

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER & OPENING REMARKS:** President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., reminded attendees to turn cell phones off or on vibrate. Viney further stated sidebar conversations are to be taken outside as there is a lot of work that needs to be accomplished this evening. Viney reported Doug Stempfle is absent this evening due to work.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the December board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Max Viney and passed unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:**

\*Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show - Josh Wagar reported volunteers are lined up for the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show this coming Friday through Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>.

\*Circle Track Show, Saturday, January 30, 2010, at Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis – Virgil Oatts reported arrangements have been made for this one-day event. Contact Oatts to help. .

\*Kart Expo International – Lynda Coombs will coordinate volunteers for this event being held February 27 and 28 at the DuPage Expo Center in DuPage, Illinois.

\*DARF Promoters Night – Lynda Coombs reported DARF Promoter's Night will be Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at The Flatt's in Huber Heights, Ohio.

**BANQUET:** Rick Coombs reported on banquet preparations and reminded everyone the cutoff date for the lower banquet fee is Friday, January 8, 2010 with the final registration deadline being Friday, January 15, 2010. The annual general membership meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. Ballots will be distributed for the officer elections with one vote per officer per family membership. Ambands will be supplied at banquet registration. Contact Lynda Coombs to volunteer to help at banquet registration. Mike Brown reported on an Internet room rate at a lower price. Rick Coombs will follow up on this.

**SWAP MEET:** Dennis Queary explained the need for many volunteers to staff the gate at the Swap Meet being held Saturday, February 6, 2010, at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ohio. Queary has been working on arrangements including lining up the sheriffs. Ray McKibben will provide contact information to secure heaters for the event. Queary explained he will provide the next chairperson with all the necessary information to transition the position as this is his last year coordinating the Swap Meet. Max Viney offered to fill this role and will order the flyers for the 2011 Swap Meet to be distributed at the Kart Expo Show. Gary Gregg discussed advertising expenses and newspaper circulation. McKibben will research advertising through Google which he reported is a very cost effective method. He will then inform the board via email. Other advertising options were discussed. Gregg extended thanks to Queary for his commendable job coordinating the Swap Meet. Queary received a round of applause.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready explained there is great need for someone to coordinate pit spots this upcoming season. He discussed monitoring early departures from pit spots and developing a policy specific to spots 1 through 27 so people are aware when they reserve these. Rick Coombs made a motion to include Karting 101 for reserved pit spots this year since it is being held the day before race one. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously. Pit spot revenue and ambulance expenses were discussed. Hal Thornton inquired about the cutoff date for reserved pit spots to which Lynda Coombs responded the board had determined it would be by the first race. Reallocation of reserved pit spots was discussed. Consensus was to maintain the same pit spot fee for the 2010 season.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2010 CLASS STRUCTURE:** During discussion of class weights, Randy J. Vermillion made a motion to add ten pounds to the KPV Sportsman Class (260#). The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with nine in favor, one opposed and one abstained. Ray McKibben made a motion to increase the weight for the Yamaha SBX Can Class to 420 pounds maintaining the minimum driver weight of 215 pounds. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed with seven in favor, one opposed and three abstained. Lynda Coombs will submit the revised class structure to WKA for review.

**2010 SCHEDULE:** Max Viney reported he is still waiting to hear from New Castle Motorsports about a date at their track. There was extensive discussion of the 2010 schedule, including dates, avoiding conflicts with other series and race day format. Steve Rumsey made a motion to move the first qualifier event from race two to race one and use the random draw method for the qualifying lineup. The motion was seconded by Tim Reed and passed six in favor, one opposed and four abstained.

