

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS:** 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 January 3, 2012 board meeting minutes and the January 21, 2012 annual membership meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously. Coombs read a thank you note from Gary and Elaine Gregg. Lynda Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$750 for legal fees regarding the banquet. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously. Coombs discussed liability insurance for non-racing functions for which there may already be a policy in place. Gary Gregg will follow up with the insurance agent.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** On behalf of Jason Gregg, Gary Gregg provided a financial report, with the inclusion of the Swap Meet.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**2012 RULE BOOK:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported there were updates to the 2012 rulebook. Persons who obtained a rulebook at the banquet should turn it into Lynda Coombs for an updated copy. Josh Wagar made a motion to appropriate \$1,364.40 for printing expenses. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed unanimously.

**BANQUET:** Rick Coombs thanked Lynda Coombs for all of her efforts in preparing for the banquet. He stated he thought the banquet went well and noted the dance wrapped up early. Rick Coombs reported other venues have made contact and asked what the board's thoughts are about the 2012 banquet. Other locations mentioned include the DAV Hall in West Middletown, Receptions in Fairfield, Mandalay in Dayton, the Marriott in Mason and West Chester and the banquet facility at Clark County Fairgrounds. Dwight Newberry suggested the matter be researched by a committee. Lynda and Rick Coombs, Ted Cradlebaugh, Dwight Newberry and Josh Wagar agreed to participate with the meeting date to be determined. Mike Brown said ideas can be forwarded to committee members. Rick Coombs discussed this banquet being the first year where worker participation prizes were given out. John Horn responded he was not thrilled about checks being awarded and thought prizes were going to be luck-of-the-draw with not everyone receiving something. Lynda Coombs responded the board had previously decided everyone with worker participation credits was to receive a prize within the level for which they qualified. Missy Brandon said she was happy with the prize being a check. Rick Coombs made a motion to start worker participation levels with three to five participation credits in order to qualify for a prize as a change to the 2012 rulebook. The motion was seconded by Horn and passed unanimously. Rick Coombs said he is waiting for one more invoice to finalize the banquet report, which he will present next month.

**SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS:** Mike Brown discussed the upcoming Race Cars and Futures Stars Show being held Thursday through Sunday, March 15 through 18, 2012, at the Piqua Mall. Cost for the club to participate is \$35. Brown said there are thousands of people who attend this show and he would like to have a Kid Kart to display. Pat Slattery offered to provide one. Brown plans to set up the television to display video footage. Brown thanked BMI Indoor Speedway for including OVKA Swap Meet information on their flyer. Lynda Coombs will send a note of appreciation. Josh Wagar discussed repairs needed to the show booth and said Max Viney offered to make hangers for the

OVKA sign at the top of the booth. Rick Coombs suggested having photos of the previous season's class champions displayed on the show booth. Wagar will work with the club's photographer, Jeff Eissing, to update the photos. Ted Cradlebaugh will work with Max Viney to coordinate volunteers for the DARF Toys 4 Kids Race Car Show being held Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, 2012 at Lang Chevrolet in Beaver Creek. Lynda Coombs asked if there are plans to participate in the Ohio Swap Meet and Car Show in May. Mike Brown responded he does not feel it is worth it. Cradlebaugh said there are many opportunities in our communities and suggested people participate in festivals and shows where they live. Promotional materials and guidance can be provided. Cradlebaugh noted the Lebanon Blues Festival in August provides a great opportunity to promote OKVA.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Mike Brown discussed trying to bring in more four-cycle racers by building partnerships with other organizations. Lee McCready will send sponsorship packets, make phone calls and/or meet with any potential sponsors to share OVKA sponsorship opportunities with them. Please provide McCready with contact information. McCready reported pit spot reservations and verbal commitments have started coming in. The deadline to reserve your same spot is April 1, 2012. Brown noted that if a sponsor provides merchandise in lieu of money, the banner fee should be waived to which Ted Cradlebaugh agreed. Doug Benson suggested having someone take ownership of getting banners printed which would make it easier for potential sponsors. Jeff Eissing can print three foot by five-foot banners. Cradlebaugh suggested adding a couple more people to the Sponsorship Committee who could help with this to which Benson and Brown agreed to assist along with McCready and Wagar. Brown said it is important to make sure they become sponsors before getting banners made.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** John Horn provided a draft restroom design using the existing building and adding ten feet. Missy Brandon and Mike Brown discussed the type of restroom/shower facilities Cross' Campground has and suggested the board look there before finalizing plans. Following further discussion, Horn will make some adjustments and email a revised sketch to the board tomorrow. Once the board finalizes the design, Horn will work up pricing. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Horn for getting the project moving.

