

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: 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.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs, seconded by Jean Stafford, made a motion to accept the April 2, 2013 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously. Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$1,562 for legal fees. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (McKibben).

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances. Gary Gregg reported payment for the restroom improvements has been made.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported Rick Harris has offered booth space at a car show being held this Sunday at Smith Park in Middletown. Orie Cohen said this is a good opportunity for OVKA as it is a big show. Cohen, along with Ted and Todd Cradlebaugh, offered to staff the booth. Participation credits will be provided. Lynda Coombs will see that promotional materials are ready. Don Boles thanked Cohen and the Cradlebaughs for their willingness to step up to cover this event. Coombs discussed the promotional opportunities that exist in the warmer months, such as car shows and community events, and said anyone who would like materials can let her know. Lee McCready presented an application for the Lebanon Blues Festival being held Saturday, August 3, 2013. He suggested having two booth spaces with electric to which Ted Cradlebaugh agreed. McCready noted the OVKA sponsorship web page looks good. He said there continue to be sponsorship opportunities, billboard space and pit spots available. McCready explained we continue to be a little short on selling reserved pit spots in order to cover the cost of ambulance expenses.

SWAP MEET: Gary Gregg discussed having advertising in National Kart News. Jean Stafford inquired if previous vendors are being notified about the change in location to which Ted Cradlebaugh responded they were told at the last Swap Meet. Cradlebaugh will check into having an ad on Margay's web site. Doug Benson said we may want to spend more on advertising for the next Swap Meet. Ray McKibben noted there is the Oakwood Times and Cradlebaugh said Germantown has the Gazette. Gregg inquired if the same printing company will be used. Benson responded affirmatively and said Gary Osterholt will be helping with the design. Todd Cradlebaugh reported Hara Arena will be advertising a month ahead of time. Benson discussed security options.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

- **TRACK PATCHING/SEALING:** Ted Cradlebaugh said the track patching was great. There are some areas that are cracking and he suggests these be sealed. Ray McKibben responded it needs to be addressed sooner than later and Gary Gregg stated it takes a couple of days to dry. Gregg said three to five people will be needed and he will obtain pricing for the sealer.
- **RESTROOMS:** Cradlebaugh reported email communications have been received regarding concerns about the men's restroom. Pat Slattery said he likes the job that was done but does

not like that it went from two urinals to one and it was placed too high. Cradlebaugh responded it was decided this way to provide space for two showers by reducing the number of urinals to one. He further stated there is a portable restroom nearby. Slattery noted there is not a light in the portable restroom and Cradlebaugh said he will install one. Gregg discussed changing to a trough system and offered to check into this. Todd Cradlebaugh responded we wanted to avoid a trough. McKibben said the original urinal was too high and that's a \$20 to \$30 fix. He asked who is going to clean around the pallet that has been installed and expressed concern about the odor. McKibben said he did not agree to only one urinal and recommends a trough be put in. Jean Stafford stated 29 CFR 1910 (Code of Federal Regulations) requires a certain number of restrooms. Ted Cradlebaugh asked Lynda Coombs to read the email communications. Cradlebaugh noted McKibben and Slattery emailed complaints. Stafford reported Shelley Gregg also has concerns. Don Boles said there should not be any steps and suggested lowering the height of the urinal. Cradlebaugh asked Gregg if he wants to tear the wall down to which Gregg said we can have the guy take a look at it. Jeff Roberts said if there is enough room for a trough why not put in two urinals. Cradlebaugh reported the sink in the women's restroom appeared to have been leaned on resulting in pulling from the wall. He and Todd Cradlebaugh repaired it on Monday. Ted Cradlebaugh said the members are not taking care of the restrooms and they are in need of cleaning during the race day. He made a motion for Marlene Cook to clean both restrooms for \$30 plus gate fee per day. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with nine in favor, two opposed and one abstained (roll call: Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-no, McCready-yes, McKibben-no, Slattery-yes, Stafford-yes, Wagar-yes, Benson-yes, Boles-abstained). Cradlebaugh said this will really help Shelley and Marlene will make sure the restrooms are clean at the end of the day. He said signs need to be installed about keeping the restrooms clean.

