

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

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS:** Vice-President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and side conversations be taken outside. Wagar explained Ted Cradlebaugh and Max Viney are unable to attend the meeting this evening.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs, seconded by Doug Stempfley, made a motion to accept the June 5, 2012 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously. Coombs explained Ted Cradlebaugh has requested the August board meeting be moved to the second Tuesday, August 14, 2012. Consensus of the board was to do so. Coombs reminded the board that last month a change was made for the September board meeting to be held on the second Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Coombs reported more 2012 OVKA rulebooks are needed. Josh Wagar will assist with this. Pat Slattery discussed Lightning Racelaps live timing verses Race Monitor. Doug Stempfley said with Racelaps, you can pull up past races, which cannot be done with AMB. Stempfley further noted with live timing, you do not have to be at the track to see lap times.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** On behalf of Jason Gregg, bank balances were provided by Josh Wagar.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CHAMP RACE:** Josh Wagar said plans are coming together for the Champ Race. Jamaica Curtis will be coordinating volunteers to help with the games, food is being provided by John Deis, Gary Gregg is supplying sodas and ice and obtaining tables and chairs, and Ted Cradlebaugh will provide table coverings. Ray McKibben will make arrangements for the bouncy house and dunk tank. Wagar read a list of prizes suggested by Shelley Powers that could be given away. Gregg volunteered Shelly to obtain the items. A motion was made by Ray McKibben to appropriate \$300 for additional Champ Race giveaways. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously. Dwight Newberry will supply trashcans and purchase paint and supplies for a trash can decorating contest. Newberry offered to donate a garage door opener with approximate retail value of \$400 to raffle off with the proceeds to go toward ambulance expenses. Following discussion of day one timelines, Wagar said as soon as warm-ups are over, the driver's meeting will be moved up if possible. Doug Benson discussed an email he sent to the board about the Champ Race having once been the only qualifying event which made it special and now it is just another race. Wagar responded he disagrees as the Champ Race provides trophies, fast time awards, a meal and activities. Doug Stempfley said the Champ Race has kind of lost its' flair. Benson suggested having the first place qualifier at the Champ Race start first at the following event. Wagar said the event has already been advertised and Newberry stated this should have been thought about last January or February. Following further discussion, the matter was tabled until next year.

**SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS:** Lynda Coombs discussed the August 4<sup>th</sup> Lebanon Blues Festival. Doug Benson, Ray McKibben, Rick, and Lynda Coombs will staff the show booth. Lee McCready has made arrangements for OVKA's participation and said move in can start at 7:00 a.m. Pat Slattery offered to supply a kid kart for display along with one of Coombs' karts. Gary Gregg discussed the importance of shows, promotions and fund raising. He reported that recently there were five or six new people who stopped by wanting information about karting. Gregg suggested having a list of kart shops, in addition to the tri-fold.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Dwight Newberry inquired about pricing for multiple pit spots. Josh Wagar asked Lee McCready to work with Newberry on this.

**SWAP MEET:** Doug Benson reported he has been attempting to find other racing organizations who might be interested in having a Swap Meet in the youth building in conjunction with OVKA's Swap Meet. Gary Gregg said nice weather would do more good than anything to attract more people. He suggested having a racing celebrity to bring in more people. Lynda Coombs inquired about renting a tent to connect the buildings, which had been done at Kart Expo. Benson responded it's the expense to which Gregg agreed. Josh Wagar asked that Benson continue to pursue other types of racing to participate in the Swap Meet. Gregg would like people to come up with other ideas for the Swap Meet. Wagar will contact Max Viney about the status of invoices.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs discussed matting that can be used to help erosion on the outside of the track. Coombs will obtain more information and report back. Gary Gregg continues to try to get someone to fill cracks in the track surface.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**WEB SITE:** Ray McKibben discussed the web site [www.kartrank.com](http://www.kartrank.com) that reports driver rankings. Doug Stempfley said the rankings are from all over the United States. Josh Wagar reported Chase Stempfley is ranked first and Travis Gregg is second. Doug Benson noted this is based on 2011 statistics. McKibben explained our drivers are listed under the Eastern Conference.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Gary Gregg said he will obtain six fire extinguishers from Grainger.

