

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011**

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:** Tim Reed called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the December 7, 2010 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** Tim Reed provided a financial report on behalf of Jason Gregg. Gary Gregg discussed the timing of the Swap Meet, stating it replenishes the treasury following the banquet.

**BUSINESS:**

**USE OF PARTICIPATION CREDITS FOR 2011:** Mike Brown discussed establishing a process for people who earn participation credits and do not use them to provide something for their efforts. He suggested having drawings for prizes such as a grill or canopy. Brown proposed a policy be established limiting the number of Ps that can be transferred and allowing transfers within only a family. Ted Cradlebaugh responded this can be looked at for next season but not for the upcoming banquet. Cradlebaugh discussed how Ps are earned by helping out at the track and other volunteer opportunities. Gary Gregg stated there are enough drawings. Don Boles said if he had raced another class, he had enough Ps to make 100%. Brown explained how the current structure allows this to which Gregg said he does not think it is right. Gregg further stated he liked when two additional Ps had to be earned to get in the drawings. Gregg discussed how Little League sends out a notice assigning you a date you are expected to work the concession stand. Melissa Brandon explained how she volunteers for OVKA and earns Ps but does not get anything for the participation credits. She proposed drawings not be limited to racers only. Tim Reed said it sounds like more discussion is needed. Brown noted he has tried to talk about this for the past four meetings and it kept getting put off. Max Viney suggested for people who have not donated all of their Ps, they get put in a drawing. Cradlebaugh said the matter will be discussed further next month.

**WORKER PAY FOR 2011:** Mike Brown proposed restructuring worker positions and stipends. He explained his proposal would eliminate some positions and increase the stipend for some. He suggested doing away with separate warm-up flagman and have corner workers be there all day to fill this position. Brown also recommended eliminating the Pit Steward position and two painters. He further proposed workers receive only half the stipend in the event of a rain out to which John Horn disagreed. Ray McKibben asked what percentage of workers take a participation credit to which Lynda Coombs responded it is very low. Brown recommended workers be provided lunches, t-shirts and an extra bonus. Josh Wagar inquired who would handle Pit Steward duties to which Brown responded the Race Director. Gregg said OVKA needs to be run like a business. Ted Cradlebaugh asked brown to provide specific details to the board so the matter can be voted on.

**TECH RECERTIFICATION:** Mike Brown reported the next WKA tech certification is next weekend in New Jersey. Don Boles asked what the difference would be for the club by having a certified Tech Director. Brown explained if an issue arises at the track, it cannot be protested to WKA without a certified tech person. Brown discussed costs to attend the certification class including course fee and travel expenses. He explained an attempt was made to try to schedule a certification course among other tracks, which did not work out. Don Boles made a motion to allow up to \$500 for tech recertification expenses. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with nine in favor and one abstained (Brown). Ray McKibben asked if Brown will make a two-year commitment as has been past practice to which Brown agreed he will do so. John Horn offered to become certified if the board so desires.

**RESCUE SQUAD CHARGES:** Mike Brown reported there was a communication issue regarding whether a racer was charged for services rendered at the track by EMS staff. Brown said there was an error in information and the matter has been resolved. Gary Gregg will contact the EMS company and extend an apology.

**KART RETRIEVAL:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed options for a kart retrieval vehicle. Jimmy Combs has offered the current kart retrieval vehicle and golf kart for purchase at a cost of \$5,000 inclusive of repairs. Following discussion of gas verses electric vehicles, Drew Young offered to obtain information about a local vendor. Mike Brown thanked John Horn for his efforts in providing information about vehicles.

**2011 SCHEDULE:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported on three dates that are available at New Castle Motorsports. Cradlebaugh asked for a show of hands of all in attendance for each date: April 23, 2011 – nine; July 9, 2011 – eight; and October 22/23 weekend – six. Cradlebaugh said a decision needs to be made tonight. Following further discussion, the July 9, 2011 date was decided upon. Cradlebaugh will contact New Castle. John Horn expressed his dissatisfaction with not having a schedule in place and asked that Tim Reed determine the schedule tonight. Cradlebaugh responded the by-laws state the schedule is to be done by March 1<sup>st</sup> and there have been times when it is necessary to wait for regional and national schedules to be finalized first. Cradlebaugh said he is confident a schedule will be ready for distribution at the banquet.

**TIRES:** Gary Gregg asked if there is a tire deal set in stone. Tim Reed responded nothing has been signed. Don Boles stated the board has already voted on tires. Doug Benson suggested contacting Jim Russell to inform him of OVKA's tire decision so he knows how many tires to order. Ted Cradlebaugh noted the KPP local option class also needs to be discussed with Russell.

