

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked that cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate and directed side conversations to be taken outside. Cradlebaugh instructed that the person who has the floor be permitted to speak.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the October 4, 2011 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed with eight in favor and one abstained (Landes).

TREASURERS' REPORT: On behalf of Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided a financial report. Gary Gregg explained G & J's portion has not yet been deducted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2012 RULE BOOK: Ted Cradlebaugh reported three meetings have been held to discuss the 2012 OVKA rulebook. Cradlebaugh said he is waiting to hear back about tire proposals and discussed Rick Coombs trying out the YLC tires. Dwight Newberry and John Horn discussed their experiences with YLC tires with Horn stating he is happy with them. Pat Slattery inquired if Russell could provide something other than tires for the banquet. Gary Gregg suggested allowing the classes that like to run Bridgestones to do so and the others could run Dunlops. Cradlebaugh responded Keith Freber does not even want our TaG class to run open tires. Slattery asked why we can't allow open Bridgestone tires and he does not know why we are coddling the TaG class, as there are other classes that are just as big. Cradlebaugh said TaG racers do not want to run Dunlops to which Slattery said a lot of other classes do not want to also. Slattery suggested any tire agreement be a short term deal and offered to talk with a supplier. He then suggested the club include the Yamaha Rookie Class next season that WKA runs. He explained the class runs a three hole can with a Yamaha or Cadet chassis. Gregg responded that would make two Rookie classes for the club. Slattery responded the class he is referring to would be a points class. Horn stated if the club is going to have the WKA Rookie class that it should be our only Rookie class. Cradlebaugh said that would eliminate some racers. Horn discussed how having points in a Rookie class is incentive for racers to stay there rather than move up. Mike Brown reported a new motor will be coming for Kid Karts, the LO206, which WKA is going to run and said it is something to think about. Ray McKibben suggested offering the current classes then allow four or more of a class not offered to run. Lynda Coombs read an email from Michael Davis, which explained that if the class is not in the WKA tech manual, a request has to be submitted to WKA in writing and be approved as a "Local option". The email further stated a "Run what you bring" class would also have to be approved with pre-race inspection procedures and equipment and age/weight parameters. Randy Landes discussed the lack of four-cycle entries may be partly due to not having a Gold Cup tire. Brown responded maybe run Gold Cup rules with our Gold Cup classes and said this would possibly open the door for them. Cradlebaugh said if we are going to be a spec tire club that will eliminate a lot. Doug Stempfley stated if we had a dirt oval, we would have a lot of four strokes and while there may not be twenty-five classes at the track, we can offer them. Horn responded he would be open to running the asphalt oval that Gregg had previously said could be done. Slattery suggested making it a Saturday night race. Coombs asked if running the four-cycles on the oval would be an option. Cradlebaugh noted that would be totally different rules and Horn said he thinks it is possible. Following further discussion, Cradlebaugh suggested leaving the twenty-three classes and add Yamaha Rookie Sportsman. Horn asked if there was board agreement about allowing four karts that show up to run to which Cradlebaugh affirmed and said WKA requirements will need to be followed. Slattery

expressed disagreement with a change to 601.3 (changing from “may” to “will”) and stated that is ridiculous. Brown said he thinks changing to “will” is too harsh. Dwight Newberry discussed the importance of enforcing pre-tech inspection requirements. Coombs will send an email to the Rules Committee asking they reconsider the change to 601.3 and copy the board. Horn asked that the email communication deadline be Wednesday evening. Todd Cradlebaugh noted the board had agreed to give the Rules Committee authority to make the decisions.
[Secretary’s Note: Consensus of Rules Committee email communications were to leave the wording “may”. See attached addendum for list of 2012 rulebook changes.]

BANQUET: Ted Cradlebaugh reported results from the questionnaire collected at the last race indicate the majority want the \$32 meal. Lynda Coombs, on behalf of Rick Coombs, asked for input about prizes for the workers/extra participation credit drawings. Mike Brown suggested prizes include things families can use such as portable grills, nice chairs, canopies, gas cards, Kroger cards and OVKA t-shirts. Ray McKibben suggested coolers with the OVKA logo. Brown discussed how the three levels can be divided from a monetary standpoint and noted we said only one prize per person. John Horn said not everyone is guaranteed a prize. Doug Benson and Gary Gregg made suggestions of how to divide prize funds. Brown said it was to be set up the same way as our karters with three levels and every person who qualifies receives a prize to which Horn disagreed. Todd Cradlebaugh stated these prizes are to show appreciation. Ted Cradlebaugh will get with Rick Coombs about the matter.

SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS: Ray McKibben reported he has received video footage from only one person so far and asked that additional footage be submitted to him. Mike Brown reported the Black Walnut Festival in Camden went very well and had a good turnout. He said some Camden businesses showed interest and follow up needs to be done. Ted Cradlebaugh asked that people take ownership of shows in their communities and make arrangements in advance for the booth and flyers by contacting a committee member. Brown said there is a nice write up at Cross’ Campground in Camden about G & J Kartway. He asked Cradlebaugh about putting a link on the OVKA web site to the campground as they have us on their web site. McKibben noted OVKA has a Facebook link. Lynda Coombs reported she sent an email to the IMIS-Indy show organizer to inquire if they offer reduced rates for volunteer organizations. John Horn responded he thinks it would be a good opportunity but is very costly. Dwight Newberry discussed having more booth space and a new kart to display at the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show. Dylan Cradlebaugh suggested the purchase of a Kid Kart and put OVKA decals on it to display at shows. Gary Gregg said the cost would be about \$1,200 used. Doug Stempfley responded it could have a shell motor on it. Cradlebaugh will get with Josh Wagar about the location and size of the OVKA booth at Cavalcade. Horn offered to display a Clone kart and supply brochures at Full Throttle. He reported there is a Swap Meet in Chillicothe this coming weekend that may have some karts that could be used for promotional opportunities. Randy Landes discussed taking an afternoon, perhaps a Saturday, to offer people the opportunity to try out a kart. Cradlebaugh noted we have offered that before and it is a good way to introduce people to karting. Ken Kuethe responded that is how he came to be with OVKA. Cradlebaugh said we need to push that type of opportunity more.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready asked how many sponsors he should try to obtain for next season. Ted Cradlebaugh responded twenty-five and noted the racing sponsorship will be increased by \$100.

SWAP MEET: Doug Benson asked if a confirmation should be sent to persons who reserve space at the Swap Meet to let them know their booth location. Pat Slattery suggested posting it on the OVKA web site. Benson reported two new Swap Meet sponsors have been secured, American Powersports

and Comet Kart Sales. The Swap Meet flyer has been updated and will be mailed out and put on the OVKA web site.

OLD BUSINESS:

2012 SCHEDULE: Ted Cradlebaugh reviewed results from the questionnaire collected at the last race. The majority (twenty-seven) wanted fourteen races and to travel (twenty-eight). Rain points verses rain dates was very close with twenty-one wanting to maintain the rain points policy and twenty-four desiring scheduling rain dates. Gary Gregg suggested trying a Saturday/Sunday double race. Cradlebaugh will develop a draft schedule, which he will present next month and will be finalized by the 2012 president.

2012 CLASS STRUCTURE: See 2012 Rule Book section above.

TIRES: See 2012 Rule Book section above.

ARRIVE AND DRIVE: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he is waiting to hear back about some rental karts that are for sale. Communication from Michael Davis explained a request in writing to WKA would be required with their approval, as well as technical pre-race inspection, age and weight requirements, an instructional class and appropriate schooling for new first time participants and approved safety equipment.

OVKA SIGNS: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the need to abide by signage laws and having permission when placing yard signs. Mike Brown responded legally it will be a nightmare and suggested giving a bumper sticker with membership.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: John Horn will email restroom design plans to the board this week. He said it would be nice to have the restroom facilities completed before next season. Mike Brown suggested looking at the restroom facilities at Cross' Campground and said they have the nicest setup you will ever see. Ted Cradlebaugh said that can be done. Horn is checking into pricing for an electrical transformer for campers. Cradlebaugh said there will be clean up at the track on Sunday, November 13, 2011 and he hopes it is warm enough for crack filling. Cradlebaugh thanked Ray McKibben for repairing the tower window and said a drip edge will need to be installed over the top of the window.

LIVE TIMING: Lynda Coombs reported there would be a \$150 fee for including heat results and running order pages to live timing. Other features, such as points standings, can be added for a small fee. John Horn responded he would like to see more pages and it sounds like more monitors would be needed. Coombs detailed a set up that includes a number of monitors in a rolling cabinet that a Texas karting organization uses.

INSURANCE OPTIONS: Tabled.

CONFERENCE CALLS: Pat Slattery reported he sent an email to obtain information about conference calls. He will report back next month.

TECH TOOLS: Mike Brown reported he has ordered some pins and will be working with a machine shop to have others made. Ted Cradlebaugh said tech tools are needed for everything that we test.

OPEN BUSINESS:

CHILI COOK-OFF: Mike Brown extended thanks to Melissa Brandon and Drew Young for coordinating the chili cook-off at the last race. Ted Cradlebaugh noted people enjoyed the food and sticking around after the race.

OFFICER POSITIONS: Dwight Newberry pointed out that officer nominations need to take place by next month. Gary Gregg asked who is going to run to which Ted Cradlebaugh responded he is interested.

