

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010**

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:** Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Cradlebaugh asked that whoever has the floor be afforded the opportunity to speak without interruption.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the July 6, 2010 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed unanimously.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** Ted Cradlebaugh provided a financial report on behalf of Jason Gregg. Cradlebaugh reported on the 50/50 drawings explaining the monies raised since the first race of 2008 will be used for restroom improvements. Doug Stempfley remarked what an excellent job Heather Cradlebaugh has done in conducting the drawings and extended appreciation to her.

**CHAMP RACE:** Josh Wagar provided a recap of the Champ Race and thanked everyone who helped with the event. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Wagar for all of his efforts coordinating the Champ Race.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Rick Coombs reported he completed the painting of two pit spots. Lynda Coombs stated a few pit spots are being rented on a race-by-race basis.

**SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS:**

- The Lebanon Blues Festival will be held Saturday, August 7, 2010. The Cradlebaugh family will coordinate OVKA's participation in this event.
- The Quaker Steak and Lube events have been discontinued.
- Mike Brown suggested the club consider renting spaces at the track next year for the annual Route 127 yard sale with proceeds going toward restroom improvements.
- Max Viney will coordinate OVKA's participation at the Springfield Car and Parts Show being held Friday through Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Ray McKibben will check into an event being hosted by the Thunderbird Car Club over Labor Day weekend.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Lynda Coombs read the following statement from Tim Reed, "We need to get an estimate asap on replacing the plastic windows in the front of the control tower. This past weekend during the rain delays, rain was actually coming in through the windows and leaking on electronic timing and scoring equipment. Hopefully, Jeff Powers or Gary Gregg could get an estimate to replace/upgrade asap." John Horn agreed to look at the windows to see what can be done. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed moving forward with planning restroom upgrades with the assistance of John Horn. Max Viney will provide plans that were drawn up in the past.

**SWAP MEET:** Max Viney pointed out the 2011 Swap Meet will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event and suggested this be included in advertising. Lynda Coombs reported flyers for next year's event are available. Ted Cradlebaugh asked that people put Swap Meet flyers in their local grocery stores and any other locations as permitted. Ray McKibben discussed Google ads. Brandon Brown discussed a way he can promote the organization through an Internet broadcast.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DOCUMENTATION:** In follow up to last month's meeting, Lynda Coombs reported there is a method for tracking disciplinary actions in the computer software program. She will follow up with the software provider for more information.

**FLAGS:** Rick Coombs is checking with the supplier of the flags regarding the fact they are coming apart. He will keep the board informed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FUEL PUMP ACCURACY:** Gary Gregg reported the fuel pump was off three-tenths in five gallons and has been fixed. Doug Stempfley suggested writing down the meter reading before and after selling fuel. Lynda Coombs reported race day fuel sales are tracked through the software program but not when fuel is sold at times other than race days. Rick Coombs made a motion to reimburse Gary Gregg for expenses related to

picking up fuel on Champ Race weekend. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with nine in favor and one abstained (Gregg).

**FOLLOWING RULE BOOK:** Josh Wagar voiced concerns brought to him by members regarding Race Officials and the President not following the rule book and discussed the affect it has on the integrity of the organization. Ray McKibben reported he too has received feedback from members about this issue. Randy J. Vermillion cited a specific situation regarding Protest Committee procedures not being followed. Lynda Coombs presented a Protest Committee checklist that could be used as a tool for assuring every step of the process is followed since there are new procedures in place this year. Coombs was asked to make some adjustments to the form. Doug Stempfley discussed having checks and balances and the need to unify.

**TIRE UPDATE:** Ted Cradlebaugh read the following statement from Tim Reed, “**Tires for 2011 and beyond.** As of today, no one, from the membership, or the BoD has come to me with a compelling reason to change from SL4’s. I have seen no documentation on testing, or comparable contracts to review regarding any other manufacturer’s tires. If anyone from the membership or BoD would like to recommend a different manufacturer of tires for the 2011 season, they should come prepared with semi-scientific tire testing results (both for SL4’s and whatever they recommend), along with written documentation from the manufacturer/supplier etc. of what they are willing to “sponsor” the club with, so we can make an objective decision on tires for 2011. In my opinion, the SL4 has been a good tire for OVKA. It’s consistent, lasts relatively long, is reasonably priced, and for “club” racing, does a great job of equalizing the field. If we chose to move to a more advanced tire construction, in my opinion, those that know how to tune karts will only get faster, and those that don’t have as much experience will get slower. Finally, Russell Karting Specialties has done a great job taking care of OVKA over the years; we should not lose sight of this.”