RULE BOOK COMMITTEE:

- **RULE BOOK CHANGES:** In follow up to last month's discussion, Josh Wagar said we all were to think about Jean's Stafford's suggestion to provide a list of rule changes. Stafford responded he put together two pages of areas of the rulebook that had been changed then received static from the present Tech Director. He said you're the Tech Director, post it or not. It died out there. Stafford said the karters should know what changes are made. Cradlebaugh stated the information should be on the web site, as well as printed copies. Once the synopsis is finalized, Lynda Coombs will print copies. Wagar thanked Stafford for all of the work he put into this and said a format needs to be determined. Stafford said he prefers triangles next to changes. Gary Gregg said for this year, provide a glossary of changes. Cradlebaugh and Randy Landes discussed the importance of racers reading the rulebook and how easy it is to forget things. Cradlebaugh will send an email to finalize this.
- **TaG WEIGHTS:** Don Boles inquired about possible weight changes for some of the TaG engines due to WKA weights being different. Stafford responded he does not see any reason to change and suggested looking at Racelaps. Gary Gregg said a five-pound weight change is not going to make a whole lot of difference. Carlson Bogan discussed how racers come to him wanting competitors to add weight. Dylan Cradlebaugh reported a Leopard engine running nose-to-tail with his Rok engine and how you have to wait for competitors to make a mistake. Ted Cradlebaugh asked why a TaG racer is required to put more weight on than WKA requires. Stafford responded we kept TaG USA weights rather than WKA. Ted Cradlebaugh said we have to look at that racer's perspective questioning why he has to add ten pounds

when others are five pounds over and five pounds lighter. Gregg said he would like Bogan and Stafford to continue keeping an eye on this class. Bogan explained he and Stafford meet with the TaG drivers and they vote unanimously. Cradlebaugh asked that a meeting be held at the next race to discuss weights and he will attend.

- **CLONE CALSSES:** Cradlebaugh reported the Clone 420 class had the wrong weight and it should be 400 pounds. He said he is waiting for specifications from Jeff Roberts. Roberts responded a meeting was held Saturday evening and we just want convenience by having 93-octane fuel to sell so there will be two fuel techs. He said he tried Turbo Blue and had two spark plugs foul out. Ted Cradlebaugh responded board members have said that is not fair to everybody. Pat Slattery said an easy way would be to wait until we run out of 100-octane fuel then get Shell to provide 93-octane. Boles said alot of our engines need a higher octane. Ray McKibben discussed how it used to be that fuel would last all year long but with all the EPA stuff, it gums up carburetors. He expressed concern about the ethanol and oxygenators that are put in fuel. Roberts reported he had three-quarters of a tank from last year that ran fine. Gregg asked Roberts if he would be willing to bring 55-gallon drums of fuel to the track to which Roberts said he would. Stafford asked if they are a points class and Robert responded yes. Todd Cradlebaugh stated it is about the money. Roberts responded absolutely and explained the big selling point for our class is you do not have to buy expensive fuel. He said they ran three fuels this past race. Boles said he is concerned when it gets hot because 93-octane fuel has alcohol in it. Ted Cradlebaugh responded there are longevity issues. Roberts reported he talked with an engine builder at TS Racing regarding 85-octane fuel and it is not worth it. Rick Coombs stated way back when the reason we went to spec fuel was it was easier for the tech guys to tech it, as even the same brand at different stations do not tech the same. Roberts responded that is why there needs to be two options. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested waiting until we run out of 110 then go to 93-octane. Orie Cohen said if he has to buy \$8.00 per gallon fuel, he does not know why they get to be excluded. Ted Cradlebaugh said he understands that Roberts is promoting four-cycle and did not read the rulebook; it's in there. Gary Gregg made a motion that Jeff Roberts bring 55-gallons from the same station all the time and sell it. Roberts asked if we can get another fuel tank to which Gregg said cost is about \$8,000. Cradlebaugh said he does not like having drums of fuel around and we need to stay with Sunoco 110 until we have a way to tech. Stafford asked if we really want to affect the entire membership and he told the board a long time ago that lower octane runs better. Stafford further stated he does not care what they run if it is not for points. Cradlebaugh said they are running for points and Stafford responded that is the problem. Doug Benson asked how much money Roberts is talking about saving per race day. Roberts said probably one to one-and-a-half gallons, probably \$6.00 to \$7.00 per race day. Benson noted that is about \$80 per year and a lot is being asked to save a little. Roberts explained he has four karts in his trailer and the class being built on 93-octane is just a selling point. Cradlebaugh pointed out they can run whatever fuel they want on practice days. Benson said he is amazed since when he came into the club, he went with what it was. Dylan Cradlebaugh inquired what fuel the Kid Karts run to which Ted Cradlebaugh explained only five gallons needs to be purchased from a station. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the classes going to one gas station so we can tech the fuel. Roberts said it looks like he will have to bring a 55-gallon drum since the Vets won't go there because they get their fuel paid. Coombs noted he is donating the fuel for two Vet entries per race. Ted Cradlebaugh said we are not having four different fuels. Luke Roberts said they will be in charge of the fuel. Stafford asked why they get points and Ted Cradlebaugh responded they are trying to sell the class and encourage entries. Stafford stated this organization is not built for an individual to sell motors. Josh Wagar discussed how two or three years ago we talked about people wanting to run different tires and that was

