

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 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.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the July board meeting minutes as published. Tim Bell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURERS' REPORT: Max Viney provided a financial report on behalf of Jason Gregg.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAMP RACE: Mike Brown thanked Rich Williamson for providing the band at the Champ Race. Brown also extended thanks to the Gregg family for all they provided and Sandy Powers for the excellent food. Ray McKibben thanked Mike Brown and Rick Etter for all they did to make the Champ Race a success.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Max Viney will be arranging for OVKA to participate in the Springfield Car and Parts Show this fall.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready will contact Hal Thornton regarding available pit spots.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Tim Bell discussed the need to replace the scoring tower windows. Lynda Coombs reported some of the interior window frame has rotted. Ray McKibben suggested addressing the area where the ambulance parks.

BANQUET: Rick Coombs reviewed fixed expenses associated with the banquet. He asked the board to start thinking about banquet funding.

OLD BUSINESS:

YOUTH EVENT: Virgil Oatts reported a garage sale was held to raise funds for a trailer. Additional fundraising opportunities are being considered. Oatts continues to provide video footage for local access television.

TIRES: Tire options were discussed with consensus being to continue with Dunlops because of the performance and value. Viney will contact Jim Russell.

2010 RULEBOOK:

Items discussed with action taken:

- Rule 501.3 & page 21 (re: first heat) – Need clarification if have to stay in order with group. Action: new wording to be, "For qualifying events, karters must be gridded in the order posted on the lineup board. Karters who do not gout with the group they are gridded with will start the pre-final at the rear of the field. No 90-second rule applies for qualifying". (8/4/09)
- Sportsman classes – Clarify if helping them includes re-starting them. Action: allow track workers to re-start kart on track if within 90-second rule (no requirement to push to grid to re-start). 2010 policy to be track workers will make an attempt to re-start them if within the 90-seconds. (8/4/09)
- If red flag, be able to finish laps even if race is at halfway point. Action: Following a red flag, the race will re-start provided the leader has not started the last lap. (8/4/09)
- Clarify who can file a protest & collective protests. Action: Add wording "legal entrant in the class or parent/guardian in the case of a minor driver". (8/4/09)

Items discussed and dismissed:

- Allow 14-year-old drivers in senior classes. (7/7/09)
- Discontinue practice of giving Kid Karts something at each event or give ribbons, certificates and other less costly recognition. (8/4/09)
- Do away with qualifying lineup based on points. (8/4/09)
- Do away with all banquet prizes; give only trophies, jackets & plaques. (8/4/09)

Items discussed and tabled:

- Fuel – Francis Whaling to conduct testing this week. (7/7/09), (8/4/09)
- Tires. Max Viney to contact Jim Russell. (7/7/09), (8/4/09)
- Qualify 50% of the races; qualify all races. – Table until 2010 schedule drafted.

- Consider heat DQs finish in front of those racers with less laps – Lynda Coombs to research WKA's procedures. (8/4/09)

Items to be discussed:

- 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.
- 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 31st to determine class eligibility.
- What is policy when qualifying if driver spins out when entering the track or in turn one & two?
- Spinning out on entering the track – Has been a race day rule but not included in the rulebook.
- Champ Race – Do you have to have warm-up session on day two if you qualified on day one?
- Allow unrestricted Kid Karts; require to be box stock only; add weight if gets too fast (who decides & what constitutes too fast?).
- Page 25, #1 – Change wording to “classes will be combined”.
- Give trophies for all classes like is done for Kid Karts (since all pay the same).
- Add Junior HPV class.

NEW BUSINESS:

AMBULANCE: Rick Etter discussed the ambulance cost and offered to check into another option.

PROTESTS: Lynda Coombs asked the board for clarification who can file a protest following a situation that occurred at the Champ Race. Following discussion, the board directed a protest can only be filed by a legal entrant in the class or in the case of a minor driver, by their parent/guardian.

KART BANDS: Lynda Coombs explained the purpose of kart bands is to ensure entrants have completed the registration process, which includes signing an OVKA release.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

INFORMATION: Francis Whaling discussed the importance of talking about points of contention at driver's meetings. Max Viney committed to do so.

RACER ENTRY: Tim Bell suggested Mike Brown receive a race entry as he provided critical assistance to a family at Champ Race resulting in Brown not racing. The board was in agreement.

MEATBALL FLAG: Don Boles raised concern about non-compliance with the meatball flag. Following discussion, it was determined flags will be reviewed at the driver's meeting.

CHAMP RACE FOLLOW UP: Mike Brown discussed a misunderstanding with one of the photographers at the Champ Race who thought he had exclusive rights. Following discussion, Mike Brown will send letters to both photographers involved.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to adjourn to executive session was made at 9:43 p.m. by Mike Brown, seconded by Rick Etter, and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board support for the officers was discussed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at Ramada Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Mike Brown – Send letter to photographers.
- Lynda Coombs – Research WKA's procedures regarding order of disqualifications.
- Rick Etter – Check into different ambulance provider.
- Max Viney – Make arrangements for the Springfield Car and Parts Show; contact Jim Russell, discuss points of contention at driver's meetings.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Bell, D. Boles, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, R. Etter, R. Landes, R. McKibben, D. Queary, T. Reed, D. Stempfley, and M. Viney.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, L. Coombs, B. Frey, G. Kaeser, P. Krimmer, G. Lutz, L. McCready, V. Oatts, J. Stafford, H. Thornton, J. Wagar, G. Welage, F. Whaling, G. Whaling, and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 8/10/09.