

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013**

**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 and respect be given to the person who has the floor.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the March 5, 2013 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Jean Stafford and passed unanimously. Coombs explained following legal guidance, changes have been made to the 2013 OVKA membership application and entry form. Anyone who has already submitted a 2013 membership application will need to complete a new one. Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$319.50 for the March 14, 2013 invoice from the Frost, Brown Todd law firm. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS:** Mike Brown reported the Piqua Show was outstanding and the Racing4Vets organization had a display. Brown explained he went around the community gathering pens, notepads, magnets, balloons and coupons that he gave away at the show. Ted Cradlebaugh read a letter from DARF thanking OVKA for its generosity and support. He reported Randy Landes and Rick and Lynda Coombs attended DARF Promoter's Night. Lynda Coombs noted the OVKA pens were a good promotional item at this event. Cradlebaugh said OVKA is now listed on the ActiveDayton.com web site, which is free. For a fee, the Swap Meet flyer can be posted. Ray McKibben recommended advertising both the Swap Meet and Champ Race. Josh Wagar said he could not find a similar web site for Cincinnati and if anyone finds one, please let him know. Cradlebaugh explained there will not be an OVKA display at the Lang Show this year.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reported registrations for pit spots and sponsorships are running a little behind. He said there might be a couple of new sponsors coming on board. Ted Cradlebaugh asked that everyone promote sponsorship and pit spots.

**SWAP MEET:** Ted Cradlebaugh stated the contract with Hara Arena has been signed and received back. He discussed the importance of the Swap Meet and said we need to be advertising all year. Ray McKibben reported Doug Benson still has some yard signs that can be used to promote OVKA. Cradlebaugh said the yard signs are effective, not that expensive and more could be purchased. McKibben stated he thinks Swap Meet attendance will increase due to the new location.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported restroom improvements will be finished up by Thursday. Gary Gregg said what he has seen so far looks nice. Cradlebaugh explained it turns out the hot water heater is only 1 ½ to 2 years old and does not need to be replaced. He reported the track and deck sealing have been done and it was a great job. Mike Brown asked what is going to be done about the turtles. Cradlebaugh responded he thinks some of them need to be ground down. McKibben offered to obtain a grinder and said the turtle can be shaped however wanted. Gary Gregg said he sees the turtles as an automatic flagman; you do it once, you won't do it again. Brown responded it's other people putting him into the turtles and there are a minimum of four turtles he believes to be a hazard. Rick Coombs said they can be ground

down to address Brown's safety concern. Dylan Cradlebaugh stated he likes the turtles at Beaver Run. Ted Cradlebaugh said we need to go out on the track and look to determine what needs to be done. Brown volunteered to grind the turtles if McKibben can get the machine this weekend. Cradlebaugh said we need to take a look at it first and need to wait another week. McKibben inquired if anything is going to be done to improve the public address system. Cradlebaugh said it did not seem too bad but it does hum. Gregg said a new FM antenna could be purchased for less than \$300 and he will work on the humming. McKibben offered to check into a replacement antenna.

**RULE BOOK COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar discussed Jean Stafford's concerns about listing dates of changes in the rulebook. Lynda Coombs said a bulleted list could be created as a supplement. Stafford said the general membership needs to know when rules get changed and WKA includes a symbol. He offered to compile the information. Randy Landes said he wants to reinforce that everyone needs to read the rulebook. Wagar explained there is a change for the Clone 420cc engines regarding the cylinder head, specifically, a maximum of .100 may be milled off the head to increase compression. Ted Cradlebaugh was asked if the Clone 420s could be allowed to run 93-octane gas. Jean Stafford said 87-octane has been requested for the Yamaha engines and we chose not to. Mike Brown explained WKA has engines running the same fuel being proposed and a station will need to be identified for Gold Cup. He said one station and one pump will need to be picked. Carlson Bogan stated 110-octane is not going to hurt and we should have control of that at the track. Rick Coombs said when a tanker comes with new fuel it may be different. Gary Gregg suggested having Jeff Roberts purchase, store and sell the fuel. Cradlebaugh pointed out we have been trying to grow this class and fourteen engines have been built in Clone 420 Lite and Clone 420 Heavy. Additionally, four new 6 ½ horsepower engines will be coming. Stafford discussed the inequity in not giving other classes the same consideration. Gregg suggested leaving fuel open just for the Clone 420 classes. Cradlebaugh responded this year the rules require the use of 110 spec fuel and asked if consideration could be given to having a 55-gallon drum of fuel for them. Todd Cradlebaugh suggested having a drum of fuel and charging \$8.00, the same as Yamahas pay for their fuel. Wagar stated consensus of the rulebook committee was that if everybody else runs spec fuel, they should too. Stafford discussed the compression ratio and said that 110-octane would run better than 93-octane as 93-octane will hammer down the valves. Ted Cradlebaugh will follow up with Roberts about this. Dwight Newberry asked if Yamaha Lite can use 6.00 rear tires as well as 7.10, which would provide for running both Yamaha Lite and Yamaha Senior Supercan without having to buy extra wheels. Ted and Todd Cradlebaugh offered to supply Newberry with wheels.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**DRIVING SCHOOL/KARTING 101:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the need for volunteers to assist with the Driving School/Karting 101 event. He explained the format includes splitting into age groups to have instructional time and running a couple of heats in the afternoon. Cradlebaugh said he has received a lot of phone calls about the event including quite a few TaG drivers. Pricing will be the same as last year. Josh Wagar said if it rains, the class time will be free. Orie Cohen asked if pre-tech is done at this event to which Cradlebaugh responded it is. Don Boles discussed the importance of pre-tech as it helps racers get their karts ready.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**TRACK WORKERS:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported workers are in place for this season and reviewed the various positions. Cradlebaugh thanked Max Viney for his years of service providing technical support.

**CLEAN-UP DAY:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained Randy Landes will be in charge of clean-up day. Cradlebaugh has things set up and ready to go at the track. There are a number of banners and signs that need to be installed in addition to the other sprucing up items.

**RACING4VETS PROGRAM:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported John Vann may be moving so someone else will be filling his role.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**RACE DAY PROCEDURES:** Don Boles discussed the use of the black flag and how it makes people aware of infractions. Ted Cradlebaugh explained we do the best we can.

**HEADSETS:** Randy Landes inquired about the possibility of having one-ear headsets. Ted Cradlebaugh will look into it.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Josh Wagar, seconded by Randy Landes, made a motion at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn to executive session.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- Clean-Up Day, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 2013.
- Driving School/Karting 101, Saturday, April 13, 2013.
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2013, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH (east side of I-75).

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Ted Cradlebaugh – Follow up with Jeff Roberts about fuel for the Clone classes, look into one-ear headsets.
- Gary Gregg – Work on the PA system humming.
- Ray McKibben – Research FM antennas for the PA system.
- Jean Stafford – Compile information listing 2013 rulebook changes.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, R. Harris, G. Lutz, V. Oatts and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/21/13.