declined. Wagar said that he understands the \$80 savings over the year but that is a drop in the bucket over the entire season. He stated his dad talked with you guys and tried to get you to come to Rules Committee meetings. Virgil Oatts asked what New Castle runs. Roberts responded you don't have to buy fuel from them. Jeff Roberts made a motion he bring 93-octane fuel to the track for all Clone engines. A sample will be taken to the Tech Director at each race for base testing. The motion was seconded by Gary Gregg. Boles said all the Clone classes need to agree. Luke Roberts asked if the drum will be in the fuel area. Rick Coombs said it would need to be located there and explained the history with the State Fire Marshal. Coombs further stated they will need to have somebody dispense it. Gregg said a manual pump will be used. Slattery asked how much fuel will be used every week. Jeff Roberts said one to one-and-a-half gallons times twenty karts. Wagar noted they will have to refill it every week. Ted Cradlebaugh said it might be better to haul five-gallon containers. Gregg said 55-gallon drums do not have to have a permit. He further stated when they get teched, they will have to declare which fuel they are using. Cradlebaugh responded all Clones will have to use the same fuel. Roberts said he will bring five or six gallon cans and sell it for \$4.00 per gallon if he can get it for under that. Stafford said you are potentially setting up cheating and discussed this being unfair. Gregg stated we've got to keep these guys coming and Cradlebaugh said the goal is they are not here to cheat. Lee McCready discussed how he was told three weeks in a row to suck it up and now we are going to make an exception. Ken Kuethe said for him, it's other racers having to pay \$8.00 for fuel. Ted Cradlebaugh responded it is part of the package and we haven't grown any class as much as this group. Todd Cradlebaugh said it is marketing for the class. Ted Cradlebaugh asked Jeff Roberts if he realizes being fuel guy is a lot of work. Robert said he does. Randy Landes reported per Tim Osgood, who builds Animal engines, WKA designates a gas pump and they use strictly 87-octane. Roberts responded that is basically the same thing we are doing just making it easier for the racers. He said he will purchase it at a nearby station in case thirty karts come so he can go buy more. The matter was voted on and failed with seven opposed, three in favor and two abstained (roll call: Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-no, McCready-no, McKibben-no, Slattery-no, Stafford-no, Wagar-no, Benson-no, Boles-abstained, Coombs-abstained). Jeff Roberts said you wonder why you run people off then he and Luke Roberts left the meeting. Benson noted when decisions don't go people's way, this happens. Ted Cradlebaugh responded we told them to build the class and he does not know why we did this. Wagar noted Kid Karts were forced to run a spec tire. Slattery stated he voted no as he does not want this to be special interest since he wants 93-octane for everybody. Slattery further stated TaG has all these special rules. Gregg said with 93 or 87-octane, it is easier to cheat. He thinks the board should reconsider this decision. Ted Cradlebaugh explained someone on the prevailing side can re-introduce the matter at the next board meeting. Landes said before a fuel change is made, the membership needs to be addressed. He further stated he does not know if 93-octane would be consistent. Bogan said this would allow additives to be consistent.

NEW BUSINESS:

PLAQUE: Josh Wagar would like to update the Hall of Fame plaque on the tower building to include Carlson Bogan and Lynda Coombs. He obtained pricing of \$2.00 per square inch plus .50¢ per plate. Wagar will get the measurements and order the plates.

