

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011**

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMAKRS:** President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcomed everyone and asked that cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the July 5, 2011 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Doug Stempfley and passed with ten in favor and one abstained (McKibben). Coombs then made a motion to accept the July 10 and July 17, 2011 special board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with ten in favor and one abstained (McKibben). Additionally, Coombs made a motion to accept the July 30, 2011 special board meeting minutes with the addition of a statement that Coombs read an email from Doug Benson dated July 28, 2011. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with ten in favor and one abstained (Benson).

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** On behalf of Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided a financial report. Rick Coombs discussed the need to make changes to the banquet down the road. Pat Slattery responded there should not be as many awards.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BOARD EMAILS:** Ray McKibben discussed the challenges of conducting voting about OVKA business via email. He said he does not feel issues get the attention needed by email and thinks email should be for sharing opinions. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he is not going to try to conduct an email vote anymore as there are not enough responses. Pat Slattery suggested conducting conference calls like WKA does and offered to check into it. Mike Brown noted Skype is free and is what Great Lakes Sprint Series uses to which Melissa Brandon noted a web cam is needed. Josh Wagar said he prefers to conduct meetings at the track if needed.

**2012 RULE BOOK:** Ted Cradlebaugh said the 2012 rulebook needs to be completed a lot earlier than was done for this year's rulebook. Ray McKibben suggested there be a deadline by which time it is to be finished. Rick Coombs noted that in the past, a Rules Committee invested many hours and then their recommendations were pulled apart. Mike Brown suggested setting up a Rules Committee that is given 100% power over the rulebook. Josh Wagar noted this worked pretty good with the by-laws. Pat Slattery reported WKA is currently working on their rulebook. John Horn said the rulebook could be done today then updates put out. Carlson Bogan stated the rulebook should not be changed once the rules are set. Cradlebaugh explained the next President is responsible for setting the schedule and WKA and Great Lakes schedules will need to be looked at. Brown suggested leaving the schedule out of the rulebook and print it separately. Brown further suggested including sponsors in the rulebook having a deadline by which sponsorships need to be taken out in order to be included. Wagar noted tires will be a contract. Following further discussion, Josh Wagar made a motion to create a Rules Committee with three general members and three board members facilitated by a chairperson who will vote in a tie and what is presented will be accepted by the board excluding tires, schedule and class structure; to be completed by

the December 2011 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Stempfley and passed with eleven in favor and one opposed (Gregg). Gary Gregg expressed his disagreement stating even senators, congress and the President can veto. Wagar volunteered to chair the committee. Carlson Bogan, Don Boles, Brad Crutchleo, John Horn, Ray McKibben and Pat Slattery agreed to serve on the committee. Wagar will set up a meeting date and asked that rulebook suggestions be emailed to him.

**WEBSITE:** John Horn reported he talked with Gary Osterholt about a total redesign of the OVKA web site. Osterholt is willing to provide a special price and can have the site ready in two weeks. Changes to the site can be taken care of within twenty-four hours. Doug Stempfley noted the pricing is less than what the club is paying right now. Ray McKibben discussed pricing he had previously provided the board and said he had invested quite a few hours in this already. Wagar explained the need to update the web site and noted this is what Osterholt does for a living. Stempfley said we're wanting a professional product done by a professional and it is time for a change. McKibben said we need to make sure OVKA would own the rights to the template of the web site in case there was a change to another server. Wagar reported he spoke with Osterholt who said everything he does belongs to the client once through the initial year. Ted Cradlebaugh explained he had directed McKibben to not make any changes mid-season. Following further discussion, John Horn made a motion to hire Gary Osterholt to build and host our web site for one year at a cost of \$750. The motion was seconded by Doug Benson and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Gregg). Cradlebaugh will take care of the contract.

**TRACK INTERNET:** Lynda Coombs asked about having an internet connection in the scoring tower. Gary Gregg will check into this.

