

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS: Max Viney reminded attendees to turn cell phones off or on vibrate and directed sidebar conversations be taken outside. Additionally, he asked that only one person speak at a time by raising their hand.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the January 6, 2009 and January 24, 2009 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously. Coombs read a thank you note received from the Gregg family.

TREASURERS' REPORT: Max Viney read the financial report submitted by Gary Gregg on behalf of Jason Gregg.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET: Rick Coombs thanked the many volunteers who helped make the banquet a success and extended special thanks to Lynda Coombs for the many hours she put in preparing for the event. Coombs explained attendance was up slightly from last year and reported the event came in under budget. Max Viney said he heard positive comments about the event. Randy Landes noted the restaurant did not open in early afternoon as it had in previous years which Coombs said he will follow up on. Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 for a deposit for the 2009 banquet at Kings Island Resort and Conference Center. The motion was seconded by Viney and passed with six in favor, one opposed and one abstained. Coombs explained a 100% prize was not claimed and asked for ideas on what to do with the Mychron 4. Following discussion, Coombs made a motion to sell raffle tickets at \$1.00 a piece or six for \$5.00 at the first two points races with the drawing to take place at the second race. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously.

SWAP MEET: Dennis Queary reported workers are all lined up for the Swap Meet this coming Saturday. He said there are a lot of booths sold and he anticipates a good turnout. Max Viney made a motion to appropriate \$500 for the vintage kart competition. The motion was seconded by Randy Landes and passed eight in favor and one abstained. Rick Coombs reported Gary Gregg will be lining up the fairgrounds for February 6, 2010. Queary will make arrangements for printing of the 2010 Swap Meet flyers to take to Kart Expo. Consensus of the board was to keep the admission fee the same for 2010, continue to offer the vintage kart competition and discontinue the auction, raffles and seminars.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Max Viney reviewed the upcoming shows as follows:

- Kart Expo – Saturday & Sunday, February 21 & 22, 2009 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 Beavercreek; Max is the contact.
- DARF Promoter's Night – Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at The Flatts in Dayton; Viney will be representing OVKA. The board agreed to provide twelve gate passes as prizes for DARF's Promoter's Night.
- DARF Race Car & Future Stars Expo – Thursday through Sunday March 26 – 29, 2009 at Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua; Contact Mike Brown.
- Springfield Swap Meet & Car Show – Friday through Sunday, May 22 – 24, 2009 at the Clark County Fairgrounds; Contact Viney.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Max Viney reported that he and the committee will be working with Gary Gregg to plan for future restroom facilities. Contact will be made with businesses who may be willing to sponsor in some way.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Randy N. Vermillion discussed the financial impact combining grid pit spots will have and reviewed the layout. Rick Etter inquired about the cost of pit spots to which Viney said it will be the same as last year, \$150 for the season, and needs to be paid by the second race. Vermillion said Hal Thornton will continue to coordinate pit spots. Lee McCready reported he has three verbal commitments so far for 2009 sponsors. Coombs and Vermillion discussed three others they are aware of. Contact McCready at 937-859-3913 (home) or 937-260-2300 (cellular) or via email at Leemccready@aol.com. to obtain sponsorship packets.

OLD BUSINESS:

SPORTSMAN CLASSES: Having been tabled from December 2, 2008 until after the banquet, Max Viney's motion to qualify all events for the Sportsman Yamaha class was discussed extensively then voted on and failed unanimously.

RULEBOOK: Rick Coombs explained the rulebook needs to be finalized at the March board meeting in order to have time to finish the typing and get it to the printer.

Items with action taken:

- Rear bumpers – Lynda Coombs read an email from WKA that stated the implementation date for master tracks for the 2-cycle rear bumpers is 12/20/09 and does not apply to 4-cycle karts. Determination of the OVKA board for the 2009 season is to allow rear bumpers as per 2008 WKA tech manual **OR** 2009 WKA tech manual as updated.
- Protest procedures wording to be implemented: *The Protest Committee will be chaired by one board member for the entire season. In the event a protest pertains to a class the Chairperson is involved in or in his/her absence, the President or Vice-President will serve as Chairperson for that protest. The Protest Committee must interview the Race Director before ruling on any protest. Witness testimony from parties not involved in the incident will not be accepted.*
- Clarification of engine legality being protested through the third heat to include language the Pit Steward is to be informed immediately upon karter exiting the track.
- Page 13, rule 604: Add language – *Any post-tech fuel disqualification must be carried as a zero in overall year-end points.*
- A motion was made by Ray McKibben to eliminate the Junior Yamaha 2 Shootout and offer a Yamaha Junior Lite class at minimum weight of 305# and a Yamaha Junior Heavy class with minimum weight of 320#. The motion was seconded by Doug Stempfley and passed unanimously.

Items discussed and dismissed:

- A motion was made by Doug Stempfley to add wording to rule 306.2 “unless approved by the board and meets the age requirement as of June 30th”. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and failed with seven opposed, three in favor and one abstained.
- Consider having 75% and 100% participation levels only.

Coombs asked the board to review the draft that was distributed this evening for accuracy and typographical errors.

NEW BUSINESS:

BRIGGS CLASSES: Tabled.

BY-LAWS RE: BOARD MEMBERS: – Randy J. Vermillion made a motion to amend the OVKA by-laws to allow family members who do not reside under the same roof to serve on the OVKA Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Doug Stempfley and failed due to the lack of a two-thirds majority required for by-law changes.

CLEAN-UP DAY: Max Viney discussed the importance of the clean-up day which is 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 4, 2009. A participation credit can be earned by working a four-hour shift (minimum age 8-years-old).

DRIVING SCHOOL: Max Viney said volunteers will be needed to assist with the driving school on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

RADIO SHOW: Doug Stempfley reported he and his son, Chase, and Tim and Emerson Reed were invited to participate in a radio show on WLW radio this coming Sunday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. They asked that Max Viney also call into the show to participate. Stempfley said the radio producer has offered to promote OVKA by reporting race results and racer information. Rick Etter offered to be the point person to collect and submit the race day finishes.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATIONS: Randy N. Vermillion, Hal Thornton and Mark Lewis submitted their resignations from the OVKA Board of Directors. Max Viney thanked them for all of their hard work and contribution to the organization. .

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION: Max Viney made a motion to nominate Ray McKibben to the OVKA Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and will be voted on at the March board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 10:30 p.m. Having been nominated last month, Randy J. Vermillion was unanimously elected to the OVKA Board of Directors.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Ramada Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Rick Coombs – Contract with the Kings Island Resort & Conference Center for the 2009 banquet.
- Dennis Queary – Coordinate Swap Meet; arrange for printing of the 2010 Swap Meet flyers to take to Kart Expo (by 2/21/09).
- Lynda Coombs – Coordinate workers for Kart Expo; update 2009 rules revisions.
- Max Viney – Coordinate workers for DARF Toys For Kids Show and the Springfield Swap Meet and Car Show; along with the Track Improvement Committee, work with Gary Gregg in planning of restroom facilities; include note in Tech Director's website message and at driver's meetings that a fire extinguisher in trailers is highly recommended.
- Mike Brown – Coordinate workers for DARF Race Cars and Future Stars show.
- Rick Etter – Provide race results to WLW radio station.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Bell, D. Boles, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, R. Landes, M. Lewis, D. Queary, D. Stempfley, R. Vermillion, and M. Viney.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: L. Coombs, R. Etter, J. Horn, L. McCready, R. McKibben and R.J. Vermillion.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 2/12/09.