardner, J. Horn, M. Horn, D. Landes, K. Landes, D. Lawson, K. McKibben, R. McKibben, S. McKibben, R. Nelson, Randall Potter, Randy Potter, T. Reed, P. Robbins, B. Slater, B. Smiley, L. Smiley, C. Stempfley, H. Tholen, M. Tholen, R. J. Vermillion, B. Williams and B. Wood.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/21/08.