

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

**CALL TO ORDER & OPENING REMARKS:** President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., reminded attendees to turn cell phones off or on vibrate and directed sidebar conversations be taken outside. Viney reported Tim Reed is absent due to vacation.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the June board meeting minutes with a correction made to include M. Brown as a board member in attendance. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Coombs read a thank-you note from the Bradford family for OVKA's donation in memory of Eric. Gary Gregg noted several members are continuing to sponsor the Rookie Class in memory of Bradford.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** Gary Gregg provided a financial report on behalf of Jason Gregg.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CHAMP RACE:** Mike Brown reviewed details of the Champ Race including the menu, games, and music. Lynda Coombs reported WKA has approved the powder puff class as a local option for this event. Brown clarified the powder puff class can include use of a Yamaha pipe engine, in addition to Yamaha can and Briggs engine; no Shifter or TaG engines permitted.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Max Viney thanked Paul Krimmer, Josh Wagar and Wally West for representing OVKA at the Concourse d'Elegance Show and reported the show had a great turnout. Lynda Coombs read an email from a Concourse representative in response to a note of thanks that was sent.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Gary Gregg reported torn crash bags have been removed. Discussion of the length of bolts on weights resulted in the matter being added to 2010 rules consideration list.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reviewed pit spot availability. Discussion of participants pulling out prior to the conclusion of the event resulted in the matter being added to the 2010 rules consideration list.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**YOUTH EVENT:** Virgil Oatts provided an update on the *Spirit for Racing* non-profit organization he is developing for at-risk youth. Oatts asked for OVKA's support by allowing him to sell raffle tickets at OVKA events. Consensus of the board was to permit this. Oatts reported he continues to collaborate with local access television.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2010 RULEBOOK:**

**Items discussed and tabled:**

- Fuel.
- Tires. Max Viney to contact Jim Russell.
- Rule 501.3 & page 21 (re: first heat) – Need clarification if have to stay in order with group.
- Sportsman classes – Clarify if helping them includes re-starting them. Either way, wording is needed in rulebook.
- Sportsman classes – Allow track workers to re-start kart on track if within 90-second rule (no requirement to push to grid to re-start).
- Qualify 50% of the races; qualify all races.

**Items discussed and dismissed:**

- Allow 14-year-old drivers in senior classes.

**Items to be discussed:**

- If red flag, be able to finish laps even if race is at halfway point.
- Discontinue practice of giving Kid Karts something at each event or give ribbons, certificates and other less costly recognition.
- Consider heat DQs finish in front of those racers with less laps.
- Do away with qualifying lineup based on points.
- Clarify role of President on race day & include in rulebook if President has a decision-making role.
- No 90-second rule at New Castle & add wording to rulebook.
- Have final heat count as finish for the day regardless of whether pea-pick or qualifying.

- Require that all heats consist of the same number of laps unless weather conditions or other circumstances prevent this (such as red flags, ambulance call).
- Restore explanation regarding complete re-start.
- Move tech area near scale or reconfigure exit lane to come out near tech area.
- Do away with TaG weight sticker requirement.
- Add wording that during a start, if the kart exits the track, they cannot return.
- Allow other classes to use different oil/fuel mix like the TaG class is doing.

**Added 7/7/09:**

- Length of bolts for weights.
- Address participants pulling out prior to conclusion of event.
- Require reserved pit spots be paid by first race.
- Age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> to determine class eligibility.

**TIRES:** With the Russell contract concluding at the end of the 2009 season, Max Viney will discuss the matter with Jim Russell and report back.

**RACE DIRECTOR, HEAD FLAGMAN & PRESIDENT:** Roles of the President, Race Director, and Head Flagman were discussed in addition to the protest process and the role of board members. Randy J. Vermillion will follow up on obtaining orange flags to identify board members at the track.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**RACEDAY ENVIRONMENT:** Maintaining a family atmosphere at the tracks was discussed. Consensus was that having a way to identify board members at the events will provide a better system for persons to address concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made at 9:35 p.m. by Don Boles, seconded by Tim Bell, and passed unanimously.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at Ramada Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Mike Brown – Coordinate Champ Race.
- Rick Etter – Coordinate Champ Race.
- Ray McKibben – Coordinate Champ Race.
- Randy J. Vermillion – Research and obtain orange flags.
- Max Viney – Contact Jim Russell, look into netting.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, L. Coombs, B. Frey, G. Lutz, L. McCready, K. McKibben, V. Oatts, Randall Potter, Randy Potter, D. Robbins, P. Robbins, J. Stafford, C. Stempfley, R.N. Vermillion, J. Wagar, F. Whaling, G. Whaling, and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 7/22/09.