

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President, Randy Landes, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and conversations other than what is going on here be taken outside. Landes instructed to make points of discussion brief and to the point.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs, seconded by Jean Stafford, made a motion to accept the June 4, 2013 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Randy Landes provided bank balances.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CHAMP RACE:** Lynda Coombs reported Carol Ann Krimmer has volunteered to coordinate the games at the Champ Race. One or two people are needed to coordinate setup and cleanup for the meal and install and remove decorations. Ray McKibben offered to make sure cleanup gets done. Josh Wagar will put a request for volunteers on Facebook. Additionally, he will coordinate a mechanics and powder puff race and check into a DJ. Gary Gregg reported trophies have been delivered. Coombs responded she forwarded the invoice to the Greggs via email. She asked if a bounce house and dunk tank are wanted and if so, someone will need to make the arrangements. McKibben discussed liability concerns regarding a bounce house and said as a board member and club member, he does not want to put himself in that position. He explained if a dunk tank is wanted, someone will need to pick it up in West Chester by 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. and return it the following Monday or Tuesday. Wagar will see if he can locate someone to help with this and get back with McKibben tomorrow. Don Boles will check into large tricycles. Pat Slattery inquired about having a Texas Holdem game to raise money to which Wagar said he will think about it. McKibben asked why last place jackets are no longer given out. Wagar explained they are no longer gifted to us by Dunlop. Rick Coombs asked if arrangements were made for John Deis to provide the meal. Randy Landes responded that is his understanding. Ken Kuethe discussed the Champ Race configuration noting he thought it was changed from A configuration at a previous board meeting. Lynda Coombs will review previous board meeting minutes. Kuethe asked that notification be posted on the web site.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Lynda Coombs reported Don Boles, Marlene Cook and Ray McKibben have volunteered to assist Rick and herself at the Lebanon Blues Festival on Saturday, August 3, 2013. Lee McCready said the Shriner's will be selling breakfast. McKibben discussed how having a kid kart on display draws a lot of attention at shows and it would be good if we could find an old one that could be rehabbed. Lynda Coombs said she would like the club to have access to a kid kart for shows but questions expending funds for this. McKibben will research used kid karts.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reported ten reserved pit spots are available. Randy Landes asked if we are at the breakeven point for covering EMS expenses. McCready responded we are one to one-and-a-half pit spots shy and there are a couple of people interested in doing a late reservation. Don Boles asked if spots can be reserved by the day to which McCready responded absolutely. Boles stated if enough daily pit spots are sold, that may make up the difference.

**SWAP MEET:** Ray McKibben reported that per Doug Benson, the contract is in place and table arrangements are being worked out. Gary Gregg explained Jeff Morningstar is trying to get National Kart News to sponsor again.

#### **TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE / REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:**

- **PA SYSTEM:** Gary Gregg reported he will be checking the PA speakers tomorrow in preparation for the Gold Cup. Ray McKibben thanked Tom Melton for adjusting the amplification and CM Jenkins for helping install two grounding rods. Melton suggested purchasing heavy microphone cords. McKibben said everything is up and running, including the FM system, cordless microphone and regular microphone. Randy Landes noted how Heather Cradlebaugh sounded like professional radio through the FM system at New Castle.
- **RESTROOMS:** Gary Gregg said he would like to see another urinal or trough installed in the men's restroom as people think it is not good the way it is. Randy Landes agreed it is not good and said something needs to be figured out.
- **LIGHTS:** Gary Gregg explained there is only 200-amp service for the track lights. He said an existing light needs to be fixed in turn two. Ray McKibben reported Ted Cradlebaugh is concerned with getting more light in turns three and four. Pat Slattery will check with Drew Young.
- **PAVILION LIGHTS:** Gary Gregg reported the lights under the pavilion have been fixed. He noted the compact fluorescent are brighter. Ray McKibben thanked Dan Pierson for helping with this.
- **OUTDOOR TELEVISION MONITOR STAND:** Ray McKibben thanked CM Jenkins for assisting with installation of a pole for the outdoor television monitor. McKibben explained Todd Cradlebaugh will obtain PVC tubing, which will be run along the fence rail making it easier to service than burying it in the ground.

