

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMAKRS: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the December 6, 2011 board meeting minutes with the corrections of the board meeting date to January 3, 2012 and the addition of Rick Coombs in attendance. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed unanimously. Coombs noted forms are available for banquet registration, a banquet letter addendum, 2012 membership and minor releases and 2012 pit spot reservation forms.

TREASURERS' REPORT: On behalf of Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided a financial report. Gary Gregg explained funds were transferred from savings to checking to cover banquet expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

G & J KARTWAY 50th ANNIVERSARY WORK GROUP: Lynda Coombs discussed the formation of a work group to brainstorm ideas and plan for commemorating the 50th anniversary of G & J Kartway this year. The first meeting date was set for Thursday, February 16, 2012, location to be confirmed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2012 RULE BOOK: Mike Brown discussed allowing 7-year-old Kid Kart drivers to participate simultaneously in the Rookie Class, which is not permitted per the current rulebook. Ted Cradlebaugh responded it would be like allowing a sportsman to also run in a junior class. Cradlebaugh explained the age was lowered for Rookie Class to allow Kid Karters to have a place to move to. Brown stated WKA has this class to which Pat Slattery disagreed. Josh Wagar pointed out parents wanted a class after Kid karts that was not too big of a jump so OVKA created the local option Rookie Class. Wagar further stated children can move back down if needed. Brown said it will be interesting to see what Gold Cup does and asked what if a Kid Karter shows up with a C50 with full bodywork. Wagar responded full bodywork has been allowed before. Brown asked for clarification about bodywork. A determination was made to add, "Gold Cup bodywork specifications are permitted" to Kid Kart regulations. Cradlebaugh discussed an email sent by Ron Gordon regarding the Kid Kart class. Gordon is proposing a \$10 reduction in the Kid Kart entry fee, a reduction to \$2.50 for Kid Kart fuel, changes to the race day format for Kid Karts specifically race on configurations A, B and C, 5-minute warm-up sessions, heats one and two 8 minutes, and heat three ten minutes, addition of a Kid Kart rear bumper rule similar to that of Man Cup rules, and four entry fee donations to be given away in drawings (one at each away race, one at the Champ Race and one at random). Brown explained Great Lakes Sprint Series Kid Kart entry fees go into a pool for Kid Karts. Rick Coombs reported with OVKA, Kid Karts receive an award at each event typically up to a \$10 value. Following discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to leave the Kid Kart entry fee at the 2011 rate. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with eight in favor and one abstained (Stempfley). [Secretary's note: It was voted last month to increase entry fees \$5.00.] Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Josh Wagar, made a motion to reduce Kid Kart fuel to \$2.50 per day. The motion passed with eight in favor and one abstained (Stempfley). Brown said the only difference with the Kid Kart bumper is you are no longer allowed to cut them but they are adjustable. Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to appropriate three entries for drawings with two drawn at away races and one to be drawn at the Champ Race. Mike Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Wagar will see that rulebooks are printed.

BANQUET: Rick Coombs discussed the decision made by the board to keep the banquet at Kings Island Resort following confirmation the complex has had issues with bed bugs. He explained prior to the final decision, contact had been made with OVKA's attorney who said there is little in the way of legal authority to support OVKA's ability to void the contract. To move the event would have meant OVKA would be financially responsible to Kings Island Resort for \$4,345.20 without holding the event there. Lynda Coombs read an email between herself and the General Manager of Kings Island Resort, Shawn Mackey, which confirmed verbal phone commitments he made:

- Kings Island Resort will take 17 rooms out of service one week prior to our event, have them thoroughly inspected and not occupied until OVKA attendees fill them.
- The 17 rooms will not be adjacent to any that have had bed bugs.
- Kings Island Resort staff conducting the inspections are trained in knowing what to look for.
- OVKA will not be held financially responsible for unfilled sleeping rooms.
- The General Manager stated there has not been a bed bug sighting in the banquet room. In the event they were to be found any time prior to our banquet, he will have the banquet hall and/or board meeting room and surrounding public areas treated for bed bugs.
- He will allow OVKA representatives to conduct a site visit with him to inspect for bed bugs in any public areas and sleeping rooms that are not occupied. It should be noted, OVKA representatives are not trained professionals in identification of bed bugs.

Lynda Coombs explained emails circulated among the board prior to legal consultation resulted in more responses to move the event. Once financial liability was learned, results of board consensus was as follows: Benson-Kings Island, Boles-Kings Island, Brown-Kings Island, Coombs-move, Cradlebaugh-Kings Island, Gregg-Kings Island, Horn-Kings Island, Landes-Kings Island, McCready-Kings Island, McKibben-Kings Island, Newberry-Kings Island, Stempfley-move, Viney-Kings Island and Wagar-Kings Island. Ray McKibben reported on conversations he had with Dayton Environmental, the Warren County Health Department and the exterminating company that treats Kings Island Resort. McKibben said the Warren County Health Department has had no reports of bed bugs at Kings Island Resort. Cradlebaugh responded the resort confirmed with us themselves they have experienced issues with bed bugs. McKibben reported the exterminating company is licensed. Lynda Coombs said it is her understanding the facility does not treat rooms that are adjacent to infested rooms nor do they have barrier treatment done. McKibben said he encourages people to do their own research and he has the same confidence going to Kings Island Resort as he would going to the Marriott. Lynda Coombs discussed the importance of being informed consumers about this issue. Doug Stempfley inquired about plans for next year and mentioned the banquet facility, Receptions, in Fairfield. Lynda Coombs responded once this banquet is behind us, she would like the board to discuss what type of facility they want to consider for next season's banquet. Rick Coombs discussed banquet prizes.

SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS: Josh Wagar reported he is lining up volunteers for the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show being held January 13-15, 2012. He will be ordering printed materials for distribution at this event, as well as other events. Pat Slattery will provide karts for display. Max Viney discussed two show opportunities at the Springfield Car and Parts Swap Meet at the Clark County Fairgrounds, one being held May 25 to 27, 2012 and the other September 7 to 9, 2012. Lynda Coombs reported she and Rick will be staffing the booth at the Indy Circle Track Show on Saturday, January 29, 2012 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Gary Gregg discussed having an arrive and drive program. Ted Cradlebaugh explained you have to have enough karts in the event of breakdowns. Gregg suggested pushing the Clone classes to which Josh Wagar responded there were five at the driving school last year who said they were coming back and did not return. Cradlebaugh reported wheels are going to be installed on the monitor stand so it can be pushed into position. Ray McKibben reported television adapters are being made.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Josh Wagar reported pit spots have been reviewed.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh reported radios will be kept in a locked cabinet this upcoming year. Instruction will be provided in how to install the radios in charger bases so pins do not get bent.

SWAP MEET: Max Viney reported eight more volunteers are needed to staff the gate at the Swap Meet. He asked that people contact him to sign up to help and he will be calling people to try to get all positions filled. Viney reported that while booth sales are about the same as this time last year, he has received more requests for electric. Seminars will be held in the youth building.

OLD BUSINESS:

2012 SCHEDULE: Ted Cradlebaugh reviewed a revised 2012 schedule. He explained consideration was given to the schedules of other organizations. Doug Stempfley said we could race on May 26, which is Memorial Day weekend. Todd Cradlebaugh noted there are only three night races. Ted Cradlebaugh stated any further changes would result in having to schedule on holidays and Man Cup dates. Rick Coombs said anyone who has sat in Ted's position knows it is hard to make everybody happy. No further changes were made.

TIRES: Ted Cradlebaugh stated Bridgestone YLC tires will be the official spec OVKA tire. Cradlebaugh reported the agreement is a two-year contract. Margay Racing/Grand products will allow the OVKA members in all classes to use the Dunlop SL4 tires along with Bridgestone YLC tires as our spec racing tires for the first four (4) point series races in the 2012-racing season. Beginning on race number five (5) of the 2012 season, all members racing for points will be required to run the Bridgestone YLC compound with the exception of TaG. Margay Racing / Grand Products will allow the TaG class for OVKA to run an open compound tire of the first six (6) point series races in the 2012-racing season. Beginning on race number seven (7), all racers in the TaG class that are racing for points will be required to run any Bridgestone brand. Tire exception: Racers can use any tire manufacturer (sizes according to specific class), bypass the scale at the end of the race, will be disqualified for the day and are ineligible for any prizes/points for that event.

CONFERENCE CALLS: Lynda Coombs reviewed information she obtained about conference call options. She explained some of them charge a monthly fee and one offers a 30-day free period. Further details are needed including how many participants can be on Skype at one time. Mike Brown discussed the challenges of conducting business by email and said he would rather do votes by Skype. Coombs noted having dialog via email is not the same. Ted Cradlebaugh said he has the option of calling special board meetings to which brown responded he would prefer to travel rather than conduct business by email. Cradlebaugh will follow up with GLSS about Skype, which they use for meetings.

OPEN BUSINESS:

KID KART AWARDS: Todd Cradlebaugh suggested the weekly Kid Kart awards be passed out at the driver's meeting in the same way the award stickers are given out to help them feel more a part of the organization.

RACE MONITOR: Pat Slattery inquired about accessing live timing on cell phones. Lynda Coombs will contact the software provider to discuss the next steps.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. was made by Ray McKibben, seconded by Dwight Newberry and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- 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)
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2012, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122 (east side of I-75), Franklin, OH

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Lynda Coombs – Coordinate Indy Circle Track Show, make revisions to Kid Kart section of 2012 rulebook then forward to Josh Wagar, follow up about radio advertising for community organizations, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup, contact software provider about live timing on cell phones.
- Rick Coombs – Staff OVKA booth at Indy Circle Track Show, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Dylan Cradlebaugh - Participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup, talk with GLSS about Skype.
- Gary Gregg – Assist with Swap Meet, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Pat Slattery – Provide karts for display at Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.
- Max Viney – Coordinate Swap Meet.
- Josh Wagar – Have 2012 OVKA rulebook, 2012 schedule/class structure, and tri-fold brochures printed, coordinate Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup, and assist with Kid karts next season.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, K. Kuethe, P. Slattery, and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/7/12.