

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER & OPENING REMARKS:** President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., reminded attendees to turn cell phones off or on vibrate and directed sidebar conversations be taken outside. Viney extended condolences on behalf of OVKA to the family of Eric Bradford who passed away April 1, 2009. A donation in memory of Bradford will be made to the League for Animal Welfare. OVKA members, Ray McKibben and Hal Thornton, are collecting funds to continue Bradford's legacy of sponsoring the Rookie Class. Persons who would like to contribute can contact McKibben or Thornton.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the March board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Tim Bell and passed unanimously. Coombs asked that persons who signed up last year to work this season contact her to finalize dates.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Max Viney thanked Don Boles, Dylan and Ted Cradlebaugh, and Christopher and Dennis Queary for helping with the DARF Toys for Kids Show on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Dylan and Christopher received certificates of appreciation from DARF. Viney reported OVKA was acknowledged at DARF's Promoter's Night on March 24th. Viney extended appreciation to Mike and Suzie Brown, Rick Etter, Jean Stafford and Wally West for their help at the four day DARF Race Car and Future Stars Expo at the Piqua Mall March 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming event: 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 the Track Improvement Committee will be meeting next week. He thanked Rick Coombs for addressing a drainage issue. Viney noted crack filling will take place in the fall.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reported he has been in contact with last year's sponsors, as well as some potential sponsors. There may be enough interest to have a sponsor for each class. Max Viney agreed to follow up on a pit spot matter.

**CHAMP RACE:** Mike Brown, Rick Etter and Ray McKibben agreed to chair the Champ Race. Rick Coombs reported Powers Catering would be available to provide the food.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2009 RULEBOOK:** Rick Coombs reported 2009 rulebooks are now available and an electronic version should be on the website soon. Rear bumpers for 2-cycle classes was discussed with no action taken pending WKA tech update.

**CLEAN-UP DAY:** Max Viney thanked the 57 people who participated in clean-up day. Viney made a motion to appropriate \$650 to cover clean-up day expenses. The motion was seconded by Randy Landes and passed with eight in favor and two abstained.

**DRIVING SCHOOL:** Max Viney explained Tim Reed will coordinate the driving school Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Don Boles, Mike Brown, Max Viney and Josh Wagar will assist. Cost is \$15.

**TECH TOOLS:** Max Viney said he will conduct an assessment of tech tool needs following Karting 101.

**RADIOS:** Max Viney reported six new radios and headsets will arrive by the first race.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TECH INSPECTORS:** Max Viney congratulated Mike Brown and Rick Etter on passing the WKA Technical inspector certification course.

**HPV TESTING:** HPV clutch testing was discussed.

**STARTING LIGHT:** Use of the starting light verses a green flag was discussed with consensus to continue using the light. Rick Etter will make repairs to the starting light.

**YOUTH EVENT:** Virgil Oatts shared information about a youth-at-risk karting program he is working on. Oatts is in the process of obtaining funding and will continue to keep the board informed.

**VIDEO RECORDING:** Virgil Oatts reported he will continue to videotape at Karting 101 in order to complete a video project he started last season. Once complete, the video can be used for promotional purposes.

**GOLD CUP:** Steve Willis discussed the WKA Gold Cup coming to G & J Kartway July 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. He explained this year WKA will pay the dozen or so workers directly rather than the track. Willis further discussed offering local option classes, such as for two-cycles. Max Viney will write a letter to Buddy Long with WKA in support of this. Ray McKibben will poll the members.

**BRIGGS CLASSES:** Doug Benson proposed completely eliminating the Briggs classes for 2010. Following discussion, Max Viney committed to discuss the matter with the members and Appco.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**TRACK:** Pat Robbins discussed the layout of turn three. Following discussion, the resolution was to install longer barriers.

**WEBSITE CLASSIFIEDS:** Doug Stempfley and Ray McKibben discussed options for providing classified advertisements. Following discussion, the matter was tabled until next month.

**OVKA PHOTOGRAPHER:** Lynda Coombs reported Apogee Imagining will not be serving as photographer for OVKA this year.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion to adjourn to executive session was made at 9:40 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Rick Etter was voted unanimously to the OVKA Board of Directors. Max Viney appointed Ray McKibben to the OVKA Board of Directors.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. was made by Max Viney, seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at Ramada Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Don Boles – Assist with driving school.
- Mike Brown – Co-chair Champ Race Committee; assist with driving school.
- Lynda Coombs – Send donation in memory of Eric Bradford,
- Rick Etter – Co-chair Champ Race Committee; make repairs to starting light.
- Ray McKibben – Co-chair Champ Race Committee; poll members regarding local option classes to consider at the Gold Cup.
- Virgil Oatts – Keep board informed of youth-at-risk karting program; complete promotional videotape.
- Max Viney – Coordinate volunteers for the Springfield Swap Meet & Car Show; follow up on a pit spot matter, assist with driving school, assess tech tools, write letter to Buddy Long; discuss Briggs classes with members and Appco;
- Josh Wagar – Assist with driving school.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** L. Coombs, R. Etter, B. Frey, G. Kaeser, L. McCready, R. McKibben, V. Oatts, D. Robbins, P. Robbins, R.N. Vermillion, J. Wagar, F. Whaling, G. Whaling and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 4/28/09.