

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He noted there is a lot of business to get through and said persons wanting to have the floor will be called upon by raising their hands. Cell phones need to be on silent or vibrate and side conversations taken outside.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the February 7, 2012 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously. Coombs reported that with the assistance of Mike Brown, she sent a thank you letter to BMI Indoor Speedway for providing Swap Meet advertising. Cradlebaugh said a thank you note was received from the family of Michael Wise for the donation made in his memory.

TREASURERS' REPORT: On behalf of Jason Gregg, Gary Gregg distributed an itemized financial report. Mike Brown inquired about several checks and Gregg committed to obtain clarification. Brown asked about the inclusion of start-up cash in Swap Meet profit to which Travis Gregg explained it will need to be backed out. Brown made a motion to table the approval of the Swap Meet financial report until next month pending clarification. The motion was seconded by Doug Benson and passed with ten in favor, one opposed and one abstained (Roll call: Boles-yes, Brown-yes, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Horn-yes, Landes-no, McKibben-yes, Newberry-yes, Stempfley-yes, Viney-abstained, and Benson-yes).

NEW BUSINESS:

CLONE 420cc CLASS: Ted Cradlebaugh welcomed three new attendees who are interested in having a Clone 420cc class. Jim Hendricks reported there are five racers so far who have obtained Shifter frames to create this class. Don Boles asked about the type of fuel they would use to which Mike Brown responded they can run pump gas. Hendricks explained the intent is to keep this an inexpensive class. Brown said the class is not a WKA tech class and would need to be submitted to WKA for approval. Brown will provide criteria to Lynda Coombs for submitting to WKA.

FINANCIAL REPROTING: Doug Benson discussed an email he sent to the board a couple of months ago about the importance of board members knowing everything regarding finances. He said it should be known what we pay for things and reviewed costs associated with tables at the Swap Meet. Gary Gregg explained the expense is divided over Friday and Saturday. John Horn discussed positioning of the deputies. Mike Brown, Ted Cradlebaugh, Gary Gregg and Max Viney discussed issues at the gates. Benson stated in addition to the Swap Meet, banquet and race day finances should also be known to which Gregg said he has all of that. Benson discussed how having knowledge of all of the finances will help the board to make better decisions. Gregg reported revenue was down about 50% last year. He reviewed kart count and worker reimbursement during 2010 and 2011. Horn noted funds were spent on the kart retrieval vehicle last year and said the number of entries was down dramatically. Cradlebaugh said it is important the club increase racer participants. He further stated he is working on restructuring some of the worker reimbursement. Brown said a monthly report is needed including race day expenses with ambulance cost. Gregg presented a banquet expense report and invoices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2012 RULE BOOK: Lynda Coombs noted there were changes made in three areas of the 2012 rulebook and stickers have been used to cover the amended sections. She asked that people exchange the rulebooks they obtained at the banquet. John Horn distributed a list of proposed TaG weights and said the rulebook does not reflect what was agreed to last year for some engines. Horn explained his proposal is WKA weights plus five pounds, which makes it simple. Ted Cradlebaugh said there is no problem in making changes in order to have parity among engines and Carlson Bogan, Jean Stafford and the TaG team can do so. Stafford inquired why change at all and where did the information come from that the Sonik or Vortex is underpowered. Horn responded he has personally seen it and that is why WKA made changes. Cradlebaugh noted the rulebook states TaG weights are subject to change and he will contact WKA if needed. Pat Slattery said you would be well advised to follow WKA weights and add whatever you want. He further stated WKA is constantly changing. Cradlebaugh responded the weights were based on what racers at our track wanted. Brown stated the class was told to write specs and turn it in as supplemental rules, which was not done. He further stated according to twenty-one pages of records, Mr. Stempfley withdrew his motion. Doug Stempfley responded he agrees that we do not have paper proof. Doug Cook said that is why we are here to get this in the rulebook. Todd Cradlebaugh inquired why non-TaG drivers have any problem with the TaG drivers having a gentlemen's agreement and the rulebook says weight changes can be made. Horn discussed the importance of having accurate weights on the Internet. Following escalation of the discussion between Cradlebaugh and Brown, a break was taken. Cradlebaugh extended an apology and said an executive session will be held at the end of the meeting. Horn reported everybody is up in the air and they are going to email him what they prefer then he will put it together and send to the board. Stempfley offered to contact the TaG drivers. Jim Hendricks said it is important the information be in the rulebook that is on the website.

SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he does not anticipate participating in the DARF Toys 4 Kids Race Car Show this coming weekend. Mike Brown and his family will cover the Race Cars and Futures Stars Show at Piqua Mall March 15 through 18, 2012. Cradlebaugh said someone is needed to coordinate the Lebanon Blues Festival show on August 4, 2012. John Horn reported the International Motorsports Industry Show in Indianapolis is all racing people and there is non-stop traffic. Lynda Coombs said an option to reduce the cost would be to participate on Sunday only. Cradlebaugh reported business card schedules have been printed at a cost of \$50 and \$200 is owed to Full Throttle for booth space at Cavalcade. Dwight Newberry discussed opportunities he is checking into in the Fairfield City School District.

BANQUET: Rick Coombs explained there was an adjustment made to the banquet report and the revised report was emailed to the board and is in their packet this evening. Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$566.32 to cover additional banquet expenses. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed with twelve in favor and one abstained (Coombs). Coombs has given left over prizes to Ted Cradlebaugh, which Cradlebaugh said will be used for drawings at various times during the season. Coombs explained the banquet workgroup location needs to be moved and reported the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast is willing to provide a meeting room at no cost. Consensus was to meet there this Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reminded everyone the deadline to reserve last year's pit spot is April 1, 2012. Ray McKibben will ask Gary Osterholt to post this on the OVKA website.

SWAP MEET: Max Viney reported there are six outstanding booth space rentals to be collected. Doug Benson explained he is waiting to hear from the Vintage Karting Association as to whether they would be interested in being a part of next year's Swap Meet. Rick Coombs inquired about the

seminars that were conducted. Benson said the turnout was small and Ted Cradlebaugh noted it was hard to hear. Mike Brown suggested using the building at the front of the fairgrounds for seminars to which Cradlebaugh agreed. Cradlebaugh expressed concern about the amount spent on newspaper advertising and said the amount needs to be cut back dramatically. Gary Gregg reviewed the various advertising options that have been used. John Horn discussed how the Internet may affect people reading newspapers. Benson explained how Swap Meet flyers were distributed and said there will be more going out next time.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: John Horn distributed a proposed restroom design and estimate of \$31,836 for the structure. He also provided three plumbing contractor estimates in the amounts of \$10,900, \$11,200 and \$13,400. Ray McKibben inquired about the type of interior walls to which Horn explained plastic shower walls would be used with other areas in drywall. Horn explained the design provides for gutting everything that is currently in place including digging up the floor. Don Boles asked about the cost of having concrete walls to which Horn replied maybe an additional \$3,000. Ray McKibben said block would fit in with the current structure and give us another shelter and he feels it is worth it. Horn explained completion would take thirty days from start to finish and if block walls are used, another week. Gary Gregg said while it would be nicer than what we currently have, he is concerned about the anticipated fuel prices and what affect that could have on attendance. Rick Coombs inquired about using an instant water heater to which Horn explained the electric ones cannot keep up and he would recommend gas and they are expensive. Cradlebaugh discussed sharing restroom renovation expenses with Gregg and stated he believes improved restroom facilities will bring in more racers and families. Boles said the club needs to figure out how we can afford this. Mike Brown said if we are going to do this, we ought to do it early. Cradlebaugh said he would like to get it done and will get with Gregg early next week.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