**SWAP MEET:** Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Max Viney, Doug Benson, Gary Gregg and Mike Brown for all of their efforts in coordinating the Swap Meet, seminars and WKA tech certification. He also extended thanks to all of the people who volunteered. Viney said next year thought should be given to having two-hour shifts at the gate rather than three hours. Cradlebaugh noted the first shift is hard with all of the traffic coming in. Brown said the crew did a great job. Benson suggested cutting back on the number of tables rented for the youth building. Don Boles said more people need to be attracted to the youth building. Benson reported on the seminars that were held in the youth building to which Gary Gregg said the topics were good but it was hard to hear the presenters. Benson discussed feedback received from the questionnaire that indicates vendors want more time to set up. Viney said they want more time for vendors only to be in the building. Cradlebaugh said letting people tear down early is a disruption to the Swap Meet. Brown responded maybe allow persons in the youth building to tear down early and have a 1:00 p.m. minimum tear down time for other buildings. Benson reviewed web site tracking statistics noting a significant increase as the Swap Meet date approached. He discussed the possibility of selling web site advertising. Lynda Coombs reported the new owners of the Indy Circle Track Show said they are willing to do reciprocal web site advertising by putting our Swap Meet flyer on their web site. Benson thanked Derek Hughes for creating online ads for the Swap Meet. Cradlebaugh said it is hard for one person to take the lead for the Swap Meet and it really needs to be two people. Benson agreed to serve in this role. Viney and Benson received a round of applause.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**VINTAGE KART EVENT:** Steve Willis discussed a vintage kart event coming to Camden August 17 through 19, 2012. He explained there is a lot of interest because of the history of G & J Kartway. A request is being made to use the club's equipment to put on the event including transponders, timing system, flags, radios and kart retrieval vehicle. Ted Cradlebaugh said racers will need to have transponder holders, which John Horn said he can sell to the club. Mike Brown and Steve Willis reported workers are lined up. Doug Benson inquired if the vintage organization would be interested in having their own Swap Meet in the youth building in conjunction with OVKA. Gary Gregg said the group would like to have a pig roast on Saturday. Willis noted chairs, fans, and service tents will be needed to which Horn offered to provide two tents. Cradlebaugh will contact Jeff Brown to work on details.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**G & J KARTWAY 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WORK GROUP:** The first meeting of the work group will be at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2012, at Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Springdale, Ohio, 45246. Everyone is welcome. If you cannot make it and you have thoughts about commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the track, please send an email or call Josh Wagar or Lynda Coombs.

**2012 SCHEDULE / CHARITY RACE:** Ted Cradlebaugh stated workers are asked to donate their time for the charity event at the end of the season. He also requests the track owner donate that day as well. Gate fees will still be charged. Cradlebaugh has been receiving suggestions where proceeds from the event could be donated including Joe Nuxhall's Miracle League, DARF and a local food bank. Dwight Newberry suggested a decision be made to which Cradlebaugh said the board will vote on it next month. A request has been made to move the race from Sunday to Saturday, which Cradlebaugh said he sees no reason not to. Dwight Newberry suggested running the oval track for the event. Missy Brandon said she would like to see the race run backwards. On behalf of Shelley Powers, Gary Gregg suggested night races start one hour later throughout the season.

**TIRES:** As a reminder, Ted Cradlebaugh said all classes except TaG will be permitted to run Dunlop SL4 tires or Bridgestone YLC tires for the first four races. At race five, they will need to run Bridgestone YLCs, including Kid Karts. TaG will have through race six to transition to Bridgestone tires. TaG will be permitted to run any compound of Bridgestone tires beginning at race seven. Cradlebaugh will ask Ray McKibben to contact a kart club in Michigan who may be a potential buyer for the left over Dunlops from a previous sponsorship. John Horn reported he spoke with four different people who said they can come race with us now that we are using Bridgestones. Cradlebaugh pointed out that other tires may be used if not running for points.

