

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:** Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., welcomed everyone and asked that cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate.

**TRANSFER OF OFFICE / OPENING REMARKS:** Having been voted as OVKA President at the January 22, 2011 annual general membership meeting, Ted Cradlebaugh assumed the office this evening. Cradlebaugh thanked Past President, Tim Reed, for his service to the organization last year and reported Reed has tendered his resignation from OVKA. Cradlebaugh extended thanks to the officer candidates, Mike Brown, Josh Wagar, Lynda Coombs and Jason Gregg for their willingness to be of service to OVKA. Cradlebaugh stated there are goals to achieve this year, which will take everyone to do so, and discussed the importance of unity and respect. He said he wants to make the season fun and have fairness and common sense prevail. Cradlebaugh discussed the need for the board and membership to have integrity in order to continue to grow the club and keep in mind that it is key to keep focus on the kids. He explained the importance of everyone reading the rulebook and read rule 304.2, "It shall be the duty of every person to conduct themselves while representing the Association, in a manner that shall not be prejudicial to the Association, nor bring unnecessary criticism on the organization." Cradlebaugh said he will be monitoring web forums and will issue a penalty to anybody running the club down. He asked that concerns be brought to him directly. Cradlebaugh said he respects everyone who runs Great Lakes and WKA and we want you here. He further stated he will not accept something that is not going to benefit our club and he will do the best job he can to serve the organization.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the January 4, 2011 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously. Coombs asked for discussion of the January 22, 2011 annual general membership meeting minutes explaining she was contacted by some board members who were not clear about the motion made by John Horn. Mike Brown said the acoustics in the meeting room made it very hard to hear and his interpretation of Horn's motion was a by-law procedure would be brought before the board at the February board meeting to make a by-law change. Coombs read the motion, "Horn withdrew the motion and made a new motion to change the by-laws to allow three general members in good standing to be nominated, and elected by the general membership to the Board of Directors with details to be finalized by the February 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting." Cradlebaugh responded if you do not think you know what you are being asked to vote on, ask to have the motion read again. He further stated the board voted to accept three board members to be elected and changed the by-laws. Coombs said that was her understanding based on the notes she had recorded. Josh Wagar responded the board agreed to change the by-laws but have not agreed on details yet to which Gary Gregg agreed stating the details are to be worked out. Max Viney asked that the roll call of the motion to be read which Wagar provided. Ray McKibben discussed a motion had been made to table Horn's original motion and the discussion should not have moved forward until that motion came to a vote to which Cradlebaugh agreed. Brown discussed the by-laws having not been followed and said there was discriminatory action. Brown further stated he is not against having three board members elected but the board has gone against their own by-laws and the motion was dead in December and should not have gone to vote on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Horn replied Gregg's motion did not have a second and was not voted on. Brown explained parliamentary procedure stipulates it was a dead motion. Brown made a motion that we rescind John Horn's motion from the January 22, 2011 general membership meeting and have expunged from the minutes. He said once this is done, the by-laws can be changed and if it is changed tonight, Horn can come back with his motion which could be next month. Brown further explained to expunge will involve the words being highlighted or underlined in the minutes and not removed. Brown's motion was seconded by Doug Benson and passed unanimously. Coombs then made a motion to accept the January 22, 2011 meeting minutes with the change to the Horn motion. Coombs' motion was seconded by Randy Vermillion and passed unanimously.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OVKA BY-LAWS:** Ted Cradlebaugh said he wants to form a committee to review the by-laws and bring recommendations to the board. Lynda Coombs explained there were two versions of the by-laws, the old version, which listed amendments at the end, and the 2008 redesign, which incorporated the amendments into the appropriate sections. Pat Slattery inquired about having the by-laws included on the OVKA web site to

which Cradlebaugh responded this can be done once they are updated. Serving as committee chairperson will be Josh Wagar. Committee participants will be Mike Brown, Lynda Coombs, Rick Coombs, Ted Cradlebaugh, Duane Frank, Ray McKibben, Dwight Newberry, Jean Stafford and Randy Vermillion. The committee will meet this Saturday. Mike Brown requested parliamentary procedure be defined tonight. Cradlebaugh said the only by-law he is worried about tonight is in reference to the way board members are brought in and the rest can be handled through the committee. Brown explained the procedures used through our by-laws specify when a motion is dead, you being on the losing side cannot bring it back up. He further stated a motion cannot be attached to a by-law and his only issue is with the board following its own rules to the letter, as he does not want some frivolous lawsuit. Pat Slattery stated he thinks Brown has misled the board. Ray McKibben stated it sounds like areas that need to be addressed are how dead motions are dealt with, parliamentary procedures and changing the by-laws regarding voting in board members. Lynda Coombs explained the board has used a blend of Roberts Rules of Order and Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures over the years she has served as secretary. Brown responded Standard Code is easier to follow but we do not have to follow either and can develop our own. Horn stated he honestly cannot follow what has been said and asked if somewhere along the line will his motion be addressed. Brown asked why there is segregation of board members. Cradlebaugh extended his apology and said we have these by-laws and have not been following them. Wagar responded the by-laws need to be cleared up. Lynda Coombs pointed out other suggestions have been received for methods of electing board members and asked how those are going to be addressed. Cradlebaugh said the By-law Committee will meet then bring recommendations to the board next month.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs noted the banquet went well and the plaques received a lot of positive comments. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked the Banquet Committee and all those who assisted with the event. Ray McKibben requested a thank you letter go to the photographer expressing appreciation for all he did. Coombs reported banquet expenses came in under budget.

