

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the February board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Tim Bell and passed with nine in favor and two abstained. Lynda extended thanks to the OVKA Board of Directors for recognizing her with a Lifetime Membership at the banquet. Rick Coombs reported Lynda is the recipient of the 2007 WKA Ann Kugler First Lady of Karting Award, which recognizes outstanding efforts on behalf of karting.

TREASURERS' REPORT: Gary Gregg, on behalf of Jason Gregg, provided an update on finances and explained funds for last year's track expansion have been moved from the savings account to the checking account. Funds for G & J Kartway's 2007 split have also been moved. Gregg reported Swap Meet bills have been paid. He explained a door was damaged at the fairgrounds and OVKA may be invoiced for the repair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported one banquet invoice has yet to be received. Kings Island Resort has been notified of OVKA's intent to book the 2008 banquet there on Saturday, January 24, 2009. A contract should arrive soon, for which the deposit was approved last month.

SWAP MEET COMMITTEE: Randy Vermillion reported the Clark County Fairgrounds has been secured for next year's 2009 Swap Meet, which will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009. Flyers have been printed and will be available all season for anyone who would like to distribute them.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Max Viney reported the Track Improvement Committee met Tuesday, February 12, 2008. Committee participants are Doug Benson, Scott Benson, Ted Cradlebaugh, Mark Lewis, Jeff Powers and Viney. Work needs to be completed prior to the start of the season including installation of turtles and fencing, both of which will be funded by Gary Gregg. Following discussion of barriers, Ray McKibben made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 for Viney to purchase plastic barriers. The motion was seconded by Randy Landes and passed with eight in favor, two opposed and two abstained. Viney distributed a list of track improvements compiled by the committee, which were prioritized into three categories. He explained the next major stage of improvement needs to be restroom upgrades, which will require financial resources. Heather Cradlebaugh has volunteered to conduct 50/50 drawings at races in order to help raise funds for restroom improvements. Randy N. Vermillion said he sees the need for a sliding gate at the opening to the track.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Randy N. Vermillion explained he cannot send out sponsorship packets until the 2008 OVKA rulebook has been approved as it includes sponsorship rates. He asked that if anyone knows of potential sponsors to let him know and he will send them information. Don Boles reported he spoke with many vendors at the recent Kart Expo and there was a lot of interest in banner space. He suggested the club offer banner space at a cost of \$100 per banner or four banners for the price of three. Banners would be supplied by the sponsor. Consensus of the board was to move forward with this. Boles will follow up with the vendors. This sponsorship opportunity will be included in the 2008 rulebook and on the web site. Tim Bell said he can provide a contact for graphics for the billboards. Following discussion of reserved pit spot cost, consensus was to keep the rate the same as last year at \$150. Gary Gregg noted it is unknown at this time what the ambulance cost is going to be which is offset by income from pit spots.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Max Viney thanked all of the people who helped with Kart Expo in Schaumburg, Illinois on February 23rd and 24th. Volunteers were Mike and Marjorie Arnold, Don Boles, Rick and Lynda Coombs, John and Maria Horn, Randy Landes and Rob and Liz Lehman. Viney reported the OVKA booth had more visitors than in previous years. He thanked Rick Coombs for suggesting the distribution of 2009 Swap Meet flyers which was an excellent marketing tool. Also, having a picture of the new track expansion helped spark dialog with visitors to the booth. Viney thanked Toshiya Michimi for providing the aerial photograph. Viney made a motion to appropriate \$312.50 for booth space at the 2009 KMI Show. The motion was seconded by Dennis Queary and passed unanimously. Other shows coming up include DARF's Annual Toys for Kids Race Car Show, Saturday and Sunday, March 8th and 9th, at Lang Chevrolet in Beavercreek, Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show at Duke Energy Center, March 14th through 16th and DARF's Race Cars and Future Stars Expo, March 27th through 30th, at the Piqua Mall. Contact Viney to volunteer at any of these

events. Viney reported Doug Benson and Michimi have finalized the redesign of the OVKA tri-fold brochure and color copies will be printed for distribution. Michimi suggested the club show a video of karting at promotional events. Pat Robbins offered to assist with this. Viney noted the next meeting of the Shows and Promotions Committee will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 22, 2008, at Ramada Inn Middletown. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Viney explained committee members will report on the commitments they have been working on and continue to look at ways to promote the club. The board will be kept up to date of the work they are doing.

