

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009
KINGS ISLAND RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. at Kings Island Resort and Conference Center in Mason, Ohio.

OPENING REMARKS: Max Viney 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 2009 season. Viney asked that cell phones be kept off or on vibrate and that side conversations be taken outside.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs said a lot of work has gone into banquet preparation and everything should be in place for a nice evening. Coombs extended thanks to the people who helped with setup. He reminded everyone banquet registration opens at 4:00 p.m. and explained attendees will need to stop there to receive their armband, select their participation chip and envelope and enter ladies drawings.

SWAP MEET: Max Viney discussed the great need for gate workers for the Swap Meet on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield. Viney explained how important this event is to the organization. Dennis Queary said six to seven more gate workers are needed to three-hour shifts. Viney said a participation credit can be earned for working a shift. To volunteer, contact Queary by phone at 937-510-3529 or 937-229-0470 or via email at dqueary@netzero.net. Randy N. Vermillion explained the entrance gate to be used will be where the ATM machine has been located which is a change from previous years. Ray McKibben thanked Beaver Creek Rental for helping provide heaters for this event. Queary said booth rentals have started to pick up.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Max Viney reviewed a schedule of upcoming promotional events OVKA will be participating in:

- Kart Expo – Saturday & Sunday, February 23 & 24, 2008 at DuPage Expo Center in St. Charles, Illinois; Lynda Coombs is the contact for this event;
- DARF Toys For Kids Show – Saturday & Sunday, March 7 & 8, 2009 at Lang's Chevrolet in Beaver Creek; Viney is the contact;
- DARF Race Car & Future Stars Expo – Thursday through Sunday, March 26 – 29, 2009 at Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua; Mike Brown is the contact;
- Springfield Swap Meet & Car Show – Friday through Sunday, May 22 – 24, 2009 at the Clark County Fairgrounds; Viney is the contact.

Viney explained the benefits of participating in these events. In addition to promoting OVKA and karting, he explained networking with vendors at the Kart Expo last year resulted in a substantial savings for crash bags. Ray McKibben and Viney discussed the interest in karting that was present at the recent Cavalcade of Customs Show in Cincinnati.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE: Randy Vermillion thanked Lee McCready for his willingness to chair the Sponsorship Committee. Vermillion discussed the importance of sponsorship to the organization. Prospective sponsor contact information should be directed to McCready by calling 937-859-3913 (home) or 937-260-2300 (cellular) or via email at Leemccready@aol.com. McCready will send out sponsorship packets to potential sponsors, as well as last year's sponsors. An updated sponsorship form will be on the OVKA website soon.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF 2009 OVKA OFFICERS: Following an explanation of voting procedures, the following persons were nominated and elected as Officers for the 2009 season: President – Max Viney; Vice-President – Tim Reed; Secretary – Lynda Coombs and Treasurer – Jason Gregg.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

INTRODUCTION TO KARTING: Paul Krimmer discussed a promotional opportunity he and Max Viney plan on offering to provide a karting experience for interested persons. They are looking to line up karts and equipment to offer a test drive at G & J Kartway. So far, he has seventy people who have expressed interest. He is looking for volunteers to help with this by providing karts, equipment and assistance at the track. Lynda Coombs said Gary Gregg has offered use of some concession karts for this endeavor. Rick Coombs said this would be a great opportunity for kart shops to get involved in. Ted Cradlebaugh offered his assistance. Contact Krimmer at 513-221-3424 by phone or desalesmotorcar@fuse.net to sign up to help or if you have questions.

REAR BUMPER: Paul Krimmer inquired about whether OVKA will require use of the extended rear bumper this season. Lynda Coombs explained an email from WKA was received after the last board meeting which stated the implementation date for master tracks is 12/20/09 so it can be optional until that time. The board will discuss the matter at the February board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 2:26 p.m. by Max Viney, seconded by Tim Reed, and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

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- DARF Toys For Kids Show – Saturday & Sunday, March 7 & 8, 2009 at Lang's Chevrolet in Beavercreek; Max is the contact for this event
- DARF Race Car & Future Stars Expo – Thursday through Sunday, March 26 – 29, 2009 at Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua;
- Springfield Swap Meet & Car Show – Friday through Sunday, May 22 – 24, 2009 at the Clark County Fairgrounds

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT; D. Boles and G. Gregg.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: S. Brown, G. Clark, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, C. Harris, D. Harris, R. Harris, M. Hoggatt, J. Horn, M. Horn, P. Krimmer, D. Lawson, A. Lewis, L. McCready, K. McKibben, R. McKibben, J. Mueller, D. Newberry, J. Osborne, Randall Potter, Randy Potter, C. Queary, K. Schneider, J. Shade, T. Shade, B. Smiley, L. Smiley, P. Speelman, L. Vermillion, M. Vermillion, R. J. Vermillion, J. Wagar, G. Welage and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/25/09.