

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

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS:** President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and side conversations be taken outside. Cradlebaugh extended condolences to the family of Randy N. Vermillion, past OVKA President, Tech Director and friend. Cradlebaugh said Vermillion was well loved and will be dearly missed. There will be discussion of honoring his memory later this evening.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the March 6, 2012 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with eight in favor and one abstained (Benson). Coombs discussed a concern raised by Doug Benson regarding provision of board meeting agendas prior to the meetings. A deadline for agenda items was established for one week before the meeting in order for the board to have the agenda by the Saturday prior to the meeting. Josh Wagar noted there is the opportunity during open discussion to bring up topics not included on the agenda.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** On behalf of Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**2012 RULE BOOK:** Josh Wagar encouraged everyone to obtain a copy of the 2012 OVKA rulebook, which is available in print and on the OVKA web site. Ted Cradlebaugh noted the weight for the TaG Parilla Leopard should be 370 pounds instead of what is printed in the rulebook. Ray McKibben inquired about the weight for Yamaha Heavy. Wagar responded the Rule Book Committee had discussed the matter and made the change back to 400 pounds as published in the rulebook.

**SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported a letter was sent to DARF informing them they have been selected as one of the recipients of the charity event being held at the end of the season. A DARF representative will attend the event. The Camden Food Bank will be the other recipient. Mike Brown said a letter went to Miami Valley Cage Karts inviting them to come race with us. Brown reported on the DARF Show and the Darke County Sheriff's Patrol Show. He said these events were well attended which provided good exposure for OVKA. Brown thanked Suzi Brown and Missy Brandon for their assistance at these shows. Brown suggested having a drawing at shows that would direct entrants to the OVKA web site to see the winner. Max Viney said T-shirts and/or hats could be given away as prizes. Brown discussed the importance of having a Kid Kart on display at every show the club attends. Dwight Newberry offered to take the OVKA booth to the Sharonville Car Show. Josh Wagar reported business card schedules will be available this Saturday at clean-up day. Brown discussed the need for some repairs to one of the show booths, including brackets, which Cradlebaugh said will need to have parts made. Cradlebaugh reported someone will be needed to coordinate the Lebanon Blues Festival on August 4, 2012.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Ted Cradlebaugh noted the cutoff date for reserved pit spots was April 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Lee McCready to renew or sign up for a pit spot.

**SWAP MEET:** Doug Benson reported he has been communicating with the vintage kart organization to discuss their possible participation in the 2013 Swap Meet. Benson said he will need the help of Derrick Hughes to assist with the web site. Dwight Newberry inquired about some unpaid booth spaces. Lynda Coombs offered to send invoices with information to be provided by Max Viney.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported he was informed by Gary Gregg that the time is not right to put up the money for restroom renovations. Cradlebaugh said he would like to see some type of improvements made and asked for input regarding potential options. Doug Stempfley noted times are tough and Josh Wagar said he can't see spending money if it is not what we want. John Horn explained the cost is higher using block and reported anticipated cost would be \$44,000, which includes plumbing. Gregg explained his concern is due to economic conditions noting the cost of fuel is close to \$4.00 per gallon and may go higher. Mike Brown inquired if the stalls can be enlarged to which Horn explained the concrete would have to be busted up to move commodes. Ray McKibben suggested trying to obtain materials such as the concrete block through contacts people may have and said word could go out to the membership. Lynda Coombs suggested looking into the Restore and seeking business sponsors. Horn said the Restore is expensive. Brown asked about the cost of stucco on wood to which Horn explained that is more expensive with the labor involved. Horn discussed how OVKA spends a lot of money on G & J Kartway and asked what happens if something happens to Gary Gregg. Gregg responded his children will work with the club. Cradlebaugh asked that people look into obtaining donations for the restroom project and said OVKA can offer free advertising.

**BANQUET:** Rick Coombs thanked Lynda Coombs, Ted Cradlebaugh, Ray McKibben and Dwight Newberry for assisting in researching banquet locations. Coombs provided printed information about four options – Kings Island Resort, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast in Mason, Wyndham Garden Inn near Dayton Mall and Receptions Banquet Center in Fairfield. Following discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to hold the 2012 banquet at the Wyndham Garden Inn. The motion was seconded by Doug Stempfley and passed with thirteen in favor and one abstained (Coombs). The date will be Saturday, January 21, 2013.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CLEAN-UP DAY:** Ted Cradlebaugh reminded everyone clean-up day is this coming Saturday, April 7, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Cradlebaugh explained pressure washing and staining will need to be carried out on different days and Jeff Eissing has offered to help with this. Lynda Coombs reviewed expenditures for supplies. Cradlebaugh asked that Gary Gregg share in the expenses associated with clean-up day to which Gregg agreed.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Ray McKibben provided two quotes for fire extinguishers including servicing. Gary Gregg suggested checking with Grainger to which McKibben offered to do so.

**2012 WORKER POSITIONS:** Ted Cradlebaugh presented changes he made to some of the worker positions. He explained he has eliminated a corner worker position, included a pit steward/floater and combined some duties. Additionally, some positions will receive participation credits instead of reimbursement. Gate passes will be reimbursed and lunches will not be provided. Cradlebaugh asked that persons on the list with question marks by their name contact him to discuss their positions. Mike Brown suggested removing worker gifts at the banquet and said no one is working for a blanket. Cradlebaugh said he will take that into consideration and the monies previously spent could be put toward restroom improvements. Ray McKibben stated expenses need to be reduced and volunteerism encouraged.