SPECIAL AWARDS: John Horn inquired whether there will be recognition awards at the banquet for the most improved drivers and driver of the year as was done last year. Mike Brown explained that last year members sent the President email nominations with an explanation of why they are nominating the driver. Ted Cradlebaugh will follow up on this.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 9:39 p.m. was made by Mike Brown, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2011, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122 (east side of I-75), Franklin, OH
- Cavalcade of Customs Show - Friday through Sunday, January 13-15, 2011, Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati, OH (Contact: Josh Wagar)
- OVKA Banquet – Saturday, January 21, 2012, Kings Island Resort and Conference Center, 5691 Kings Island Drive, Mason, OH; annual general membership meeting at 2:00 p.m., banquet registration opens at 4:00 p.m., program begins at 5:15 p.m.
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 29, 2012, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN (Contacts: Rick and Lynda Coombs)
- OVKA Swap Meet – 7:00 a.m., Saturday, February 4, 2012, Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH (Contact: Max Viney)

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Ted Cradlebaugh – Follow up about Bridgestone tires, develop draft 2012 schedule, work with Rick Coombs regarding worker/extra participation credit prizes, contact Josh Wagar about booth space at the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show, follow up on special banquet awards.
- John Horn – Display a Clone kart and supply brochures at Full Throttle, email board restroom design plans.
- Pat Slattery – Talk with tire supplier, provide information about conference calls.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Benson, Boles, Brown, Cradlebaugh, Gregg, Horn, Landes, McCready, McKibben, Newberry, and Stempfley.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, J. Eissing, K. Kuethe, G. Lutz, V. Oatts, and P. Slattery.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 11/22/11.

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November 1, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes Addendum: 2012 Rulebook Changes

ACTION TAKEN

- Remove WKA sections from OVKA rulebook except Kid Karts.
- Champ Race – make awards description more general (in case it needs to be changed).
Wording to be used – “The top five finishers in each class will receive an award except Kid karts and Rookie Class participants who all receive an award”.
- Meatball flag clarification (page 15) – Add, “Receiving the meatball flag will result in a disqualification for the heat”.
- TaG weights – update (see master rulebook).
- TaG section – Add “New engines may be added per WKA rules”.
- Add to Sportsman Yamaha section – Cadet chassis allowed in this class (per board meeting 10/4/11).
- Increase entry fee \$5.00 across the board.
- Increase racing sponsorship from \$1,150 to \$1,250.
- Cadet chassis in Yamaha Sportsman – Add 10#.
- Adopt WKA’s protest procedures (110.2, 110.2.1) making fees \$25 and \$50 (instead of \$50 and \$100) – See attached copy from WKA 2011 tech manual.
- Tire policy (open tires with event DQ) – Change wording on page 22 as follows:
From “Visiting racers can use MG Red tires, bypass the scale at the end of race, will be disqualified for the day and are ineligible for any prizes”.
To “Racers can use any tire manufacturer (sizes according to specific class), bypass the scale at the end of race, will be disqualified for the day and are ineligible for any prizes/points for that event”.
- Page 4 – Remove 30-day waiting period for rule changes.
- No tearing off of tape from radiator and throwing on the track – Will be announced at driver’s meetings.
- Allow four karts to show up and create a class for the event – Local Option class proposal must be sent to WKA in writing and be approved as a “Local option”. A “Run what you bring” class would also have to be approved with pre-race inspection procedures, equipment, and age/weight parameters.
- 2012 class structure – Add Yamaha Rookie Class (points class, ages 7-10, 3 hole can, 215# full size chassis / 225# cadet chassis).

DISCUSSED – NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN

- Revamp or discontinue participation credits.
- 502.1 – Consider allowing track workers to restart sportsman-age drivers on the track after the 90-second clock has expired (during racing).
- Start tail for third heat if on non-spec tires.
- Consider spec tires for the Champ Race & last two races.
- Consider increasing gate fee.
- Require all karts to cover chain guard (maintain policy of TaG and Kid Karts must have a full chain guard).
- Add rain dates or change weather policy.

DISCUSSED – NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN (continued)

- Komet clutch.
- Red flag after halfway.
- 601.3 – Change wording from “may” to “will” – “Safety pre-tech rules and technical standards that are required to begin a race, are also required to be met after each race and violations **may** **will** result in disqualification for the heat”.

PENDING

- Tires – Pending spec tire determination.
- 2012 schedule – Ted Cradlebaugh will create draft; 2012 president finalizes.
- Check pit spot diagram for accuracy – Josh Wagar will check for accuracy.
- Offer arrive and drive class – Pending research of karts available for sale, funding, maintenance, submitting to WKA as Local Option class.