

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013**

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS:** President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 reported a request to amend the December 4, 2012 was received with wording to be removed "Gordon noted they will not get a trophy each race in the Rookie Class" and replaced with "The Rookie Novice participants presently do not receive a trophy at each race". Coombs made a motion to accept the December 4, 2012 board meeting minutes with this amendment. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Viney). Coombs read a thank you card from the Lehmann family. She explained membership dues need to be paid in order to be eligible to vote at the annual membership meeting prior to the banquet. Coombs reported a disciplinary letter was not picked up from the post office by the recipient and has been sent again.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS:** Mike Brown discussed the Race Cars and Future Stars Expo being held at the Piqua Mall on March 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. He reported the show has been reduced by one day and set up will be Thursday night. Ted Cradlebaugh stated the second show booth still needs to be located. Lynda Coombs explained volunteers who coordinate shows can contact Ted Cradlebaugh or herself to obtain promotional materials to take with them. She asked that a log be kept of all volunteer hours for each show so participation credits can be maintained. Todd Cradlebaugh reported booth repair has been completed. He explained everything is ready for the Cavalcade Show and they will be setting up on Thursday. Todd thanked the Staffords who are providing a new kid kart and Orié Cohen for providing a TaG kart and trailer. He also thanked the volunteers who will be assisting with set up/tear down and staffing the booth and reviewed shift assignments. Ray McKibben reported a new video will be ready for the Cavalcade Show. He will be making further improvements to the video using new software. Brown suggested giving away small items, such as T-shirts, and discussed how he has handled raffles at the Piqua Show. He also suggested sending a mass mailing with the OVKA schedule and other materials. McKibben noted Doug Benson manages the OVKA area on Facebook. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the importance of shows and promotions.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready thanked the people who have sent in their pit spot reservations. He reminded everyone the deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> in order to keep the same spot as last year.

**SWAP MEET:** Doug Benson explained four to six gate workers are needed for the second shift 9:00 a.m. to noon and third shift noon to approximately 3:00 p.m. at the Swap Meet. Concessions will be in the youth building this year. Benson reported he has arranged for professional automotive artist, Roger Warrick, to be at the Swap Meet. Don Boles discussed how many people buy and sell on Friday while set up is going on. Benson will talk with the vendors about this and ask them to hold selling until Saturday. Mike Brown noted vendors indicated on a questionnaire they want to come in on Friday and take care of their armbands and he does not have a problem with doing that. Benson stated 130 booths have been rented so far and phone calls have picked up. Ted Cradlebaugh

reported an ad for the Swap Meet was published in the Ohio Auto/RV Trader. Benson discussed perceptions about the youth building and said if we want to grow the Swap Meet, we will need to move it. He has started looking into options and said it is hard to find 50,000 square feet. Options for enhancing the lighting and heating in the youth building were discussed. Ray McKibben will check into portable lighting and heaters. Benson discussed cost savings if the youth building was not used. Jean Stafford stated it seems we are committed this year and we should have been talking about this months ago. Brown suggested letting outside vendors use the youth building for the same rate. Gary Gregg responded people inside will be upset since they are paying more. Cradlebaugh thanked Benson for all of his work and said we should look into other locations if they are in our price range then tabled the matter.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed making restroom improvements and said a determination needs to be made what the price range would be. He said we have the workers and we can get this done. Max Viney stated he has a set of plans for the existing building. Cradlebaugh noted the members have contributed \$7,000 through 50/50 drawings and Gary Gregg will match this. Cradlebaugh said after the Swap Meet is over, we will get started to which Gregg agreed. Gregg received a round of applause.

**RULE BOOK COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar thanked Heather Cradlebaugh for updating the rulebook. Ted Cradlebaugh directed to go with the lowest printing quote obtained. Mike Brown reported there has been a WKA seat height change. Wagar responded we have taken a lot of the WKA information out of our rulebook. Brown also explained there has been a major change for cadets. Ted Cradlebaugh said we are leaving this at 215#/225#. Brown asked that the chassis dimensions for cadets and sportsman classes be included in the OVKA rulebook.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported banquet registrations have been coming in. He said Ray McKibben conducted a site visit and would like to add a television along with the projector screen for the video presentation due to the layout of the room. Coombs explained there are more 100% participants this year and the cost of goods and shipping have increased. He made a motion to appropriate an additional \$2,500 for the banquet. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Coombs). Gary Gregg inquired if awards will be presented to the most improved drivers. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he worked with Josh Wagar on this and each came up with the same recipients.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**SUGGESTIONS:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported an email was received from Brian Krahenbuhl suggesting racing on Sunday if an event the day before is rained out. Cradlebaugh noted the insurance is used if we have taken to the track and we have never come up with a way to handle rainouts. He said we could turn the charity race into a rain date and the matter is something we need to think about. Gary Gregg stated we could schedule a double race weekend. Krahenbuhl also suggested placing a glow stick for the pole sitter to see on the inner circle. Cradlebaugh said white glow paint could be used and he plans to add a couple of light towers this year even on the small track. Cradlebaugh discussed a concern expressed by Krahenbuhl about a driver taking out another driver in the winner-take-all format. Krahenbuhl suggested the victim receive the same point value as the offender.

