

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

TRANSFER OF OFFICE: Randy Vermillion thanked the board for their support the past two years and transferred office of the OVKA President to Max Viney.

CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS: President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. He extended thanks to Randy Vermillion for his service as OVKA President the past two years acknowledging all of his efforts in moving the club forward with the track expansion. Viney thanked Tim Reed for stepping up to serve as Vice President. Viney reminded attendees to turn cell phones off or put on vibrate and asked that sidebar conversations be taken outside.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the January 12, 2008 general membership meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously. Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$300 for computer software upgrades for all three laptops. The motion was seconded by Hal Thornton and passed unanimously. Coombs reported a note of thanks was received from Gary and Elaine Gregg for gifts they received at the banquet. Coombs thanked those who have sent in their 2008 membership applications explaining this helps cut down on paperwork at sign-in at the start of the season.

TREASURERS' REPORT: Gary Gregg provided an update on finances. He explained the club's portion for the track expansion was on hold until after the Swap Meet. Rick Coombs reported one bill is outstanding from the banquet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported a great deal of positive feedback has been received about the banquet. Hal Thornton said he thought the evening went well. Coombs explained it is now necessary to make a commitment for the 2008 banquet with the choice of January 24 or January 31, 2009. Following determination by consensus, Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 as deposit to book January 24, 2009 at Kings Island Resort and Conference Center.

SWAP MEET COMMITTEE: Randy Vermillion thanked Dennis Queary who took on the monumental task of coordinating the workers, booth assignments and details associated with the Swap Meet. Vermillion also thanked Gary Gregg and Jeff Morningstar who worked hard to make the event happen, as well as all of the people who volunteered. Gregg reported attendance was down only slightly from last year. He said it was once again necessary to hire some gate workers, which is an added expense. Arrangements are being made to secure the facility for February 7, 2009. Rick Coombs suggested flyers for the 2009 Swap Meet be distributed at the upcoming KMI Show later this month and made a motion to appropriate \$600. The motion was seconded by Tim Bell and passed unanimously. Following discussion of booth rentals, consensus was to keep the fees the same for 2009. Vermillion reported Queary will continue to head up the Swap Meet next year. Coombs noted there were people from many states including Nebraska, Florida and New York.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Max Viney explained the Track Improvement Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at Fricker's in Middletown. Jeff Powers volunteered to be a part of this committee along with Doug Benson, Scott Benson, Ted Cradlebaugh, Mark Lewis and Viney. Installation of turtles and fencing will take place prior to the start of the season. Tim Reed discussed the importance of those who are practicing to all be using the proper configuration and suggested some type of barrier be used that would provide more obstruction than cones. Viney will research impact barriers and report back. John Horn discussed the need for configurations to be posted to which Lynda Coombs responded that will be addressed using diagrams created by Dennis Queary.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Randy Vermillion explained sponsorship rates are on hold pending adoption of the 2008 rulebook. Vermillion said a volunteer is still needed to chair this very important committee. Interested persons should contact Vermillion. Hal Thornton will continue to coordinate pit spots.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Max Viney reported the new pictures for the OVKA show booth were used this past weekend at the Swap Meet and they really added to the display. Viney thanked Toshiya Michimi for providing the pictures. Viney noted it would be nice to have a large diagram of the new track for display at upcoming shows as a lot of people are asking about the new layout. Doug Benson and Michimi are in the process of redesigning the OVKA tri-fold brochure. Viney reviewed upcoming promotional events including: Kart Expo in