**YARD SIGNS:** Doug Benson discussed how last year he had brought up purchasing yard signs and no action was taken. He said the cost is around \$250 to \$300. Ted Cradlebaugh responded different cities have different ordinances so this needs to be checked into prior to displaying the signs. John

Horn suggested asking people to put signs in their yards. Ray McKibben reported he checked with several municipalities and some do not allow the signs. He said some will allow signs if you have the approval of the home or business owner. Cradlebaugh authorized Benson to move forward with having signs made. Mike Brown discussed having vinyl stickers made. Cradlebaugh stated they could be displayed on cars. Randy Vermillion said stickers could be put on trailer hitches.

**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 compound will be determined by race seven. Ray Brown inquired how non-spec tire disqualifications will be handled. Cradlebaugh explained they will be allowed to run and will be disqualified at the end of the day. Cradlebaugh reported Ray McKibben has been successful in selling some of the Dunlop tires.

**TaG:** Doug Stempfley presented findings from questions presented to the TaG drivers. He said the majority want to keep the weights as written in the rulebook. Steve Rumsey inquired about creating a TaG Masters class. Jean Stafford responded the rulebook allows for bringing four karts to form a class. Stafford raised the question who is going to pay for awards at the end of the year. Mike Brown said TaG racers and the Cadet Class need to have a sticker with their minimum installed on their karts. Stempfley stated the rulebook does not say a label is mandatory. John Horn said as a pre-tech worker he wants to be the one to install kart bands. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed using stickers to denote racers have registered. Dwight Newberry inquired if pre-tech can be done the day before to which Cradlebaugh responded he sees no reason why not.

**G & J KARTWAY 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WORK GROUP:** Lynda Coombs reported several action items are in process to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of G & J Kartway. Shelley Powers is ordering commemorative shirts. A reporter with the Register Herald newspaper is planning on attending race two. There has been a lot of dialog and pictures on the Facebook site created by Josh Wagar. Coombs reported she has been working with Powers to write up a timeline of the track. She discussed the possibility of a mailing to reach out to former members and racers. Jean Stafford asked how long it has been since OVKA kept track record times to which Gary Gregg responded the 1980s.

**VINTAGE KART EVENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported he has been in communication with Jeff Brown, a representative with the Vintage Racing Association, about their event at G & J Kartway in August. Cradlebaugh said an amount will need to be determined for use of OVKA's equipment.

**HELMET STICKERS:** John Horn said he is in need of artwork in order to have helmet stickers made. Ted Cradlebaugh will follow up.

**ARRIVE AND DRIVE:** No report.

**CLONE 420cc CLASS:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported WKA has approved the Clone 420cc class as a local option class. The information will be posted on the OVKA web site and a flyer with specifications is available.

**OPEN BUSINESS:**

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Ray McKibben inquired about pre-registration having seen discussion about it on E-karting. Ted Cradlebaugh said someone would need to be responsible for it. Jean Stafford noted pre-registration would result in credit card fees. John Horn responded with Paypal, the fees are

charged to the person paying and an additional \$1.00 to \$2.00 could be charged. Dwight Newberry said there could be an express line at the track for people who have pre-registered. Lynda Coombs said the computer software already has the capability of pre-registration and she will check what it will take to implement it.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn to executive session was made at 9:03 p.m. was made by Max Viney, seconded by Ray McKibben, and passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Josh Wagar to provide the Randy J. Vermillion family with a racing sponsorship in memory of Randy N. Vermillion. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously. John Horn will have stickers made in memory of Randy N. Vermillion. Wagar reported some people feel the disciplinary action issued to Mike Brown and Ted Cradlebaugh last month was not enough. Following input from each board member, John Horn made a motion for probation extension for one calendar year from March 6, 2012, suspended from racing the first five points races they are present at the track, they will work their normal scheduled positions for no reimbursement and without participation credits. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed with nine in favor, two opposed and three abstained (roll call: Brown-not present, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-not present, Gregg-yes, Horn-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-no, McKibben-yes, Newberry-no, Stempfley-abstained, Viney-yes, Wagar-yes, Benson-yes, Boles-yes). Wagar requested to include in the record he was not referring to Cradlebaugh resigning for any reason.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the executive at 11:13 p.m. was made by Josh Wagar, seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously.

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

- OVKA Clean-up Day - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 7, 2012
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2012, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75)
- Lebanon Blues Festival, Saturday, August 4, 2012

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

- Lynda Coombs – Send invoices for Swap Meet booths, check with software provider about pre-registration.
- John Horn – Have stickers made in memory of Randy N. Vermillion.
- Ray McKibben – Contact Grainger for fire extinguisher pricing.
- Dwight Newberry – Set up the OVKA booth at the Sharonville Car Show.
- Max Viney – Provide Lynda Coombs with Swap Meet invoice information.
- Josh Wagar – Bring OVKA business card schedules to clean-up day.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, R. Brown, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, G. Lutz, V. Oatts, S. Rumsey, J. Stafford, R. Vermillion, G. Welage and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 4/21/12.