

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Max Viney reminded attendees to turn cell phones off or on vibrate. He said it is imperative order be maintained during board meetings including one person speaking at a time and taking sidebar conversations outside.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the March board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously. Coombs reported she has been lining up workers for the race season and turn marshals continue to be difficult to locate. She explained there will be a need to fill the head flagman and practice flagman positions for a number of the events. Contact Coombs if you can help or know of someone who may be interested.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** Rick Coombs, on behalf of Jason Gregg, provided an update on finances.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Max Viney reported the turtles on the new track section will be started this coming weekend, weather permitting. Viney explained with the next phase of track improvements focusing on upgrading the restroom and shower facilities, it will be necessary to look at fundraising opportunities. As mentioned last month, Heather Cradlebaugh will help with this effort by conducting 50/50 drawings at the races. Viney said other fundraising options will need to be explored and suggested building supply companies be approached as potential sponsors. Lynda Coombs said she is willing to submit grant applications if provided the information. She explained OVKA is a 501c7 organization.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Randy N. Vermillion reported the sponsorship packets were delayed being sent out due to the rulebook being approved in March rather than February. He encouraged everyone to seek out potential sponsors and had forms available this evening. Vermillion asked that someone step up to chair this committee who has time to devote to it. Contact Vermillion for more information about the specific duties involved. Since the mailing was delayed, pit spots from last season will be held until the second race on May 4<sup>th</sup> before being released. Hal Thornton is the contact for pit spots. Rick Coombs reminded everyone the pit spot income goes toward the cost of the ambulance at G & J Kartway. Don Boles reported he has obtained two banner sponsors. Cost of a banner spot is \$100 per season or four banner spots for the price of three; sponsors supply their own banners. Contact Boles if interested or if you know of someone who is.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Max Viney thanked the people who staffed the booth at the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show. Volunteers were Jon Barker, Garrett, Kyle and Pete Corcoran, Kyle Fogt, Carolann and Paul Krimmer, Tom Marshall, Kathy McKibben, Toshiya Michimi, Nick Ouwkerk, Randy and Randall Potter, Dennis Queary, Tim Reed, Pat Robbins, Heather, Mandy and Steve Rumsey and Viney. Viney represented OVKA at DARF Promoter's Night last Tuesday. There was a large group in attendance and Viney stated this is a great way to promote the club among people who have an interest in motorsports. Viney thanked the volunteers who helped at the DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Expo at the Piqua Mall last weekend. All proceeds benefit DARF's injured driver's fund. Lynda Coombs contacted Kentucky Speedway who agreed to allow OVKA literature to be placed in their gift shop, which Ray McKibben did last week. Viney reported the Shows and Promotions Committee met March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Actions taken by committee members were reviewed and more ideas for promotional opportunities were discussed. The committee is attempting to obtain television and/or radio coverage. John Horn researched the cost of billboard space, which was extremely costly. Coombs is in the process of making up promotional packets for anyone who would like to distribute them. McKibben suggested members ask permission to place OVKA brochures in motel and campground information racks. The committee's next meeting will be at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, May 3, 2008, at G & J Kartway. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs explained information from the insurance company was reviewed which allows for minors of racing age to participate in service projects. Since this was the case, a vote of the board by phone was conducted to change the age from ten to eight for participants to earn work credits. This was necessary since the rulebook had recently been approved and needed to go to print. Coombs asked the board to disband the Rules Committee and start discussing rule changes for the next season beginning in June or July of the season before. He said a little each month could be worked out this way. Max Viney agreed it is a good

idea to address issues and suggestions during the season. Randy N. Vermillion discussed WKA rule 404.2, which allows for the use of axle clutches in certain classes.

**CHAMP RACE:** Lynda Coombs reported a chairperson for the Champ Race is needed, in addition to one or two volunteers to coordinate games. Ray McKibben offered to provide and staff an inflatable jumping unit. Rick Coombs made a motion to contract with Powerhouse Catering at a cost of \$7.50 per person for the Champ Race meal. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed with ten in favor and one abstained.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CLEAN-UP DAY:** Max Viney discussed the items needed for clean-up day and made a motion to appropriate \$1,500 for supplies and food. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with ten in favor and one abstained. John Horn suggested waiting until the end of the season to fill cracks. Viney responded either spring or fall works well. Covering the hay bales was discussed with Viney to contact Russell Karting as to whether they can supply some bags. Viney will also purchase some tarps. Horn will check with an awning company for tarps that could cover three bales at a time.