**SWAP MEET:** Max Viney thanked all of the workers who assisted with the Swap Meet. He reported the only hired workers that were needed were the night watchman and sheriffs. Viney explained some issues that arose when workers did not show up. Gary Gregg suggested scheduling extra workers in the future to cover this type of situation. Viney reported an email was received from Streeter Super Stands thanking the club and board for hosting the Swap Meet. Ted Cradlebaugh said he checked in with people to see how things were going and noted what a good job Viney did. Rick Coombs suggested reaching out to vendors who had previously attended Kart Expo to invite them to the Swap Meet next year. Gregg reviewed expenses for the facility and advertising and suggested there be more help on both gates next year.

#### **SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:**

- Lynda Coombs reported there was a good turnout at the Indy Circle Track Show last weekend. She explained this event provides an opportunity to promote the Swap Meet.
- Lynda Coombs asked the board how they would like to handle a DARF date this upcoming season. Consensus of the board was to offer a once per season gate fee reimbursement for any date. Coombs will submit the paperwork. Mike Brown suggested having DARF set up a booth at an OVKA event to share information about their organization. Coombs will follow up with DARF about this.
- Randy Vermillion will coordinate the DARF Toys for Kids Race Car Show, Saturday & Sunday, March 5 & 6, 2011, at Lang Chevrolet, State Route 35 & Orchard Lane, Beavercreek, OH. Contact Vermillion to sign up to help.
- Mike Brown reported volunteers are in place for the DARF Future Stars Show being held at the Piqua Mall March 17 through 20, 2011.
- Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the importance of displaying a kid kart or cadet kart at shows.
- Josh Wagar made a motion to appropriate \$358.34 for OVKA tri-fold brochures. The motion was seconded by Max Viney and passed unanimously.
- Josh Wagar reported Tracy Kuethe has volunteered to coordinate sending out information via emails. Ray McKibben noted there is a place on the OVKA web site to sign up to be included in emails.

**SPONSORSHIPS/PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reported pit spot reservations have started coming in. Deadline for reserved pit spots is April 1, 2011. McCready noted there has been some interest expressed in sponsorships. He is following up with a potential sponsor provided by Rick Coombs from the Indy Show. Ray McKibben suggested establishing a web site sponsorship for those who do not want the other components in current sponsorship packages. Max Viney said this could be a package with banner sponsorship. McKibben asked for further discussion next month.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ted Cradlebaugh said a committee will be formed to get things done at the track. Orié Cohen, Dylan Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, Max Viney and Josh Wagar offered to serve on this committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**USE OF PARTICIPATION CREDITS FOR 2011:** Mike Brown proposed having separate drawings at the banquet for just participation credits. He further suggested racers be allowed to use only two participation credits toward their year-end participation level and beyond that, everybody's Ps would go into participation drawings. Brown would like to see limiting the transfer of Ps to within master memberships. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he thinks this is a great idea. Rick Coombs asked how it would be handled when a grandparent works for a grandchild, as they are not on the same master membership. Brown responded we have to start somewhere and he is trying to stop what has been abused. Josh Wagar asked how non-members would be handled to which Brown said he proposes it be under master memberships only. Melissa Brandon asked if there would be a racer P system and a worker P system. Cradlebaugh pointed out there are ladies who work for the club and have not been able to use the participation credits. Pat Slattery said the system was designed to give one or two Ps and was not intended to allow racing once and use 13 Ps. Randy Landes said since he earned the Ps, he should be able to control them. Linda Smiley suggested increasing the number of races that have to be entered to use Ps, such as four or six. Max Viney said he does not feel the system is broke so don't try to fix it. Brown noted he has been trying for five months to address this matter. Cradlebaugh and Coombs will work with Brown to develop a specific proposal for next month.

