

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate. Cradlebaugh asked that respect be extended to whoever has the floor and side conversations be taken outside.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the November 6, 2012 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed with nine in favor and one abstained (Newberry). Coombs explained the regular monthly board meeting has been moved to Tuesday, January 8, 2013 due to the New Year's holiday. She discussed OVKA memberships running by calendar year so board members need to have their memberships paid by January 8th in order to be able to vote on OVKA business. Additionally, general members who want to be eligible to vote at the annual membership meeting on January 19th prior to the banquet need to have their memberships paid by that time.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS: Ray McKibben reported there has been a good response for video footage to update the DVD presentation. He said Kid Kart banners have been obtained, as well as a 9' by 24' banner for shows. Mike Brown suggested OVKA provide hospitality events for the WKA Gold Cup and Great Lakes Sprint Series being held at G & J Kartway in July 2013. Todd Cradlebaugh thanked OVKA member, Paul Krimmer, and Dave with Full Throttle for working on sharing booth space at the Cavalcade of Customs Show on January 11th through 13th. Todd Cradlebaugh reported there will be room for two karts to be displayed, which will include a kid kart and an adult kart. He discussed new laminated photos to display being obtained from Photo Jeff, as well as a banner. Brown reported Vista Print offers banners for \$20.00 and suggested checking into this. Ted Cradlebaugh said there is not a need for two banners. Todd Cradlebaugh discussed the need for more workers for the Cavalcade Show and reviewed shifts. Ron Gordon inquired about emailing people when there is a need for assistance. Ray McKibben responded Doug Benson maintains an OVKA Facebook site and by liking the site, people can be kept informed. Ted Cradlebaugh explained information is on the OVKA web site as well. Lynda Coombs reported Don Boles, Marlene Cook, Rick Coombs and herself will staff the OVKA booth at the Indy Circle Track Show on January 28, 2013. Ted Cradlebaugh stated anyone wanting to use an OVKA show booth in the future must obtain prior approval from him. Ted discussed printing needs including tri-fold brochures, the 2013 full size schedule, business card schedules and rulebooks.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready thanked Lynda Coombs for including the sponsorship/pit spot form in the annual mailing. He reported he has already received a response and encouraged everyone to get their forms in sooner. Pay Slattery inquired if anything is in the works to have pit spots with electric to which Gary Gregg responded no.

SWAP MEET: Doug Benson reported approximately fifty tables have been reserved so far. He obtained pricing to advertise for two weeks in the Auto/RV Trader magazine. Ron Gordon said he would like Swap Meet flyers to distribute. Mike Brown suggested placing flyers at BMI who will be starting their indoor racing series this Thursday night.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Gary Gregg reported the large cracks in the track were sealed yesterday using a mixture of sand and asphalt. He suggested sealer be purchased to address the smaller cracks. Ray McKibben offered to obtain an air compressor for this work. Ted Cradlebaugh said he plans to sit down with Gary Gregg to discuss improving the existing restroom facilities.

RULEBOOK COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar thanked Heather Cradlebaugh for her willingness to assist with proofing the 2013 rulebook. Ray McKibben discussed WKA's new rule regarding if the kart is running, it has to be in the racer's pit. Ted Cradlebaugh responded this will be addressed at driver's meetings, including the Kid kart class not picking up the kart to rev it up. Cradlebaugh reported questions about the Clones from Jean Stafford have been given to Mike Brown.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported banquet preparations are well underway. Ray McKibben inquired about setup of the projector and screen. Lynda Coombs explained the layout of the banquet hall. McKibben asked that people email photos or put them on a DVD or USB so he can use them for a video presentation at the banquet. Mike Brown provided trophy pricing from Ron Gordon for consideration for the 2013 banquet. Gordon discussed sleeping room pricing on the Hotels.com website.