#### **RULE BOOK COMMITTEE:**

- **RULE BOOK CHANGES:** Josh Wagar explained the wait for the list of 2013 rulebook changes is pending the Clone 420 rules. Randy Landes inquired about rulebook pricing if black and white photos are included. Wagar will obtain pricing. Lynda Coombs was directed to proceed with publishing the 2013 rulebook synopsis on the web site and in printed form without the Clone 420 rules.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Ray McKibben explained Ellen Fronk will have photos for sale both days at the Champ Race. McKibben has lined up a photographer with thirty-five years experience who will be working with her.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**CLONE 420 CLASSES:** Randy Landes explained there will be discussion only about the Clone 420 classes with no action this evening. He said Jean Stafford has been trying to get proper information for this engine and there is a pretty wide variance between what he is seeing and what information he had. Stafford said he agrees with publishing the 2013 rulebook changes without the Clone rules. He stated we do not have a stock class, we have a modified class and anything we do now to bring it back to stock will throw people out. Stafford discussed some of the many discrepancies he is seeing, including valves, flywheels, tappets and lifters. Josh Wagar asked if there is any way to make it builder prepared. Stafford responded if we make it builder modified the cost will go up and we will lose people. Don Boles asked why Stafford doesn't go through the engine and come up with specs. Stafford responded he has been but the measurements are significantly different. Ray Brown said that basically, everything that has been given to us is wrong and the specs are off a stock engine. Gary Gregg stated we need to not kick anybody out. Stafford responded the numbers he has been given are not anywhere close and don't match stock. Brown said he has an extra engine that can be measured. Stafford said we don't know what legal is and the only way we can find out is to take some of them down that are running. Brown said he does not mind having his and his wife's engines measured. He noted he has seen three different looking carburetors on the engines. Stafford discussed the costs of some of the parts and said it was not supposed to be this way. Landes said safety has to be talked about and at some point, we have to mandate billet flywheels. Stafford responded they will have to be made then as they are not made. Boles stated he does not see the flywheel as an issue as long as it is kept stock. Landes noted this whole thing started because they wanted to be a points class.

**EXHAUST FANS:** Randy Landes reported Ted Cradlebaugh has been working on obtaining exhaust fans for installation under the pavilion.

## **WKA GOLD CUP / MONEY RACE AT G & J KARTYWAY / GREAT LAKSES SPRINT SERIES:**

Randy Landes reported Mike Brown will be the race official for the Gold Cup this coming weekend. Josh Wagar said he talked with Brown and workers are lined up. Ray McKibben stated fireworks will take place at the campground Thursday evening and a money race and cookout will be held at the track Friday evening. Landes said Brown would like to have the OVKA booth staffed at Gold Cup. Don Boles discussed divisional transfer races at different tracks may possibly replace the Great Lakes Sprint Series. Gary Gregg reported Ted Cradlebaugh would like OVKA to subsidize OVKA racers participating in the Great Lakes Sprint Series. Ken Kuethe explained Cradlebaugh talked with Kevin Harter and Great Lakes will give a discount of half off for the second day for any OVKA member. Details still need to be worked out for the event which is the weekend following the Champ Race.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**TaG WEIGHTS:** Jean Stafford explained he and Carlson Bogan had been watching the TaG classes and there appeared to be a small advantage with the Vortex ROK motor. A decision was made to let the racers determine whether to run WKA weights with everyone agreeing to do so. These weights

will go into effect starting at the Champ Race. Lynda Coombs will forward a list provided by Stafford to Gary Osterholt for publication on the web site.

**NEW CASTLE:** Randy Landes asked what people thought about the chicane at New Castle. Don Boles and Ray Brown responded they liked it. Boles reported they wanted to see if it would break the draft and it did. Ken Kuethe noted the draft was not there.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Don Boles at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Randy Landes, and passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- WKA Gold Cup – Friday through Sunday, July 5-7, 2013, G & J Kartway.
- OVKA Champ Race – Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14, 2013, G & J Kartway.
- Great Lakes Sprint Series – Friday through Sunday, July 19-21, 2013, G & J Kartway
- Lebanon Blues Festival, Saturday, August 3, 2013, Lebanon, OH.
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2013, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH (east side of I-75).

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Don Boles – Check into large tricycles for the Champ Race, assist with Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Marlene Cook – Assist with Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Lynda Coombs – Review previous board meeting minutes about the Champ Race configuration, coordinate Lebanon Blues Festival, send 2013 rulebook synopsis to Gary Osterholt for publication on the website and have printed copies made, email revised TaG weights to Gary Osterholt for publication on the web site.
- Rick Coombs – Coordinate Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Ray McKibben – Oversee cleanup at the Champ Race, research used kid karts for shows, assist with Lebanon Blues Festival
- Pat Slattery – Check with Drew Young about track lighting.
- Josh Wagar – Put a notice on Facebook asking for volunteers to assist with the Champ Race; coordinate a mechanics and powder puff race at the Champ Race, check into a DJ for the Champ Race, get with McKibben regarding arrangements for a dunk tank for the Champ Race, obtain pricing for rule book with black and white photos.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, R. Brown, M. Cook, L. Coombs, G. Lutz, V. Oatts, and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 7/15/13.