**INSURANCE:** Josh Wagar discussed looking at other options for insurance. He will obtain information and report back.

**CHAMP RACE FOLLOW UP:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained the Russell Bucks left over from the banquet expired June 30, 2011. He is attempting to make contact with Jim Russell in hopes he will honor them longer. Rick Coombs noted he has done so in the past. Mike Brown explained Russell has requested he be called first before using outdated certificates. Cradlebaugh thanked John Horn, Ray McKibben, Josh Wagar and everybody who helped make the Champ Race such a great event. Cradlebaugh said the food was very good and Doug Stempfley suggested having the same people provide the food next year. Ray McKibben reported there was an added expense this year for the misting machine

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** No report.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported the billboards are filling up and the lineup board graphics have been redone. The grid gate and electric panel will be worked on. Ray McKibben reported Photo Jeff is going to provide the panoramic photo for the web site. Dwight Newberry discussed the need to monitor pit spots as some are affected further down the line. Mike Brown said if someone comes in with a motor home and takes up five spots, that needs to be addressed. Ted Cradlebaugh and Josh Wagar will take care of these matters. Gary Gregg reported he is still working on getting the track sealed. Melissa

Brandon reported there are huge craters in the area she works on the track and requested they be filled with dirt. Cradlebaugh responded this needs to be addressed. Brown requested a port-a-john be repositioned to which Gregg agreed.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Max Viney explained he is unable to coordinate the Springfield Car and Parts Show over Labor Day weekend. Mike Brown said he would like to reserve a spot for the Greenville Car Show on Labor Day weekend. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he is unable to staff the show booth at the Lebanon Blues Festival this coming Saturday, August 6, 2011. Cradlebaugh said this event is a good opportunity with a lot of traffic all day. Following discussion, Dwight Newberry, Brad Crutchleo, and Rick and Lynda Coombs offered to help with this event. Josh Wagar will arrange to have printed materials copied. Wagar reported a student at Northern Kentucky University has been identified who will put together a karting video for OVKA. Cost would be \$100 for ten hours of editing; more than ten hours would incur additional cost. Wagar asked that racers provide footage from their helmet cams. Brown inquired about the man who filmed a season of OVKA racing and was going to provide a video for the club. Gary Gregg agreed to follow up on this.

**SWAP MEET:** Max Viney reported he has received calls from some potential new vendors and has provided them with information. Doug Benson discussed doing away with the Google ads and advertising on E-Karting News. He explained the E-Karting News ads can be split up into weeks over a three-month period. Artwork will need to be designed. John Horn suggested having a banner flyer that will click back to the OVKA web site. Ray McKibben noted Gary Osterholt can track where hits come from. Benson has been in contact with National Kart News about doing an article. He discussed offering vendors who do not attend the Swap Meet the opportunity to put out their literature for a fee of \$25. Benson discussed the low cost of Swap Meet booth space and suggested the board think about that for next year. He reported the plan is to conduct seminars in the third building. Lynda Coombs asked about the feasibility of having a tarp corridor with heaters connecting to the separate building. Mike Brown noted the fairgrounds has another building down at the end that has not been looked at to which Gary Gregg responded it has been checked into. Brown noted the lack of four-cycle racers and said we need to find a way to get them from the Swap Meet to the track. Coombs discussed writing community interest stories as the season comes to an end and include mention of the Swap Meet for submission to local newspapers.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**TIRES:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported Jim Russell has tires. Cradlebaugh has been in contact with Grand Products about their support of our junior drivers at the banquet and was asked about OVKA's plans for next season. John Horn expressed concern about worrying about bids and not longevity. He stated if the club is going to open up bids then tires need to be obtained and tested. Horn said while he loves the Dunlops as a club tire, this is the third year in a row he has been unable to get them.

**BATTERIES:** Gary Gregg reported two old style batteries have been received and four more of the newer style have been ordered. Ted Cradlebaugh said the way radios and chargers are currently set up needs to be redone and broken pins in the chargers need to be taken care of. He suggested there be a bank charger for the radios and batteries. Ray McKibben said he can get a cabinet. Mike Brown inquired if the radio frequency will be changing in 2013 to which John Horn responded that will not affect our radios, as we do not use a repeater. Cradlebaugh will follow up at the end of the season.