CLEAN-UP DAY: Ted Cradlebaugh reviewed work that needs to be done at the clean-up day, including painting the tower/tech barn, sealing the deck, extending the flag stand, and other maintenance items. Volunteers will be needed. Melissa Brandon asked that filling of low spots near turn seven be addressed. Dwight Newberry will bring trashcans which can be painted. Consensus was to obtain food from Camden IGA. Gary Gregg is going to continue to try to get track sealing taken care of. Max Viney made a motion to appropriate up to \$750 for clean-up days expenses. The motion was seconded by John Horn and passed unanimously.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: Ray McKibben discussed purchasing some fire extinguishers and will obtain pricing. Gary Gregg said they need to be the ABC type and John Horn recommended they be the ten-pound type. Horn said there needs to be a meeting with the corner workers about proper use.

FUEL: Due to an increase in fuel price, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to adjust the price to \$8.00 per gallon. The motion was seconded by John Horn and passed unanimously.

BOARD INSURANCE: Max Viney made a motion to appropriate \$3,036.00 for directors and officers insurance. The motion was seconded by John Horn and passed unanimously. The premium is due April 13, 2012.

2012 WORKER POSITIONS: Ted Cradlebaugh explained he is working on restructuring the reimbursement schedule for some of the shorter positions and will be proposing some receive only participations credits. He will provide information next month.

TRACK EMERGENCY PLAN: Ray McKibben discussed the recent weather issues and suggested having a plan in the event of severe weather at the track. He said a bull horn could be in the tower and used to alert people, there should be a first aid kit on site and we need to know who qualified medical people are that could assist if needed. John Horn said some medical people might not be open to being placed in that position to which McKibben responded there is the Good Samaritan Law. Lynda Coombs said there are some first aid supplies in the tower. Horn suggested a bullhorn be sounded three times as notification.

OLD BUSINESS:

TIRES: Ted Cradlebaugh reviewed the 2012 tire policy explaining 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. Ray McKibben asked why a specific compound cannot be picked for TaG. Doug Cook said this is the time to pick a compound or you will see guys putting on tires more frequently. Doug Stempfley responded he used four sets of YLBs all season last year. Mike Brown stated he people told us to leave the compound open and proposed taking the first five of the initial seven races to let us know. Cradlebaugh said the racers were the ones who wanted to leave it open and recommended surveying them. Stempfley offered to contact TaG drivers and bring information next month. Cradlebaugh reported McKibben sold nine sets of the Dunlops to a shop in Michigan since Keith Freber approved allowing the club to sell the tires. If anyone has Dunlops still in wrappers, let McKibben know and he will try to sell them.

G & J KARTWAY 50th ANNIVERSARY WORK GROUP: Lynda Coombs reported the first meeting of the work group was February 16, 2012 and a list of commitments was emailed to the board. Participants were Jeff Eissing, Ellen Fronk, Randy Landes, Ray McKibben, Shelley Powers, Josh Wagar and Rick and Lynda Coombs. Wagar has set up a 50th anniversary Facebook site and he and Powers are administrators. Powers has been gathering information about track history with a plan of putting it in a brochure. Someone is needed to help design the brochure. There was discussion about sending out a mailing to former racers. If you have contact information, please provide it to Coombs for the mailing list. Jeff Eissing is working on pricing for commemorative items such as pens and patches. A reporter from the Register Herald will be in attendance at race two. Many ideas recognizing the 50th anniversary have been generated and volunteers are needed to help. Please consider attending the next meeting, Thursday, March 15, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Springdale, Ohio, 45246.

2012 SCHEDULE / CHARITY RACE: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed moving forward with determining the recipients of the charity race, which will be held at the end of the season. Cradlebaugh said proceeds could be divided three ways if desired. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mike Brown to donate proceeds from the charity race to DARF and the food pantry. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously.

VINTAGE KART EVENT: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he has been in communication with a representative from the Vintage Racing Association and Cradlebaugh will be the OVKA contact for the event. The group has rented G & J Kartway for August through 19, 2012. They have decided they will not need our transponders and have asked what the fee will be to use our radios and vehicles.

