

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMAKRS: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 August 2, 2011 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

TREASURERS' REPORT: On behalf of Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided a financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2012 RULE BOOK: Josh Wagar reported on the first meeting of Rules Committee explaining suggestions compiled so far were reviewed. Further discussion will take place at a meeting to be scheduled. Wagar noted Rick Harris has stepped up to fill the spot vacated by Pat Slattery. Other committee members are Carlson Bogan, Don Boles, Brad Crutchleo, John Horn, Ray McKibben, Wagar as facilitator and Lynda Coombs as clerical support. The plan is to have committee work completed in time to present at the December 2011 board meeting as per the motion made last month. Doug Benson reported he heard there was discussion about doing away with the Protest Committee and he suggests it continue. Wagar responded that was a suggestion from a general member and the first meeting was for discussion purposes with no determination made.

BANQUET: Rick Coombs asked for direction about banquet expenditures. Ted Cradlebaugh reported Gary Gregg spoke with him about having the banquet at the Swap Meet. Gregg said awards could be given out on the stage then have a meal in the arena. Pricing Gregg obtained for the fairgrounds facility a couple of years ago was \$35 to \$40 per person, alcohol is not permitted and there is no hotel facility. Cradlebaugh responded this could be looked into for next season. Gregg said Kings Island continues to be the most cost effective. Lynda Coombs suggested obtaining pricing for other meal options at Kings Island Resort to which Ray McKibben agreed.

SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS: Josh Wagar explained a benefit is going to be held for the family of a former OVKA racer whose father was killed. Wagar said Dwight Newberry will provide further information. Lee McCready thanked Dwight Newberry and Lynda and Rick Coombs for staffing the OVKA booth at the Lebanon Blues Festival. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the billboard contract, which will expire in October. Gary Gregg reported he has had more calls from people who used to race at the track and he has noticed more cars coming in and out. Wagar suggested having the billboard company store the vinyl for possible future use. Gregg said the Swap Meet could be advertised on a billboard for three months then come back in April and advertise for six months. Lynda Coombs was asked to obtain options for other billboard placements. Rick Coombs noted some repairs are needed to the OVKA booth. Cradlebaugh will take a look at what needs to be done. Rick Coombs suggested updating pictures in the booth. Gregg reported Travis Gregg is attempting to locate the videographer who filmed races several years ago. Wagar reported flyers and tri-fold brochures were printed for the Lebanon Blues Festival and an invoice will be submitted.

Wagar has not received any video footage to have a promotional presentation created. Ray McKibben responded he is working on editing what footage he has. Cradlebaugh asked that people with helmet cams submit their video footage. Brad Crutchleo discussed promotional opportunities including partnering with Taj Cruisers who hold cruise-ins and a car club out of Miamisburg who will be having a benefit race. Gregg suggested having a display at the new Full Throttle indoor track in Cincinnati. Randy Landes noted a car show was held in Eaton last weekend. Gregg knows of a car club that puts on large shows to which Cradlebaugh would like more information about. John Horn suggested having younger drivers distribute OVKA flyers at car shows. McCready responded a car show calendar is typically available a year ahead of time. McKibben provided the website address www.olderide.com.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Josh Wagar will continue to assist with pit spot enforcement.

SWAP MEET: Doug Benson reported National Kart News will no longer be the OVKA Swap Meet sponsor. Gary Gregg noted NKN had provided three months of magazine advertising as part of their sponsorship. Benson explained American Power Sports and Komet Kart Sales are interested in co-sponsoring the Swap Meet both of whom will put Swap meet flyers in orders they ship. APS will also put Swap Meet information on their website. Gregg said we also need to advertise to people who are not in karting. Lynda Coombs discussed submitting stories to local newspapers and advertising in the DARF newsletter. Max Viney suggested advertising in the Dayton Daily News wheels section and will check into pricing. Brad Crutchleo discussed advertising through autocross organizations and the National Autosport Association. Doug Stempfley noted that many people listen to the radio but radio advertising is more costly.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Gary Gregg reported crack filling still needs to be completed. Max Viney responded we can do that ourselves to which Ted Cradlebaugh agreed. Cradlebaugh asked John Horn to provide pricing for restroom facilities.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEBSITE: Ted Cradlebaugh reported the redesigned OVKA website is up and running. He thanked Ray McKibben for his assistance with this. McKibben is in the process of moving the archived photos.

INTERNET: Gary Gregg reported there is Internet service in the tower. Ray McKibben explained there is a \$5.00 app that can provide the race lap times on your smart phone or computer. He stated the software is free to the club and they update and maintain the server. Lynda Coombs reported our software provider can provide live timing as well. McKibben asked Coombs to obtain more information.

INSURANCE: Josh Wagar reported he talked with Wells Fargo about insurance options that would not require notarization. He said we would not want to do anything that would jeopardize G & J Kartway being able to host national events. Wagar will obtain information and report back.

TIRES: Ted Cradlebaugh said while it does not have to be done tonight, there will need to be a decision made about tires for next season. John Horn responded he has experienced tires shredding when racing at New Castle and said it needs to be decided if testing should be done. Doug Stempfley offered to test whatever the board wants since his son's class is open tires. Ray McKibben stated he would like to see the club run Bridgestone tires. Cradlebaugh

discussed the tire issues that have been experienced three out of four years and said his goal is to get a tire that will last four races. Cradlebaugh asked Rick Coombs to run Bridgestone tires, which Cradlebaugh will provide. McKibben said we need to inform members the club is going to be moving away from Dunlop tires to which Cradlebaugh responded that can be done next month after testing.

TELEVISION: Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Todd Cradlebaugh and Ray McKibben for obtaining and assembling the television monitor, stand and cables.