NEW BUSINESS:

REVIVING BRIGGS FLATHEADS & ANIMALS: Ray McKibben discussed 4-cycle entry statistics between 1998 and 2010. He said the Briggs Animals used to have a respectable showing of entries and asked for ideas of ways to bring them back to the club. McKibben stated there are predominantly 4-cycles that come to our Swap Meet and he would like to find a way to bring them back to racing with us. Dylan Cradlebaugh suggested having a money race to which Mike Brown agreed. Pat Slattery noted we do have an oval track and Brown suggested offering round track races. Brown said this could be advertised on the OVKA web site and at the Swap Meet. Ted Cradlebaugh said while he has heard comments that some people do not want to race 4-cycles on pavement, he thinks something could be put together. Lynda Coombs said this could be advertised at the Indy Circle Track Show. Rick Coombs inquired if both junior and senior classes would be offered. Randy Landes suggested trying it out with a medium adult class including Animal and flathead engines.

LOCAL 206, LOCAL OPTION ROOKIE & KID KART STRUCTURE: Mike Brown discussed the Gold Cup offering 206 points classes for Kid Karts all the way up to seniors, which will be called Pro Gas. Randy Landes explained it is a sealed engine and as you graduate up, you get a different carburetor. Ron Gordon reported some parents do not like that after three races their child is put in the mix. Ted Cradlebaugh responded they don't have to do so if the parent feels the child is not ready. Dylan Cradlebaugh noted it is already on the entry form. Gordon discussed the Kid Kart Director placing a child on the tail if they need to be there and Cradlebaugh said the Race Director would back him up. Gordon reported several parents have requested seven-year-olds be allowed to enter both the Kid Kart class and the non-points Rookie class. Brown discussed how this could be a morale booster. McKibben said the Rookie class is a learning class and he does not have a problem with a child getting more seat time to which Gary Gregg agreed. Gordon noted they will not get a trophy each race in the Rookie class. Following further discussion, Gary Gregg made a motion to allow 7-year-old Kid Karters to run simultaneously in Kid Karts and the Rookie Novice class with both classes being non-points. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery and passed unanimously. Gordon referenced an email sent to the board regarding reducing the Kid Kart entry fee by \$5.00. He stated some people cannot afford to pay what we charge and some would come if it were not so expensive. Gordon further stated Circleville and New Castle charge less for their Kid Kart classes. Ted

Cradlebaugh responded the Senior Novice class receives no awards yet is charged the full entry fee and all should be lowered in looking at the whole club. Following discussion, Ron Gordon made a motion to lower the Kid Kart entry fee to \$25.00 plus fuel. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and failed with seven opposed and five in favor (roll call: Coombs-no, Cradlebaugh-no, Gregg-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Newberry-no, Slattery-no, Wagar-no, Benson-no, Boles-no, Brown-yes).

OLD BUSINESS:

2013 SCHEDULE: Ted Cradlebaugh presented and reviewed the 2013 OVKA schedule. He said configurations can be adjusted. Cradlebaugh explained it is very hard to try to go around everybody else and it is necessary to schedule on top of one WKA Man Cup race at MRP. He reported Butch Frye informed him the owner of Lawrenceburg Raceway would like us to schedule a race there. Dwight Newberry said Moler Raceway in Batavia, Ohio would like us to race at their track also. Cradlebaugh discussed persons who work on Saturdays need to get with Lynda Coombs or himself to determine a way they can still participate in Saturday evening events. Pat Slattery suggested trying a standing start at an angle and said he thinks it would be fun. Josh Wagar said it was brutal on clutches sitting there waiting when this was done at a Circleville race. Randy Landes noted he has done Lemans starts at Mid-Ohio and street races without issues. Gary Gregg said this was done at Gold Cup with 24 karts starting. Rick Coombs stated this would take away from the new rule allowing the pole sitter to choose inside or outside. Jeff Roberts suggested picking a day to try it for all three heats. Ted Cradlebaugh stated we will take a look at this. Lynda Coombs asked how lineups are to be done with the first points event being qualifying. Ted Cradlebaugh said to use last season's year-end points for the lineups. Rick Jackson asked about having rain dates to which Cradlebaugh said this is a tough one. Dwight Newberry suggested there be a rain date for the Charity Race.

OVKA BY-LAWS: Tabled.

