

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008**

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

OPENING REMARKS: Max Viney reminded attendees to turn cell phones off or on vibrate and directed sidebar conversations be taken outside.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the September board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Tim Bell and passed with nine in favor and one abstained.

TREASURERS' REPORT: Deferred.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET: Rick Coombs discussed the upcoming 2008 banquet on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Kings Island Resort and Conference Center. Coombs is in the process of confirming the price of the meal and will report back next month. Randy N. Vermillion made a motion to appropriate up to \$30,000 not including sponsorship for the banquet. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with nine in favor and two abstained.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Randy N. Vermillion reported he still has not heard from anyone expressing interest in chairing the Sponsorship Committee. He discussed the importance of this position and said sponsorship activities for next year need to be in process right now. Vermillion can provide all the necessary information for someone to take over this responsibility. Max Viney said while this position does not have to be filled by a board member, if no one steps up, it may be necessary for him to appoint someone from the board. Vermillion explained persons who had reserved pit spots this season will have first rights to reserve for next year until a predetermined date. He said there may be some relocation of pit spots now that some silos have been removed. Hal Thornton suggested combining two pit spots into one on the grid area due to their current size. Vermillion reviewed the benefits of sponsorship and explained the good return sponsorship provides. Thornton noted sponsorship is a great way to budget karting expenses.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Max Viney reviewed upcoming shows and promotions which include Quaker Steak and Lube on Wednesday, October 8, 2008; the Springfield Car and Parts Show on Saturday and Sunday, October 25th and 26th; and the annual DARF banquet on Saturday, December 6th. Ray McKibben discussed the possibility of having a monitor and DVD player at promotional events. Since electric is not always available or cost effective, Don Boles will check into a battery. Viney said attending DARF meetings is a great way to network with others who are interested in racing. Viney reviewed the work of the Shows and Promotions Committee on Saturday, September 20, 2008. The committee is working on signage for the entry booth, obtaining a sandwich-style display board for shows where the booth cannot be used, trying to locate a media partner through television or radio and continuing to provide flyers at Kentucky Speedway, as well as other locations. Viney asked for everyone's help in distributing OVKA literature. Contact Viney or Lynda Coombs to obtain OVKA brochures or to discuss ways to participate in promotional opportunities. Once the 2009 schedule and class structure is finalized, printed flyers will also be available for distribution. Viney said the next committee meeting date has not been set and will be publicized on the OVKA website.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben is interested in coordinating an end-of-season clean-up day. Following discussion, Saturday, November 1, 2008 was chosen, weather permitting. Max Viney will assess the track for filling of cracks. Doug Stempfley will publish this on the OVKA website. McKibben inquired about plans for new restroom facilities to which Viney responded Jeff Powers is taking the lead on this. Rick Coombs noted aluminum and steel recycling bins are located near the scoring tower with funds generated going into the track improvement fund.

SWAP MEET: Gary Gregg reported the contract and deposit has been submitted to the Clark County Fairgrounds for the Swap Meet which will be Saturday, February 7, 2009. Dennis Queary said flyers have been mailed out and are available for distribution. He suggested a redesign for the 2010 Swap Meet and will get with Jeff Morningstar. Randy Vermillion said the flyers for the following year's Swap Meet are printed immediately after the current year so they can be distributed at the KMI Show later in February. Viney asked for everyone's help in distributing flyers in a variety of locations, such as local groceries, restaurants and stores. Gregg discussed advertising issues and costs.

RULEBOOK: Rules considerations for the 2009 season discussed:

Items with action taken:

- Page 8, rule 310 – Change “during a heat race” to “during a qualifying session or race (heat/pre-final/final)”.
- Rookie Class – Do something different than the 90-second rule, such as allow pit crew to enter track to re-start racer. These kids are not seasoned racers and this is a learning class. Consider putting parents on track like Kid Karts.
Action to be taken: During the 90-seconds, Rookie Class Director or designee will attempt to re-start Rookie Class karts; kart retrieval vehicle will be utilized if needed.

Items with no action to be taken:

- Establish “buy week” for workers.
(Danetta Lawson offered to assist with publicizing track official positions at two high schools).

Items tabled:

- Registration required to participate in warm-ups.
- 90-second rule when combining classes (such as at New Castle, see Ray McKibben).

OLD BUSINESS:

WEBSITE PHOTOS: Ray McKibben thanked Danetta Lawson, Lynda Coombs and any others who provided pictures for the website. Following discussion of digital image sizing and storage space on the website link, McKibben agreed to check into pricing for larger web storage for photos

2009 SCHEDULE: Max Viney reported the WKA and Great Lakes Sprint Series 2009 schedules have not yet been released. Viney proposed Karting 101 and a fourteen race schedule next season with one race at Circleville and one race at New Castle. His preference is to require away races as part of year-end championship points. Tim Reed suggested requiring only one of the away races. Doug Stempfley said information he has compiled indicates a high interest in fourteen races with two drops and 50 percent qualifying events. Tim Bell stated there should be no drops at all. John Horn pointed out an issue with traveling has been no Saturday practice and suggested the club require the away tracks to allow for this. Dennis Queary said if we can't practice the day before, he prefers to not travel there. Steve Rumsey said it is difficult to travel during the school year to which Bell agreed. Toshiya Michimi said some racers from New Castle attended an OVKA race only because it was a qualifying event which he feels there needs to be more of. Ray McKibben discussed the issue Saturday races present for people who have to work that day. Lynda Coombs detailed the entry statistics during the 2008 season. Viney said he will take all of this into consideration when designing a draft 2009 schedule and will present it next month.