**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. Cost is \$15.

**FUEL:** Max Viney read a letter from Tim Bell detailing concern expressed by Drew Young about the use of leaded fuel. Toshiya Michimi said he would like to see the club go with an unleaded fuel. Viney made a motion to change to an unleaded fuel at home races for the 2008 season. The motion was seconded by Doug Benson. Don Boles amended the motion to require unleaded fuel at all races. Due to the lack of a second, the amendment died. Viney's motion was voted on and failed with nine opposed, one in favor and one abstained. Randy N. Vermillion said since Citgo 110 will no longer be available, everyone will have to make adjustments no matter which fuel ends up being used. Vermillion further stated the away tracks will be selling leaded fuel. Michimi asked what will happen to the old fuel. Viney responded it will be sold this weekend for \$4.50 per gallon. Vermillion explained racers can practice with the old Citgo fuel but not race with it as it will not pass tech. Gerald Whaling discussed the affects chemicals in unleaded fuel has on rubber and the need to flush the carburetor every night. Tim Reed made a motion for the 2008 season the club use Sunoco 110 leaded race fuel and track specific fuel at away tracks. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with nine in favor, one opposed and one abstained.

**TRACK CAMERA:** Pat Robbins presented information about a camera that could be used for recording races. He explained it would need one or two screens and could also display lap times. Cost ranges between \$3,000 and \$3,500 and a second camera would be an additional \$1,000. Max Viney said this could be put on a wish list for the future.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**VENDOR GUIDELINES:** Ray McKibben suggested the board consider establishing guidelines for persons wanting to sell merchandise at the track such as, requiring they be members in good standing or a sponsor. Herman Tholen recommended vendors be charged a fee. Randy N. Vermillion suggested the matter be part of 2009 rules considerations to which Viney and Don Boles agreed.

**RACE PROPOSAL:** On behalf of Gary Gregg, Rick Coombs asked the board if there is interest in running a street race for the fire department in Verona, Ohio. Don Boles stated street races are very dangerous. Randy Potter discussed his experience participating in the Commercial Point race and said there is a large amount of work required to put on this type of event unless it is just to run a timing system. Toshiya Michimi will contact Gregg for more details.

**RECIPROCITY:** Lynda Coombs asked the board if they want to continue offering member rates to non-members who are active with Circleville and New Castle. Max Viney stated anyone who is not an OVKA member should have to pay the higher rate. Rick Coombs pointed out the other tracks do not offer our racers a reduced rate. Consensus was to require all non-members to pay the non-member rate.

**KART RETRIEVAL VEHICLE:** Randy Vermillion reported information is pending from Jimmy Jammz Motorsports about obtaining a kart retrieval vehicle and a golf kart. John Horn can provide another option in the Dayton area. The matter was tabled pending Vermillion following up with both potential suppliers.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**TRACK DRYER:** Randy Vermillion explained the track dryer continues to be in need of repair. Several people have offered to take ownership of this but have not followed through. Vermillion said while it is not used often, it does need to be repaired. Ray McKibben agreed to take care of this.

**TRACK ADDITION:** Doug Stempfley inquired about the drifting events Gary Gregg has scheduled at the track. Randy N. Vermillion expressed concern about the potential affect this could have on the new track surface. Stempfley said he feels the club should have some say about this since the club has invested funds in the expansion.

**TIRES:** Toshiya Michimi asked for clarification of the club's spec tire policy, specifically TaG. Ted Cradlebaugh said he thought open tires were in the Kid Kart and Shifter classes. Randy N. Vermillion explained the board had voted on the 2008 class structure in December independent of the rulebook and that included open tires for TaG. Vermillion has contacted Russell Karting on numerous occasions to obtain a written contract and is still waiting for it.

**TRACK PILLOWS:** Randy Landes inquired about pricing for pillows for the track. Max Viney said he is working on obtaining pricing and will present it at next month's board meeting.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at Ramada Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. was made by Don Boles, seconded by Randy N. Vermillion and passed unanimously.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** L. Coombs, R. Cox, J. Horn, G. Kaeser, R. McKibben, A. Oatts, V. Oatts, Randall Potter, Randy Potter, T. Reed, P. Robbins, H. Tholen, R. J. Vermillion, G. Whaling, and B. Williams,

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 4/22/08.

**ADDENDUM  
ADDITIONAL OVKA BUSINESS**

On Tuesday, April 8, 2008, Lynda Coombs communicated with the board via email regarding an invoice received for Directors and Officers insurance, which was received following the April 1, 2008 board meeting. Lynda made a motion to appropriate \$1,248 for the insurance invoice with a second by Max Viney. The motion passed with eleven in favor and three did not respond.