RUSSELL BUCKS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported Russell will honor the left over gift certificates through the end of the year. Certificates need to be signed by Cradlebaugh.

RADIOS, CHARGERS & CABINET: John Horn inquired if there is an FM transmitter to which Gary Gregg responded it is not working. Horn will check into an FM box with aerial. Ray McKibben reported the PA does not buzz when it is connected directly to the computer. Doug Stempfley offered to assist with this. Ted Cradlebaugh reported a cabinet is needed for the radios and chargers so everything is enclosed. Todd Cradlebaugh will follow up on this.

OPEN BUSINESS:

KID KART PETITION: Ted Cradlebaugh reported a petition from some Kid Kart parents/guardians has been submitted which states, "The petition signatures below represent the parents/guardians of the 2011 OVKA Kid Kart Class drivers and their respective drivers name, affirming their desire and request for an amendment/change to the OVKA Kid Kart Rules, to allow taping of the C50/51 engine shrouds, similar to the practice of the TaG Class drivers in the taping of their radiators. We are requesting this amendment to possibly help avoid and/or eliminate the potential safety issues related to the common practices of having karts running on the stands while being pushed to the grid, running on the grid for extended periods of time (compared to other kart classes) and/or running on the ground without a driver being in full control of the kart. If approved, we also respectfully request a waiver of the 30-day waiting period on rule changes, based upon the above potential safety issues." Cradlebaugh noted he instructs Kid Karters to turn engines if they are running on a stand and they are not permitted to be running on the grid with nobody in them. Brad Crutchleo said if they won't have that problem if they clean the carburetor, which he has to do twice a weekend. He further stated some want for the old style motors to be competitive with new style motors. Crutchleo said when it is hot out and motors are taped, they can burn the piston and have more problems. No motion was made and no action taken.

TaG: Doug Stempfley discussed tape coming off TaG radiators and getting wrapped around tires. Carlson Bogan responded if tape is on the radiator when the kart leaves the grid, it better be on when the kart returns from the track. Don Boles said there are shades available for TaG and Stempfley agreed there are things that do not require being thrown off onto the track. Ted Cradlebaugh said he and Bogan will discuss the matter with the TaG class Sunday morning.

ARMBANDS: Doug Benson stated the most people he sees not wearing armbands are board members and wives of board members. Ted Cradlebaugh responded that as a board member, if you see this, you need to address it with the person.

KID KARTS: Brad Crutchleo requested the board consider having two groups of Kid Karters, one with restrictors for first year drivers and another without restrictors as is done in WKA. Crutchleo said there are Kid karters who will be leaving the club next year because they won't be able to run competitively for points. Ted Cradlebaugh noted there is an adult class that runs for no points. John Horn explained the Kid kart Nationals is not through WKA. Crutchleo said we are the only ones who run Kid karts this way and at New Castle they use transponders and get points. Doug Stempfley said his son spent four years in Kid Karts and it was all educational with more instruction. He further explained at that time, kid Karters were never staged up and were sent out staggered one at a time with every driver getting a checkered flag. Gary Gregg suggested running them at the same time with unrestricted lined up in front. Crutchleo noted that the great lakes Sprint Series runs Kid Karts with transponders and gives points. Horn asked if this can be done to which Cradlebaugh responded we will look into it.

RACE DAY CONCERN: John Horn discussed a situation that occurred between two sportsman drivers. Horn explained how he addressed the matter with the parents and wanted to inform the board of the matter.

POST-RACE REVIEW: Doug Benson suggested holding a short board meeting at the end of race day for a post-race review. He said he would like to be informed of altercations, penalties and situations that come up during race day. Benson asked what is he supposed to say when asked about situations that he does not know what happened. Don Boles suggested saying, "I don't know but I'll find out". Ted Cradlebaugh said by working the race, you could know what went on and you would have a radio. Cradlebaugh discussed how people have already been there all day and everything still has to be put away at the end of the day. Benson said that us as a group should know what went on. Ray McKibben responded Benson is saying that some board members are out of the loop. Josh Wagar stated we need to trust our race officials to which Benson said he is shocked he is getting this response. Max Viney asked how are we going to get the whole board together at the end of the day when people are packing up their trailers. Lynda Coombs explained she can email the board a copy of the infraction and penalty report if that would be helpful.

GAUGE: Rick Coombs inquired about having a gauge calibrated. Max Viney responded Mike Brown has it taken care of. Ray McKibben inquired how timing is checked and if there is a gauge. Viney explained it is a visual check and there is no gauge. Viney further stated there is no excuse for an engine being built that close. John horn explained how the visual inspection is conducted.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 10:17 p.m. was made by Don Boles, seconded by Doug Stempfley and passed unanimously.

NEXT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2011, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Lynda Coombs – Check with kings Island Resort about meal options, obtain pricing and placement options for billboards, obtain information about live timing feed, and email infraction/penalty reports to the board following the race.

- Ted Cradlebaugh – Assess repair work needed for OVKA booth, with Carlson Bogan, talk with TaG class about taping of radiators Sunday morning.
- Todd Cradlebaugh – Check into cabinet for radios and chargers.
- Gary Gregg – Provide information about car club.
- John Horn – Provide pricing for restroom facilities, check into FM box with aerial.
- Doug Stempfley – Assist with PA system.
- Max Viney – Check into Swap Meet advertising in Dayton Daily News wheels section.
- Josh Wagar – Assist with pit spot enforcement.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Benson, Boles, Coombs, Cradlebaugh, Gregg, Horn, Landes, McCready, McKibben, Stempfley, Viney and Wagar.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, B. Crutchleo, and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 9/28/11.