#### **2010 RULEBOOK:**

##### **Items discussed with action taken:**

- Champ Race – Do you have to have warm-up session on day two if you qualified on day one? Determination: No, you are not required.
- Allow unrestricted Kid Karts. WKA approval has been received.
- Page 25, #1 – Change wording to “classes will be combined”.
- Gift certificates (for kart shops) and not prizes at the banquet. Determination: More certificates will be given along with some prizes.
- Enforce driver must present helmet and safety equipment at pre-tech.
- Pit spot fee included in sponsorship package. Determination: No change.
- Include Karting 101 in pit spot fee. Determination: Affirmed.
- Rear wheel protection. Determination: Waived for 2010 per WKA. If used, must follow WKA specifications.
- A motion was made by Ray McKibben to allow Circleville racers to run with OVKA using their MG Red tires whether at their track or our track, they kick at the scales and are disqualified for the day. The motion was seconded by Randy J. Vermillion. Rick Coombs amended the motion to only allow Circleville racers to use MG Red tires at Circleville and it be a non-points race. Due to the lack of a second, the amendment died. A second amendment was motioned by Ted Cradlebaugh that this be allowed as long as Russell agrees and it does not affect the Russell sponsorship contract in any way. Cradlebaugh’s amendment was seconded by Vermillion and passed with ten in favor and one abstained. McKibben’s motion was then voted on and passed with eight in favor, two opposed and one abstained.

##### **Items discussed and dismissed:**

- Length of bolts for weights.
- What is policy when qualifying if driver spins out when entering the track or in turn one and two.
- Spinning out on entering the track; has been a race day rule but not included in the rulebook.
- Give trophies for all classes like is done for Kid Karts (since all pay the same); consider adjusting entry fee if needed to cover cost.
- Points and awards for Yamaha Senior Novice and Rookie Class.
- Purchase portable lighting for the new track section for night racing.
- Run one full lap in all classes to help eliminate first turn grip issues.
- Provide limited access pass for guests into the pits and concessions.
- Board of Director term limits.
- Pay all fourteen race entries in advance with a discount incentive.
- Have more Saturday night races.
- Wait until dark to start the third heat.
- Include language about in what circumstances are two position penalties verses a finish behind penalty.
- Use manual draw number at sign-in for pea-pick races rather than computer generated.

##### **Items discussed and tabled:**

- Eliminate classes that have been repeatedly less than four entry average over the past few years – tabled until 2011 season.
- No rain points; have a rain date or race in the rain – tabled until 2011 season.
- Eliminate race day protests – to discuss protest format at February board meeting.

**2010 OFFICERS:** Max Viney reported the following person are interested in officer positions:

President – Randy J. Vermillion and Ted Cradlebaugh;

Vice-President – Josh Wagar;

Secretary – Lynda Coombs;

Treasurer – Jason Gregg.

**BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION:** Butch Frey inquired about a previous board member nomination. Lynda Coombs explained the board had voted to maintain the current number of board members for one year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WKA TECH INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION:** Max Viney reported WKA Four-Cycle Tech Inspector Certification will be held Saturday, January 30, 2010, at KartFest in Greenville, South Carolina. Two-Cycle Tech Inspector Certification will be Saturday, February 27, 2010, at Kart Expo in DuPage, Illinois.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**ROOKIE CLASS:** Following a request by Greg Welage, Ray McKibben made a motion to allow the Yamaha three-hole can with a Sportsman carburetor on a Cadet chassis in the Rookie Class. The motion was seconded by Randy J. Vermillion and passed with eight in favor and three abstained. Lynda Coombs will submit to WKA for approval in the local option class.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 10:44 p.m. was made by Randy J. Vermillion, seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Annual General Membership Meeting – 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 23, 2010, at Kings Island Resort and Conference Center, 5691 Kings Island Drive, Mason, Ohio.
- Monthly Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at Ramada Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Lynda Coombs – Coordinate banquet volunteers; coordinate Kart Expo International Show; submit revised class structure to WKA.
- Rick Coombs – Check on banquet room rate.
- Ray McKibben – Provide Dennis with contact information to secure heaters for the 2010 Swap Meet; research and inform board regarding advertising the Swap Meet through Google.
- Virgil Oatts – Coordinate Circle Track Show.
- Dennis Queary – Assist in transition of Swap Meet Chairperson.
- Max Viney – Coordinate 2011 Swap Meet; order flyers for 2011 Swap Meet.
- Josh Wagar – Coordinate Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Benson, D. Boles, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, R. Landes, R. McKibben, T. Reed, R.J. Vermillion, M. Viney and J. Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** S. Benson, C. Bogan, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, M. Evans, B. Frey, C. Harris, R. Harris, L. McCready, D. Newberry, V. Oatts, P. Robbins, H. Rumsey, S. Rumsey, K. Schneider, J. Stafford, H. Thornton, M. Vermillion, G. Welage, F. Whaling and B. Williams.

**SECRETARY'S NOTE:** On January 25, 2010, February board meeting changed to Monday, February 1, 2010, by executive order.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/27/10.