WKA CHANGES IN JUNIOR & SENIOR CLASSES: Pat Slattery reported until further notice, WKA is not requiring filter cups and are back to the original rules for Junior classes. Seniors are still required to use a pipe. Slattery suggested OVKA consider following the WKA weight of 320# for Yamaha Juniors. Josh Wagar responded this will help some and hurt some. Slattery stated it is better to put on weight than be penalized and he thinks it would be a plus. Following discussion, Gary Gregg made a motion to go to 320# for Yamaha Junior classes. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery and passed with nine in favor, one opposed and two abstained (roll call: Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Landes-abstained, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Newberry-abstained, Slattery-yes, Wagar-yes, Benson-no, Boles-yes, Brown-yes, Coombs-yes). Gregg asked if the WKA seniors are still going to run a 4-hole can to which Slattery responded no. Ted Cradlebaugh said OVKA could phase this in.

2013 OFFICERS: Ted Cradlebaugh explained per the OVKA by-laws, officer nominations need to occur this evening.

- President – Ted Cradlebaugh nominated by Dwight Newberry, seconded by Rick Coombs.
- Vice-President – Ray McKibben, nominated by Rick Jackson, seconded by Rick Coombs.
Vice-President – Randy Landes nominated by Josh Wagar, seconded by Dwight Newberry.
- Secretary – Lynda Coombs nominated by Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Josh Wagar.
- Treasurer – Jason Gregg nominated by Rick Coombs, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh.

DARF BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported three OVKA racers were recognized at the annual DARF Banquet of Champions at Celebrations Banquet Center this past Saturday, December 1, 2012: Jason Welage-Yamaha Sportsman class champion, Olivia Horn-Komet Junior class champion and Jim Randolph-Yamaha Masters class champion. These OVKA racers received a plaque acknowledging their championships while at the DARF banquet.

CHARITY RACE: While at the DARF banquet, Ted Cradlebaugh presented a \$1,300 check to DARF from proceeds generated at OVKA's Charity Race. DARF representatives, Rick Monroe and Bernie Coppock extended their thanks to OVKA for this donation. Lynda Coombs read a thank you card from Higher Heights Church of God in Camden for OVKA's monetary and food donation for their food pantry.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

KID KART CLASS SURVEY: Ron Gordon reported he conducted surveys at midseason and at the end of the season among the Kid Kart class and said there are a couple of questions to mull over and address. He pointed out results included some people had not had the opportunity to meet OVKA board members. Ted Cradlebaugh responded they should absolutely know their board members.

SHOW BOOTH PICTURES: Todd Cradlebaugh reviewed pictures and a banner for the show booths. Gary Gregg, seconded by Rick Coombs, made a motion to appropriate \$400 for pictures and a banner. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 10:44 p.m. by Don Boles, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, and unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2013, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH (east side of I-75)
- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show, Friday through Sunday, January 11-13, 2013, Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati, OH
- OVKA Annual General Membership Meeting – 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 19, 2013, Wyndham Garden Inn, 31 Prestige Plaza Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342
- OVKA 2013 Banquet – Registration 4:00 p.m., Saturday, January 19, 2013, Wyndham Garden Inn, 31 Prestige Plaza Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342
- Indy Circle Track Show, Saturday, January 28, 2013, Indianapolis State Fairgrounds
- OVKA Swap Meet – Saturday, February 2, 2012, Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Doug Benson – Continue coordination of OVKA Swap Meet, provide Ron Gordon and Mike Brown with Swap Meet flyers.
- Lynda Coombs – Continue coordination of OVKA banquet, coordinate Indy Circle Track Show.
- Rick Coombs – Continue coordination of OVKA banquet, coordinate Indy Circle Track Show.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Meet with Gary Gregg to discuss improving existing restroom facilities.
- Todd Cradlebaugh – Continue coordination Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.
- Paul Krimmer – Continue coordination of Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.
- Ray McKibben – Continue update of video presentation for shows, prepare slideshow for banquet, obtain air compressor for sealing of small cracks in track.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Benson, D. Boles, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, R. Landes, L. McCready, R. McKibben, D. Newberry, P. Slattery, and J. Wagar.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, R. Brown, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, J. Eissing, E. Frank, R. Gordon, R. Jackson, K. Kuethe, G. Lutz, V. Oatts, J. Roberts, T. Swindling, B. Williams and D. Young.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 12/26/12.