**YARD SIGNS:** Doug Benson reported he has received the 100 yard signs that were ordered. He explained fifteen signs will be displayed in the Cincinnati area and fifteen in the Dayton area. Benson would like to track if people see the signs then go to the OVKA web site. Ray McKibben discussed adding a link to the web site for people who are new to the site. Aaron Hart reported he googled "local karting" which led him to finding OVKA and he went to the track last weekend. Josh Wagar suggested getting with webmaster, Gary Osterholt, to discuss tracking how people heard about OVKA.

**VINTAGE KART EVENT:** Lynda Coombs reported Ted Cradlebaugh has been in contact with a representative of the Vintage Karting Association and has workers lined up. The event will be held at G & J Kartway August 17 through 19, 2012.

**TaG CLASSES:** Jean Stafford reported a racer with a V30 engine was permitted to run WKA weights.

**TECH TOOLS:** Josh Wagar explained Mike Brown submitted an inventory of the tech tools and Ted Cradlebaugh will report on it next month. Tech tools are to be engraved by Jean Stafford. Stafford discussed allowing Brown to use the club's tools for his work with other organizations for a \$1.00 annual fee. Brown responded the only thing he uses that belongs to the club is the black box as he uses his own tools.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**KOMET CLASS:** Dwight Newberry discussed Junior Komet drivers getting ready to move up and asked where the club is going with having a Komet Senior class. Josh Wagar responded that a few years back we said we would do the same thing for juniors moving up. Wagar suggested Newberry talk with the other parents to confirm their interest for next year.

**TRACK RECORDS:** Pat Slattery inquired about keeping records of the track records. Lynda Coombs said there is a way to capture this information and she will contact the software provider to find out the steps for capturing this data.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** Gary Gregg discussed the importance of appropriate behavior at track. He reported he has witnessed adults hollering at each other and using inappropriate language. Lee McCready said this should be discussed at driver's meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn to executive session was made at 8:38 p.m. by Jean Stafford, seconded by Mike Brown, and passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Jean Stafford was voted to the OVKA Board of Directors. Board member attendance and conduct, procedures for becoming a board member, appeals of disciplinary action and clarification of previous disciplinary action were discussed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the executive session at 9:55 p.m. was made by Josh Wagar, seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA monthly board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 14, 2012 (second Tuesday of the month), Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).
- Lebanon Blues Festival, Saturday, August 4, 2012.
- Vintage Kart Association, Friday through Sunday, August 17-19, 2012, at G & J Kartway.
- OVKA monthly board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2012 (second Tuesday of the month), Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Doug Benson – Pursue other types of racing to participate in the OVKA Swap Meet.
- Lynda Coombs – Coordinate Lebanon Blues Festival, contact software provider regarding capturing track records data.
- Rick Coombs – Coordinate Lebanon Blues Festival, supply kart for Lebanon Blues Festival, and obtain information about erosion matting.
- Gary Gregg – Inform Shelly Powers about obtaining prizes for the Champ Race, continue to find someone to fill cracks in the track surface, obtain six fire extinguishers from Grainger.
- Ray McKibben – Arrange for bouncy house and dunk tank for Champ Race.
- Dwight Newberry – Provide trash cans, paint and associated supplies for the Champ Race, donate a garage door opener for a raffle at the Champ Race, talk with Komet Junior parents about their plans for next year.
- Pat Slattery – Provide kid kart for Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Josh Wagar – Have more rulebooks printed, contact Max Viney about Swap Meet invoices.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Benson, M. Brown, R. Coombs, G. Gregg, R. Landes, L. McCready, R. McKibben, D. Newberry, D. Stempfley, and J. Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, L. Coombs, A. Hart, P. Slattery, J. Stafford and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 7/24/12.