## **OPEN BUSINESS:**

**TECH CERTIFICATION:** Mike Brown reported there were five people who participated in the WKA two-cycle tech certification and two who participated in the WKA four-cycle tech certification held at the Swap Meet. He informed the board his wife, Suzi Brown, obtained her WKA tech certification and will be working with BMI and Eldora, as well as offering her services to OVKA. Brown made a motion that OVKA pay no tech certification. He explained he talked with Ted Cradlebaugh about being able to use his tech certification for other clubs because he felt OVKA owned his certification since the club paid for it. Brown discussed how he and John Horn made a two-year commitment to provide tech for OVKA when the club paid their fees last year. Josh Wagar responded there does not need to be a motion for this. Brown said he and a few others are trying to get some clones to come to OVKA. Cradlebaugh reported there are some champ karts who would like to come run the oval.

**LIVE TIMING:** Pat Slattery inquired about accessing live timing on cell phones. Lynda Coombs explained the primary laptop is in the process of being updated and that feature is to be included.

**KOMET SPORTSMAN:** Pat Slattery asked if OVKA would allow Cadets in the Komet Sportsman class as they race together at WKA. Mike Brown responded it is in the WKA technical updates. Josh Wagar suggested leaving it as is for now. He noted in the Rookie Class, the weight goes by the type of motor being run. Slattery said page 28 regarding the Rookie Class is very vague.

**TRASH CANS:** Dwight Newberry offered to donate trashcans with Gary Gregg's permission that people can paint as was done in the past. He suggested the painting take place within the first three races.

**MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Randy Landes reported Mike Unger is interested in writing an article about G & J Kartway for National Kart News. Information from Gary Gregg will be helpful in doing so.

**CHASSIS SEMINAR:** Randy Landes reported Mike Unger can provide a chassis seminar. This could be provided free for our members and for a fee to non-members which would serve an inducement for people to get their membership paid.

**TOUGHMAN EVENT:** Randy Landes inquired if there would be interest in having a 200-lap Toughman contest at G & J Kartway at the end of the season. Josh Wagar responded there hasn't been determination of the format for the charity race yet.

**ALTERNATIVE EXHAUST:** Randy Landes discussed using a level two Komet pipe instead of the SSX can as he discussed with Kurt Burris at the Swap Meet. Benefits include there is less chance of cracking, it has less exhaust residue and is quieter. Pat Slattery responded this pipe is run on the west coast. Landes asked if there would be interest in OVKA trying it. Mike Brown said he would like to see someone try it all year. John Horn offered to try to obtain one.

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

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- G & J Kartway 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Work Group Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2012, Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Springdale, Ohio, 45246
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2012, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75)
- DARF Toys 4 Kids Race Car Show – Saturday & Sunday, March 10 & 11, 2012, Lang Chevrolet, Beavercreek, OH (Contact: Ted Cradlebaugh / Max Viney)
- Race Cars and Futures Stars Show – Thursday through Sunday, March 15 through 18, 2012, Piqua Mall, Piqua, OH (Contact: Mike Brown)
- OVKA Clean-up Day - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 7, 2012
- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 4, 2012

#### **SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Doug Benson – Participate on the Sponsorship Committee to assist with banners, serve as Swap Meet co-chairperson.
- Mike Brown – Coordinate Race Cars and Futures Stars Show, participate on the Sponsorship Committee to assist with banners.

- Lynda Coombs – Serve on 2012 Banquet Location Committee, send thank you to BMI Indoor Speedway, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Rick Coombs – Serve on 2012 Banquet Location Committee, provide banquet report next month, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Dylan Cradlebaugh - Participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Serve on 2012 Banquet Location Committee, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup, contact Jeff Brown regarding vintage event, ask Ray McKibben to contact kart club in Michigan about Dunlops for sale.
- Jeff Eissing – Work with Josh Wagar to update show booth photos.
- John Horn – Email revised restroom/shower design to the board, sell transponders to OVKA in preparation for the vintage kart event, provide two tents for vintage kart event, try to obtain exhaust pipe.
- Gary Gregg – Follow up regarding liability insurance for non-racing events.
- Dwight Newberry – Serve on 2012 Banquet Location Committee, donate trashcans.
- Pat Slattery – Provide Kid Kart for Race Cars and Futures Stars Show.
- Josh Wagar – Work with Jeff Eissing to update show booth photos, serve on 2012 Banquet Location Committee, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** M. Brandon, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, J. Eissing, K. Kuethe, G. Lutz, P. Slattery, B. Williams, S. Willis and D. Young.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 2/23/12.