John Horn discussed discrepancies in conversations various individuals have had with the supplier and said he would like to see some type of guarantee. Cradlebaugh noted that Russell sells tires other than SL4s and suggested the club look at two types including an American tire. He said tires need to be what is best for the club. Mike Brown suggested forming a tire team to hash this out. Cradlebaugh will follow up with Jim Russell to discuss what types of tires are close to the SL4s.

**WORKER REIMBURSEMENT:** Josh Wagar discussed an email correspondence from Amy Werner to the board regarding worker reimbursement. She detailed levels of responsibility and hours put in for positions in relation to reimbursement. Wagar suggested the matter be reviewed over the winter.

**PRESIDENT’S ACTIONS:** Ted Cradlebaugh tabled the matter to executive session. John Horn expressed concern about handling the matter in this fashion. Randy J. Vermillion stated Tim Reed needs to be here.

**RACE DAY FOLLOW UP:** Steve Willis discussed race day incidents involving Doug Benson and Marlon Evans asking the board to consider disciplinary action. Willis then reported on an incident involving the Horns and the EMTs and recommended John Horn be placed on probation for the rest of the year. Mike Brown tabled the matter to executive session. Horn expressed his disagreement with tabling the matter and discussed the situation. Scott Benson inquired to whom he speaks during a race since the Race Director is on the track. Willis responded the Pit Steward or Grid Marshall can notify him and he will come over when he has a break.

**BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported Doug Benson has resigned from the OVKA Board of Directors and thanked him for all he has done for the organization.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**LAP TIMES & GRID POSITIONS:** Mike Brown asked if anyone sees discrepancies between lap times and their MyChron. Josh Wagar said they may be off due to a difference in location of the timing loop and the beacon. Brown reported Ron Gordon raised a question about grid inversions not occurring properly. Lynda Coombs explained her conversation with Gordon and will follow up on the matter.

**KID KARTS:** Ray McKibben inquired about coverage for the Kid Kart Director when he is not there. Kaeser reported he lines up someone to fill in during his absence. Butch Frey reported on an incident involving a new Kid Kart driver at the last event. Joe Williams discussed the importance of parents being responsible to get practice time for their children and not doing so puts children at risk. Kaeser reported he gives new Kid Kart families a packet which includes information about Wednesday evening practice sessions. Ted Cradlebaugh said the Race Director needs to be notified of new drivers. Mike Brown stated the Kid Kart class is not a racing class and Lynda Coombs read WKA’s description of the Kid Kart program.

**RACE OFFICIALS:** John Horn discussed concerns he has about the Race Director, Head Flagman and kart retrieval driver. Specific situations were reviewed including the recent rain out, use of the red flag and inconsistent starts. Ray McKibben discussed communication among Race Officials. Horn made a motion to first replace the Head Flagman and second replace the Race Director. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and failed with nine opposed and one in favor (McKibben). Mike Brown spoke about the adverse affect the "spear throwing" is causing this year and said it has to stop. Marlon Evans reported on what it is like to work as a Turn Marshall.

**KART RETRIEVAL VEHICLE:** Lee McCready presented information about an incentive program for purchasing an electric vehicle which could include one used for kart retrieval. This program continues for only three more days. Following discussion, no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** General session was called for adjournment at 10:10 p.m. by Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Mike Brown and passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Ted Cradlebaugh called the executive session to order at 10:17 p.m. Following discussion, the board determined a stern warning letter is to be issued to Doug Benson, Marlon Evans and John Horn. If any further incidents or infractions occur, there will be a more severe penalty. Actions of the President were discussed with a motion made by Ted Cradlebaugh to place Tim Reed on probation for the rest of the year for an incident in the tower on July 18, 2010. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed with eight in favor and two abstained (McKibben and Vermillion). Executive session was called for adjournment at 10:54 p.m. by Rick Coombs, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 7, 2010; executive session 7:00 p.m.; general session 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Reyton Inn (formerly Ramada Inn), 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Brandon Brown – Promote OVKA through an Internet broadcast.
- Lynda Coombs – Contact software provider regarding tracking of disciplinary action; review grid inversions for Ron Gordon.
- Rick Coombs – Inform the board about the flags following discussion with supplier.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Coordinate OVKA's participation at the Lebanon Blues Festival on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>; follow up with Jim Russell regarding tires.
- John Horn – Look at tower windows; assist with restroom improvement plans.
- Ray McKibben - Check into Thunderbird Car Club event over Labor Day weekend.
- Max Viney – Coordinate OVKA's participation at the Springfield Car and Parts Show being held Friday through Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>; provide restroom plans that were drawn up in the past.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** S. Benson, C. Bogan, B. Brown, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, M. Evans, B. Frey, J. Frommeyer, T. Gregg, J. Horn, G. Kaeser, L. McCready, B. Williams, J. Williams, P. Willis, S. Willis and D. Young.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 8/11/10.