**RULEBOOK:** Having been on the prevailing side of a previous vote to close the rulebook for 2011, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to open the rulebook back up. Josh Wagar, also on the prevailing side, seconded the motion which passed with seven in favor and three opposed (Roll call: Brown-yes; Coombs-yes; Cradlebaugh-yes; Gregg-yes; McKibben-yes; Stempfley-no; Viney-no; Wagar-yes; Benson-yes; Boles-no). Cradlebaugh made a motion to run either the old or new style KPP clutch for 2011. Mike Brown said this is already a rule so Cradlebaugh withdrew the motion. Mike Brown made a motion we allow either factory welded or screw-type cans for the 2011 season. Tim Reed suggested welded cans be outlawed to which Cradlebaugh agreed. Following discussion, Brown withdrew his motion.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Gary Gregg said he thinks the membership would feel better if two or three board members were elected from the membership. Todd Cradlebaugh asked what about those like himself who have been coming for two years and the others who are waiting. Gregg responded the membership feels they want a voice and many members say the club needs new ideas. Doug Benson asked how nomination decisions would be made. Ted Cradlebaugh explained this would require a change in the by-laws. Melissa Brandon discussed bashing that takes place on a forum. Dwight Newberry suggested having someone in charge of individual classes to serve as a contact person and represent the class at board meetings. Tim Reed responded that would not have to be a board member. John Frommeyer suggested having one person to be an expert on a subject. Additionally, he discussed having a portion of the board elected from the membership to which Ray McKibben responded the current board members are general members too. John Horn made a motion to nominate and elect three board members from the general membership. These individuals to be voted upon by ballot by mail by the general membership. This will consist of a one-year term. The motion was seconded by Gary Gregg. Ted Cradlebaugh said it would be a shame to get a great guy and limit them to one year. Don Boles asked for details of how the nomination and election is going to be done. Reed asked Horn to refine his motion and how he wants it for the next meeting. Mike Brown suggested making this a one-year trial. Horn tabled his motion pending putting details together.

**REAR BUMPERS:** Pat Slattery suggested requiring the use of full-width rear bumpers. Following discussion, Josh Wagar made a motion we follow WKA's regional bumper rules for 2011. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben then later withdrawn by Wagar. Mike Brown explained there are two different WKA rules, one for national and one for regional.

**RACE DAY FORMAT:** Pat Slattery made a motion to have two pea-pick races with a winner-take-all format for a one-year trial basis. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. Rick Coombs, seconded by Max Viney, amended the motion that the President who sets the 2011 schedule picks which two races these will be. The amendment passed with nine in favor and one opposed (Boles). Slattery's motion was then voted on and passed with nine in favor and one abstained (Boles). Tim Reed inquired how the finish will be determined in the event of rain. Slattery said the finish after two heats would be the finish for the day.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SPONSORSHIPS/PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCreedy extended thanks for including the pit spot reservation form in the annual mailing. He reported pit spot reservations have been coming in. Deadline for reserved pit spots is April 1, 2011. Drew Young inquired if non-traditional pit spots will be rented again to which Gary Gregg said they will.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:**

- Mike Brown reported the DARF Future Stars Show will be held at the Piqua Mall March 17 through 20, 2011. Setup will be on Wednesday night. Brown would like to have two spaces at this show, as well as a TaG, pipe, can and kid kart. Contact Brown to sign up to work and/or provide a kart.
- Josh Wagar reported volunteers are lined up for the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show being held at the Duke Energy Center this weekend, January 7 through 9, 2011. Setup will be Thursday evening.
- Rick and Lynda Coombs will coordinate the Indy Circle Track Show being held Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.
- Ray McKibben discussed having a television with DVD player for promotional events. Tim Reed suggested checking into rental to try it out. Following discussion of options and storage, McKibben will check into rental options.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Gary Gregg reported the pillows have not yet been removed from the track due to the cold weather.

**SWAP MEET:** Max Viney reported Swap Meet plans are going well. He has lined up the sheriff and contacted Auto Trader. Viney said booth reservations have started coming in. Ray McKibben has heaters lined up. Viney explained quite a few volunteers will be needed to staff the gate for which a participation credit can be earned. Contact Viney to sign up to help.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported banquet preparations are up and running. Coombs asked the board if they want to continue to spec Burris oil for two-cycle classes before he contacts them about sponsorship for the banquet. Consensus of the board was to continue with Burris oil. The banquet will be held at Kings Island Resort and Conference Center, Saturday, January 22, 2011. Annual general membership meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. and banquet registration opens at 4:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show, Duke Energy Center, Friday through Sunday, January 7 through 9, 2011 (move in Wednesday, January 5, 2011).
- OVKA 2010 Banquet, Saturday, January 22, 2011, Kings Island Resort & Conference Center, Mason, OH; Annual Meeting 2:00-3:00 p.m.; Banquet registration opens at 4:00 p.m.
- Indy Circle Track Show, Saturday, January 29, 2011, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN.
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Reyton Inn (formerly Ramada Inn), 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).
- OVKA Swap Meet, Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH, Saturday, February 5, 2011.
- DARF Future Stars Show, Thursday through Sunday, March 17-20, 2011, Piqua Mall, Piqua, OH.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Tim Reed, seconded by Josh Wagar, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Mike Brown – Provide board with specific details regarding worker structure and stipend recommendations.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Contact New Castle Motorsports to arrange for July 9, 2011 OVKA race.
- Gary Gregg – Contact EMS company to extend an apology for error in communication.
- Ray McKibben – Check into rental options for a television/DVD unit.
- Drew Young – Provide information about a vendor who supplies kart retrieval vehicles/golf karts.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** M. Brandon, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, D. Frank, B. Frey, J. Frommeyer, J. Horn, L. McCreedy, D. Newberry, A. Oatts, V. Oatts, Randall Potter, Randy Potter, K. Schneider, P. Slattery, W. West, B. Williams and D. Young .

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/13/11.