**REPAIR OF CRASH BAGS:** John Horn reported the crash bags have been repaired and Gary Gregg said they were installed today.

**RESTROOMS:** Ted Cradlebaugh asked Gary Gregg what he wants to do about restroom improvements. Gregg responded restroom money is being used to pay for everything else. Melissa Brandon provided details about restroom facilities at Cross' Campground explaining they are cinderblock and have stalls with curtains and suggested someone take a look at them. Cradlebaugh said Gregg has to want restroom improvements. Gregg expressed concern about expenses this year in relation to revenues. Doug Benson asked for a rough estimate of banquet expenses. Rick Coombs responded \$8,000 to \$10,000 covers awards, jackets and trophies and does not include prizes. Mike Brown reported he has had a lot of members tell him they would like to see the banquet downsized and do things for our workers like New Castle does. He further stated members would like to have electric to plug into. Brown discussed improving the facility for persons who need better accessibility. Brandon asked why have a \$38,000 banquet and Brown suggested having a cookout in October where awards would be given. Rick Coombs noted it takes approximately a month to get jackets and awards ordered and embroidery done. Brad Crutchleo asked if anyone has researched getting a banquet facility donated. Lynda Coombs reported in the past the banquet was held at Conover Hall in Franklin. Josh Wagar said all participation prizes could be trimmed and Crutchleo stated money could be made on the banquet. Lynda Coombs said a hall could be rented to distribute awards and not have a meal. Don Boles stated prizes used to be given to only first, second and third places then it was felt prizes should be spread out to include more racers. John Horn suggested asking the membership what they want and consider not having a banquet for one year or downsize the banquet. Gregg recommended giving out the awards at the Swap Meet and Horn noted \$12,000 could be put toward track improvement. Horn discussed electric fees charged at New Castle and said people would gladly pay \$20 to \$25 per day for electric and profit could be split with Gregg. Brown discussed the cost of running a generator and reported Cross' Campground charges \$28 per day for a campsite. Doug Stempfley suggested putting out a suggestion box to get feedback. Cradlebaugh stated we said we were going to fix the restrooms and we need to do this. Cradlebaugh asked where the leach lines are to which Gregg agreed to provide. Horn asked Gregg if he is going to split the cost of restroom improvements to which Gregg agreed to do so.

**TELEVISION:** Lynda Coombs reported the timing software can now be transmitted to the television monitor for viewing outside the tower.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**2011 EXPENSES:** John Horn discussed how expenditures for the golf kart and kart retrieval vehicle have had financial impact this year. Ted Cradlebaugh noted with the decreased kart count, consideration may need to be given to adjusting the entry and gate fees. Melissa Brandon responded everywhere else charges double to which Josh Wagar noted the costs involved racing national and divisional series.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. was made by Max Viney, seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

**NEXT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 6, 2011, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Lynda Coombs – Assist with Lebanon Blues Festival event.
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- Ted Cradlebaugh – Take care of contract for OVKA web site, follow up with Jim Russell about Russell buck certificates, address pit spot issues and filling of craters, follow up on radios and chargers at end of season.
- Brad Crutchleo – Assist with Lebanon Blues Festival event.
- Gary Gregg – Check into internet service for the scoring tower, reposition port-a-john, check into video that was to have been provided to OVKA, provide Ted Cradlebaugh with location of leach lines.
- Ray McKibben – Check into cabinet for radios and chargers.
- Dwight Newberry – Assist with Lebanon Blues Festival event.
- Pat Slattery – Check into conference call options.
- Josh Wagar – Serve as chairperson for Rules Committee, check into insurance options, address pit spot issues, arrange for printed materials, coordinate OVKA racing video.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Benson, Boles, Brown, Coombs, Cradlebaugh, Gregg, Horn, McKibben, Newberry, Stempfley, Viney and Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, M. Brandon, L. Coombs, Todd Cradlebaugh, B. Crutchleo, P. Slattery and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 8/29/11.