**WORKER PAY FOR 2011:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported worker positions are filled for the 2011 season with the exception of kart retrieval/corner worker and grid marshal. He explained a proposal to make some adjustments to worker positions and reimbursements will be sent to the board for review, as a vote will need to be taken if there are increases in reimbursements. The matter was tabled until next month.

**TECH RECERTIFICATION:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported Mike Brown and John Horn took the two-cycle WKA tech certification test, which Brown arranged to have administered at the Swap Meet. Cradlebaugh explained the club paid test fees and WKA memberships and the individuals made a two-year commitment to the club. Cradlebaugh said Horn will serve as back up for Brown in the event a part has to be sent to WKA. Gary Gregg said Appco and Trackside should have been included.

**KART RETRIEVAL:** Ted Cradlebaugh will contact Drew Young for information Young was obtaining about kart retrieval vehicles. The matter was tabled.

**2011 SCHEDULE:** Ted Cradlebaugh said the 2011 schedule includes one race at Circleville and one race at New Castle. In addition, two winner-take-all formats have been included. Randy Vermillion said he thinks qualifying works better at New Castle to which Cradlebaugh said that can be changed.

**TIRES:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported he spoke with Jim Russell to see if he would approve the use of YLC tires in a junior class with approximately six karts. Cradlebaugh stated Russell declined to approve this as he already allows open tires in Kid Karts and TaG. John Horn discussed having a local option class to which Cradlebaugh explained it could not include running Bridgestone tires. Chad Swindling asked if Russell sells Bridgestone tires to which Cradlebaugh responded no, but he does sell other tires. Cradlebaugh asked for the board's guidance on the length of the Russell contract with consensus being one year. Cradlebaugh reported he discussed concerns about potential tire shortages with Russell and was assured by Russell he will have the tires.

**SBX MASTERS CLASS:** Chad Swindling made a motion to switch the SBX Masters Class to SBX Medium at normal senior age. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed with eight in favor and one opposed (Landes).

**CLONE CLASS:** Gary Gregg recommended purchasing some Clone karts and offer an Arrive and Drive Class. Ted Cradlebaugh responded there had been thirteen karts for sale at New Castle for \$5,000. Ray McKibben suggested purchasing a couple of new ones. John Horn said he thinks regular rental karts cost around \$5,000. Dylan Cradlebaugh suggested buying some older karts from local shops. No action was taken.

**BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION:** Mike Brown, seconded by Gary Gregg, nominated John Horn to the OVKA Board of Directors. Vote will occur at the March board meeting. Rick Coombs asked if nominations are going to be opened to the other two who have been waiting. Randy Vermillion reported Dwight Newberry has been waiting a long time. Gary Gregg said we lost a board member with the resignation of Tim Reed. No further action was taken. Horn said he will resign if confirmed to this position if the board implements his proposal for the membership to elect three board members.

**NEXT MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2011, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).
- DARF Toys For Kids Race Car Show, Saturday & Sunday, March 5 & 6, 2011, Lang Chevrolet, State Route 35 & Orchard Lane, Beavercreek, OH (Contact is Randy J. Vermillion).
- Race Cars and Future Stars Show, Thursday through Sunday, March 17-20, 2011, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua, OH (Contact is Mike Brown).
- DARF Promoters Night, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2011, Jack Ass Flats, 6024 Rip Rap Road, Dayton, OH.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Max Viney, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 p.m.

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Doug Benson – Serve on By-laws Committee.
- Mike Brown – Serve on By-laws Committee, collaborate with Rick Coombs and Ted Cradlebaugh to develop participation credit proposal.
- Lynda Coombs – Serve on By-laws Committee, send thank you letter to photographer, submit paperwork to DARF and contact DARF to offer booth space at the track.
- Rick Coombs – Serve on By-laws Committee, collaborate with Mike Brown and Ted Cradlebaugh to develop participation credit proposal.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Serve on By-laws Committee, collaborate with Mike Brown and Rick Coombs to develop participation credit proposal, contact Drew Young regarding kart retrieval vehicle information.
- Duane Frank – Serve on By-laws Committee.
- Ray McKibben – Serve on By-laws Committee.
- Dwight Newberry – Serve on By-laws Committee.
- Jean Stafford – Serve on By-laws Committee (communicated via email).
- Randy Vermillion – Serve on By-laws Committee.
- Josh Wagar – Serve as Chairperson of By-laws Committee.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Benson, Brown, Coombs, Cradlebaugh, Gregg, Landes, McKibben, Vermillion, Viney.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** S. Benson, C. Bogan, M. Brandon, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, D. Frank, B. Frey, T. Gregg, J. Horn, D. Hughes, L. McCready, D. Newberry, S. Powers, K. Schneider, P. Slattery, B. Smiley, L. Smiley, C. Swindling.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 2/13/11.