Schaumburg, Illinois on Saturday and Sunday, February 23rd and 24th (Lynda Coombs is contact), DARF's Annual Toys For Kids Race Car Show, Saturday and Sunday, March 8th and 9th, at Lang Chevrolet in Beavercreek (Viney is contact), Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show at Duke Energy Center, March 14th through 16th (Viney is contact), and DARF's Race Cars and Future Stars Expo, March 27th through 30th, at the Piqua Mall (Viney is contact). Hal Thornton inquired about costs incurred by the club when participating in the Kart Expo Show. Lynda Coombs explained there is the cost of booth rental space, which is at a reduced rate for clubs, fees for badges for volunteers above the minimum provided with booth rental and the cost of promotional materials. All travel-related expenses are paid by the volunteers. Coombs provided details of the Shows and Promotions workgroup meeting held on January 26, 2008. Ideas were discussed and prioritized with commitments made to obtain information and complete specific tasks. The next meeting will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 22, 2008, at Ramada Inn Middletown. Everyone is welcome to participate in this workgroup. Gerald Whaling suggested identifying radio stations who would be willing to make regular weekly announcements of upcoming races. Max Viney responded that is something the committee can look into. Toshiya Michimi discussed the importance of promoting the sport of karting. Don Boles suggested locating television news programs who provide no-cost coverage for community events. Whaling volunteered to provide weekly tours of the track to walk visitors through how the day runs. He also offered to advertise this. Viney reported Cody Robinson and Logan Vermillion participated in DARF's Young Guns event where they shared information about their involvement in karting. Randy J. Vermillion said people were amazed that these kids race at places like Daytona and Charlotte.

RULES COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs noted the board has had the Rules Committee recommendations for three months in preparation for voting on the 2008 rulebook. He reviewed three additions that have come up since the recommendations were distributed. Jeff Powers asked that adding a Sportsman HPV class be reconsidered. Max Viney asked to go on record as opposed to this as there are already so many classes. Tim Reed said before adding more classes, the board needs to look at the low numbers in some of the existing classes. Powers said the classes with low participation should be discontinued mid-season if the numbers are not there. Tim Bell responded that people have gone out and bought a kart for that class. Powers asked to go on record as wanting a Sportsman HPV class. Viney asked for a show of hands of those in favor of adding this class with one person (Powers) in favor. Following discussion of the gate fee and insurance rates, consensus was to keep the gate fee the same unless there is an increase in the cost of insurance. Randy Vermillion will contact Jim Russell about allowing YHC tires in the TaG class. Tire types were discussed and Powers noted the club currently has an agreement with Russell. Lynda Coombs said this agreement is through the 2009 season. Rick Coombs made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Rules Committee with the changes as noted. The motion was seconded by Tim Bell. Following further discussion, Coombs withdrew his motion. Hal Thornton asked if the rulebook vote can be conducted via email following the conversation with Russell about tires. Viney will follow up with the board once more is known.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLEAN-UP DAY: Randy Vermillion reminded everyone volunteers will be needed for the clean-up day on Saturday, April 7, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DRIVING SCHOOL: Randy Vermillion reported Tim Reed has agreed to coordinate the driving school with the assistance of Don Boles and Max Viney. The driving school will be held Saturday, April 14, 2007, from noon until 6:00 p.m.

DARF: Lynda Coombs asked the board how they want to handle DARF days, specifically whether to continue with one time per season or select a specific race date. Following discussion, July 19, 2008 was selected as DARF Day where DARF members will receive half-price gate admission. Gerald Whaling will provide them with a tour of the facility.

KID KARTS: Lynda Coombs explained Scott Williams and Mike Middleton have offered to coordinate the Kid Kart class this upcoming season. They plan to hold separate sessions for the Kid Karters at Karting 101.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

MEMBER UPDATE: Max Viney reported Dennis Queary is doing well following hip replacement surgery and anticipates being discharged from the hospital tomorrow.

OVKA LOGO: Doug Benson asked that the OVKA logo on the website be updated with the new design. Max Viney will send the file to Doug Stempfley.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Ramada Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 9:48 p.m. was made by Tim Bell, seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Bell, D. Benson, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, M. Lewis, T. Michimi, D. Stempfley, H. Thornton, R. Vermillion, and M. Viney.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, L. Coombs, J. Horn, K. McKibben, S. McKibben, Randall Potter, Randy Potter, J. Powers, T. Reed, Randy J. Vermillion, G. Whaling, and B. Williams,

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Whitaker, OVKA Secretary, 2/26/08.