OPEN BUSINESS:

HELMET STICKERS: Mike Brown reported helmet stickers will be needed. John Horn offered to obtain pricing if he is provided with the artwork and quantities and colors needed. Brown agreed to do so.

ARRIVE AND DRIVE: Mike Brown discussed having BMI Karting provide rental karts. He explained they have three different kart packages including Kid Karts. BMI would receive the rental fees and OVKA would collect the race entry fees. Brown said specifications would need to be submitted to WKA for approval and it would be for only one age group, such as junior or senior. Brown asked board members to email him their thoughts about this. Melissa Brandon she sees this as a way for people who might be interested in karting to try it out.

KID KARTS: Mike Brown reported Ron Gordon has the weekly awards for Kid Karts lined up through a school. Brown asked if the school class could put up a banner at the track to which Ted Cradlebaugh said yes. John Horn suggested considering medals due to their low cost.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn to executive session was made at 10:20 p.m. was made by Doug Stempfley, seconded by Ray McKibben, and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed his actions earlier saying they were unacceptable and maybe he should resign. Don Boles discussed the language used by Mike Brown and said we cannot have that either. Gary Gregg suggested a three-month probation to which Rick Coombs asked if that is long enough. Mike Brown discussed having his hand up and repeatedly being overlooked. He further stated as board members, we need to be treated with respect. Randy Landes made a motion to place both on a four-month probation and require a public apology at the first race. The motion was seconded by John Horn and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Banquet location workgroup, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2012, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, 9664 Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, OH
- G & J Kartway 50th Anniversary Work Group Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2012, Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Springdale, Ohio, 45246
- Race Cars and Futures Stars Show – Thursday through Sunday, March 15 through 18, 2012, Piqua Mall, Piqua, OH (Contact: Mike Brown)
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2012, Repton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75)
- 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:

- All Board Members – Email Mike Brown regarding arrive and drive class.
- Mike Brown – Provide criteria to Lynda Coombs for submitting Clone 420cc Class to WKA, coordinate Race Cars and Futures Stars Show, provide John Horn with artwork, quantities and colors for helmet stickers.
- Lynda Coombs – Upon receipt of criteria from Mike Brown, submit Clone 420cc Class to WKA, serve on 2012 Banquet Location Committee, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup, prepare for clean-up day including order food, prepare work details and purchase supplies.

- Rick Coombs – Serve on 2012 Banquet Location Committee, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Dylan Cradlebaugh – Participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Talk with Gary Gregg about moving forward with new restroom facilities, provide worker reimbursement proposal at April board meeting, serve on 2012 Banquet Location Committee, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup, follow up with Jeff Brown regarding equipment rental for vintage kart event, prepare for clean-up day including prepare work details and purchase supplies.
- Jeff Eissing – Work with Josh Wagar to update show booth photos, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Gary Gregg – Provide the board with clarification about several checks.
- John Horn – Compile TaG weight information then send to the board, obtain pricing for helmet stickers, provide two tents for vintage kart event.
- Gary Gregg – Follow up regarding liability insurance for non-racing events.
- Ray McKibben – Ask Gary Osterholt to post pit spot deadline of April 1, 2012 on OVKA website, obtain pricing for fire extinguishers.
- Dwight Newberry – Serve on 2012 Banquet Location Committee, donate trashcans.
- Pat Slattery – Provide Kid Kart for Race Cars and Futures Stars Show.
- Doug Stempfley – Contact TaG drivers about weights and collaborate with John Horn so he can compile information, contact TaG drivers about tire compound and bring information to next board meeting.
- 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, McKibben, Newberry, Stempfley and Viney.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: M. Brandon, R. Brown, O. Cohen, D. Cook, L. Coombs, Todd Cradlebaugh, T. Gregg, J. Eissing, J. Hendricks, K. Kuethe, G. Lutz, J. Roberts, L. Roberts, P. Slattery, J. Stafford and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/21/12.