RULES COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs explained the 2008 rulebook must be finalized this evening. Tim Bell made a motion to remove restrictors from the Kid Kart class. Tim Reed responded he does not think that is a good idea as there is too big a disparity between five and six-year-old children who are learning and seven-year-old children who have more experience. Reed further stated in his opinion, doing so would discourage children. Gary Gregg said children can still learn at slower speeds. Kevin Pesek stated he believes it is safer to remove the restrictors because of the jump from Kid Karts to the Cadet class. Steve Rumsey responded he would agree if it were not for the fact the Rookie class was created for this very reason therefore he thinks the restrictors should remain. Due to the lack of a second, Bell's motion died. Max Viney made a motion to keep restrictors in place in the Kid Kart class. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with seven in favor, four opposed and three abstained (includes one who left). Discussion of the 2008 rulebook continued including the following straw polls: allowing front brakes with the addition of twenty pounds as an option for the TaG class (declined) and senior weight verses master weight in the TaG class (master weight affirmed). Following extensive discussion, a motion to accept the 2008 rulebook was made by Ray McKibben and seconded by Rick Coombs. The motion passed with twelve in favor and two abstained (includes one who left).

CHAMP RACE: Lynda Coombs reported John Deis has offered to cook for the Champ Race in July. Coombs provided menu details and cost. Following discussion, consensus of the board was to continue with Powers Catering who has provided the meal for the past several years.

OLD BUSINESS:

CLEAN-UP DAY: Lynda Coombs explained it will be necessary for a parent or legal guardian to sign the annual minor release in order for youth under the age of eighteen to work at the upcoming clean-up day on Saturday, April 5, 2008. Time for the workday will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DRIVING SCHOOL: Max Viney reminded everyone the driving school will be from noon until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2008. Tim Reed will be coordinating the driving school with the assistance of Don Boles and Max Viney.

NEW BUSINESS:

FUEL: Randy N. Vermillion explained it has become necessary to change fuel suppliers because Citgo 110 race fuel will no longer be produced. Vermillion said he is looking into Sunoco 98 octane unleaded race fuel that can be purchased in bulk and delivered to OVKA's fuel tank. He reported Carlson Bogan said the shifters need 110 octane. Vermillion suggested that class be permitted to use 110 race fuel they purchase off site on their own. All other classes including Kid Karts could use a 98 octane unleaded race fuel. This would mean a separate fuel for the Kid Kart class would no longer have to be mixed. Gerald Whaling disagreed with the recommendation to use an unleaded fuel as it has adverse affect on carburetors requiring they be cleaned out every night and does damage to the diaphragms. Whaling suggested using a 100 octane leaded race fuel. Following extensive discussion, Vermillion asked for a straw poll of the board regarding which fuel he should pursue. The board affirmed 104 to 110 leaded race fuel.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Lynda Coombs reported an online pre-registration service is available through the club's software provider. This service runs through Racelaps where drivers currently have access to lap times. Coombs reviewed all of the details and costs. Following discussion, consensus of the board was to forgo this option due to the expense involved.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

TRACK ADDITION RECOGNITION: Doug Benson suggested there be some type of recognition of the first race on the new track addition such as a ribbon cutting ceremony. Lynda Coombs agreed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at Ramada Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. was made by Max Viney, seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: L. Coombs, J. Horn, R. McKibben, Randall Potter, Randy Potter, J. Powers, T. Reed, P. Robbins, S. Rumsey, R. J. Vermillion, C. Wells, G. Whaling, and B. Williams,

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/23/08.