**KID KART/ROOKIE NOVICE PACKAGE:** Mike Brown suggested offering a package rate for racers who enter both the Kid Kart class and the Sportsman Novice class at a combination rate of \$50 or \$55. Gary Gregg responded there has already been a \$5 reduction given and recommended leaving it there. Heather Cradlebaugh pointed out a second entry should be \$5 less. Randy Landes said it is

discriminatory to set this special rate for this one group. Ray McKibben stated it would encourage these kids to run two classes and get them more seat time. Max Viney said \$60 would be a good number for a package rate. Josh Wagar noted everybody gets \$5 off their second class entry, Kid Karts receive an award at every race and he sees no reason to change it. Jean Stafford asked why change their second class to \$25 when everybody else pays \$30. Ted Cradlebaugh responded other places charge lower than we do. Don Boles asked how many kids are eligible to run the Sportsman Novice class to which Brown said five have their karts and motors. Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to lower the Sportsman Novice second entry fee to \$25. The motion was seconded by Max Viney and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Gregg).

**REQUEST TO STAY IN JUNIOR CLASS:** Ray McKibben said it was brought to his attention Rick Harris' daughter, who will turn 16-years-old one month before our season and weighs 80 pounds, will need to put 85 to 90 pounds of weight on her kart to compete in the senior class. McKibben reported she wants to stay in the Junior class another year and he is concerned she is not ready to step up to a senior class and will have to bolt on that amount of weight. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he does not like that she has to put on that amount of weight but according to our rules she would have to move to seniors. Rick Harris expressed concern if the kart were to turn over on his daughter. Jean Stafford responded maybe the weights could be more realistic. Gary Gregg stated an exception could be made if the driver weighs 80 or 90 pounds. Max Viney said he understands the concern but you have to draw the line. Mike Brown explained that our Supercan class is a local option and we can review the weights and adjust to satisfy the class. Cradlebaugh noted this has the potential of affecting heavier racers and we can make a change, which needs to fit everybody. Cradlebaugh further stated WKA raised the weights and we followed. McKibben asked that the matter be tabled to take time to think about it. Josh Wagar inquired about checking with WKA. Lynda Coombs was asked to email Dan Stowell about this.

**BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION:** Rick Coombs nominated Ken Kuethe to the OVKA Board of Directors. The nomination was seconded by Josh Wagar. Voting will take place at the February board meeting.

**BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION:** Max Viney submitted his resignation from the OVKA Board of Directors. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Viney for his years of dedication to the club.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2013 SCHEDULE:** Ted Cradlebaugh asked for input about what configuration to run at our New Castle race. He will take suggestions provided into consideration. Ray McKibben discussed educating people about the 25-lap format we will be running at the June 15<sup>th</sup> race as it gets closer.

**TaG WEIGHTS:** Ray Brown asked how weight was determined for the Vortec Rok at 380#, which does not follow how other engines were increased by 15# in TaG Masters. Ted Cradlebaugh responded we went with WKA and he does not know why it was raised that much. Mike Brown stated he highly recommends getting a 2013 WKA tech manual to look at the changes. Jean Stafford stated the only thing changes was weight on those two karts. Cradlebaugh explained we will run OVKA weights in TaG Senior and WKA weights in TaG Masters. Carlson Bogan said he is fine with the weights and changes can be made.

**OVKA BYLAWS:** Jean Stafford discussed a proposal he had submitted to the Board about discontinuing having the President vote except in cases of tied votes. He explained this would eliminate there being a tied vote and said a tied vote is a no vote and then gets put away for six months. Stafford noted the President used to vote in cases of ties only until the bylaws were changed

in 2011. Gary Gregg made a motion to adopt Jean Stafford's suggestion to change to the bylaws that the President votes only in cases of tied votes. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. McKibben asked for input from past Presidents, Rick Coombs and Max Viney. Coombs recalled this happened only once during his time as OVKA President and Viney said it did not happen at all to him. The motion failed with six in favor, five opposed and one abstained (roll call: Coombs-no, Cradlebaugh-abstained, Gregg-yes, Landes-no, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Stafford-yes, Viney-yes, Wagar-no, Benson-yes, Boles-no, Brown-no). Cradlebaugh explained the motion failed because a two-thirds majority vote is needed to change the by-laws.

**2013 OFFICERS:** Ted Cradlebaugh reviewed officer nominations from last month:

- President – Ted Cradlebaugh;
- Vice-President – Ray McKibben and Randy Landes;
- Secretary – Lynda Coombs;
- Treasurer – Jason Gregg.

Jean Stafford inquired about nominations taking place at the general membership meeting. Heather Cradlebaugh responded if any member is interested in being an officer, they should be showing up at meetings. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed nomination procedures and how a smaller percentage of people conduct the business of the club and the rest prefer to come race.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Mike Brown introduced Mick McNutt who might be seen around at the track.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made at 10:00 p.m. by Don Boles, seconded by Josh Wagar, and passed unanimously.

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

- 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 26, 2013, Indianapolis State Fairgrounds
- OVKA Swap Meet – Saturday, February 2, 2012, Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 5, 2013, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH (east side of I-75)

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

- Doug Benson – Continue coordination of OVKA Swap Meet.
- Lynda Coombs – Email Dan Stowell regarding driver remaining in Junior class, 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 – Check into portable lighting and heaters for the Swap Meet.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, R. Brown, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, R. Harris, K. Kuethe, M. McNutt and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/27/13.