2009 CLASS STRUCTURE: Max Viney asked for input regarding the 2009 class structure. Doug Stempfley suggested dropping the Junior Yamaha 2 class. Ted Cradlebaugh said eight classes averaged less than Junior Yamaha 2 and eliminating classes should go by kart count. Randy N. Vermillion recommended the Master Animal class be discontinued and either combine TaG and Shifters permanently or drop Shifters. Rick Coombs discussed the cost of awards for a class. Gerald Whaling said the club goes through this every year and at some point has to cut some classes that are not maintaining. He discussed the length of race day and how late people get home. Lynda Coombs said she would like to see a reduction in the length of time sign-in is open so racing could start earlier although this could impact the number of warm-up sessions. Steve Rumsey discussed larger grouping of classes for warm-ups. Rick Coombs discussed the increased kart count in Yamaha Super Can which had been low in the past. Don Lawson said the same is true for the Masters class. Viney suggested eliminating the Sportsman Briggs to which Vermillion responded it is a feeder class. Michimi pointed out there are lots of Briggs racing the Great Lakes Sprint Series. Vermillion discussed the importance of informing people of the class structure soon so they can sell their karts if classes are dropped. Viney said in order to shorten race day which is a complaint he commonly hears, classes need to be eliminated. His preference is to limit the number of classes to fifteen. Rumsey said he would like to see the addition of a Sportsman and Junior HPV class. Tim Reed said if this occurs, people need to be informed they will need two of everything. Gary Gregg suggested adding a Sportsman Yamaha 2 class. He further suggested if HPV classes are added, require the entire season's entry fees be paid in advance. Bell discussed the addition of the Master Animal class this season that approximately ten people committed to last year then did not show up when the class was added. Viney asked the board to be prepared next month to finalize the 2009 class structure.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISQUALIFICATION RACE #3: Shelly Powers discussed a disqualification her son received at race three. She stated it came to their attention the disqualification was not droppable and said they were not informed that day it had to be carried in year-end points. Randy N. Vermillion discussed details of the disqualification and said while he informed Jeff Powers of the disqualification, he did not tell him it was not droppable. Vermillion

discussed changes to the OVKA rulebook regarding disqualifications. Steve Rumsey noted the rule was changed last year to allow certain disqualifications to be droppable. Dennis Queary stated per the OVKA rulebook, this disqualification is not droppable and it is the member's responsibility to read the rulebook. Randy Landes said it is our responsibility to inform racers whether disqualifications are droppable. John Horn said the rulebook does not say it is the Tech Director's responsibility to inform racers. Powers made a motion to ask the board to allow the disqualification to be a droppable race. The motion was seconded by Max Viney. Following further discussion, the motion failed with five opposed, two in favor and four abstained (one board member left before meeting concluded).

DISQUALIFICATION RACE #13: Jeff Bartlett extended an apology to Max Viney and the membership for his behavior at race thirteen. He said he understands the difficult work the organization does having served on a board himself. Bartlett thanked OVKA for providing the best summer for his children.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

GREAT LAKES SPRINT SERIES: Max Viney reported Jerry Cole, President of the Great Lakes Sprint Series, has requested OVKA host a GLSS event at G & J Kartway prior to the Gold Cup. Viney outlined the requirements including providing workers, timing system and other equipment. Gary Gregg discussed the arrangements he had with GLSS last year. Following further discussion, no action was taken.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Don Boles – Research battery to run monitor and DVD player for shows.
- Lynda Coombs – Provide OVKA literature for distribution and information about promotions as requested.
- Rick Coombs – Confirm banquet meal price and report back.
- Danetta Lawson – Assist with publicizing race official positions at two high schools.
- Ray McKibben – Coordinate clean-up day, Saturday, November 1, 2008, weather permitting; obtain pricing for website storage.
- Dennis Queary – Contact Jeff Morningstar regarding redesign of the 2010 Swap Meet flyer.
- Doug Stempfley - Publish on OVKA website next Shows and Promotions Committee meeting date (once determined) and clean-up day.
- Randy N. Vermillion – Provide interested person/persons with Sponsorship Committee information.
- Max Viney – Coordinate promotional events (Quaker Steak and Lube, Springfield Car and Parts Show, DARF banquet), provide OVKA literature for distribution and information about promotions as requested, assess track for filling of cracks.

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

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 10:50 p.m. by Don Boles, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: J. Bartlett, L. Coombs, K. Fogt, J. Horn, G. Kaeser, Danetta Lawson, Don Lawson, G. Lutz, R. McKibben, T. Reed, J. Robbins, P. Robbins, H. Rumsey, S. Rumsey, R.J. Vermillion, G. Whaling and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 10/26/08.