LIFETIME MEMBERS & HALL OF FAME CRITERIA: Josh Wagar said he reviewed the list of Hall of Fame and Lifetime Members provided by Lynda Coombs. He found Lifetime Members were typically done annually from the early 1980's until the early 2000's. Wagar thinks this should be continued on

a consistent basis and he is willing to coordinate this effort. He would like the board to review the criteria for these awards as he feels it needs to be revised.

WORKER SHIRTS: Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to appropriate \$637.23 for worker shirts. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Ray McKibben said this seems to be expensive. Pat Slattery asked if the amount included embroidery to which Coombs said yes.

TRANSPONDERS: Lynda Coombs reported rental transponders have been totally depleted at two races and loaners had to be located through the membership. Pat Slattery offered to loan a couple as needed. Coombs would like to compile a list of persons who have loaners available when the need arises. Slattery suggested placing a note on the OVKA classified area that we are looking for used transponders.

NON-POINTS CLASSES AT RAINOUTS: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the Kid Kart, Sportsman Novice and Senior Novice Yamaha classes, all of which are non-points classes, not getting anything for their entry fee at rainouts. He noted other classes receive points in the event of rainouts. Cradlebaugh pointed out they have the option of not entering if rain is anticipated. Lynda Coombs said they do receive participation credit for entering when there is a rainout. She further stated in the past, many of them have waited until the last minute to enter if rain was a possibility. Pat Slattery suggested they be given a rain check. Rick Coombs asked about non-members. Cradlebaugh said he took it upon himself to give Circleville racers a return entry. Ray McKibben inquired about entrants who are not in the points. Cradlebaugh said we should leave the policy as it is. Josh Wagar suggested the matter be added to rules considerations for next season. Lynda Coombs asked that announcements be made encouraging non-points racers to wait until the last minute if a rainout is a possibility.

OLD BUSINESS:

PA SYSTEM: Ray McKibben reported he has been working on the PA feedback issues. With the guidance of Tom Melton, McKibben checked with Gary Gregg as to whether there are earth grounds, which there are not. Gregg is going to install a couple of earth grounds and Melton will assist in dialing in the PA. Additionally, McKibben said Ron Gordon will see if he can obtain some shielded wire. Re-stringing will be done if needed.

VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION: Ted Cradlebaugh reported the Vintage Karting Association will have a three-day event at G & J Kartway beginning this Thursday. Weather permitting, John Deis will provide the meal Friday evening.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

BILLBOARD: Gary Gregg inquired who has the graphics that were on the billboard. Lynda Coombs responded the company from which billboard space was rented said they would hold on to the graphics in case we would like to use them in the future. She is not sure how long they keep the graphics.

PAST DISCIPLINARY ACTION: Pat Slattery said he would like leniency shown for Dakota Pesek to allow him to race after working four events. He said leniency has been shown to others. Ted Cradlebaugh said he respects what Pesek is doing but he does not think we need to do that.

FUEL TESTING: Jean Stafford asked if the board wants to spend around \$100 to conduct fuel tests. He explained the reagents cost \$50 per bottle and two different types are needed. Rick Coombs stated this has been done in the past and to his knowledge, WKA does not do this type of testing. Gary Gregg asked what Stafford and Carlson Bogan think about this. Both Bogan and Stafford said they do not think it needs to be done.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Jean Stafford at 9:58 p.m., seconded by Ray McKibben, and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2013, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH (east side of I-75).

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Orié Cohen - Staff OVKA booth at Smith Park car show on Sunday, May 12, 2013.
- Lynda Coombs - Prepare promotional materials for Smith Park car show.
- Ted Cradlebaugh - Staff OVKA booth at Smith Park car show on Sunday, May 12, 2013, check with Keith Freber about having advertising the Swap Meet on Margay's web site, install light in portable restroom, send email to finalize 2013 rulebook summary of changes.
- Todd Cradlebaugh - Staff OVKA booth at Smith Park car show on Sunday, May 12, 2013.
- Gary Gregg - Obtain pricing for track sealer, install earth grounds on the tower building.
- Josh Wagar - Update Hall of Fame plaque on tower building.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 5/22/13.