

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and to show respect for who is talking.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs, seconded by Ray McKibben, made a motion to accept the August 6, 2013 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided August bank balances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Lynda Coombs reported an application has been received for the Indy Circle Track Show on Saturday, January 25, 2013. Cost for booth space and electric is \$80.00 Ted Cradlebaugh said to go ahead and submit it.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Don Boles said there are people parking in reserved pit spots and not paying for it. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he has told people if they are asked to move because they are in a reserved spot, they will need to do so.

SWAP MEET: Ray McKibben inquired about purchasing yard signs for the 2014 Swap Meet. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he can approve up to \$300 and wants to wait until a couple of months before the event to start displaying them. Cradlebaugh said he would like to provide Derek Hughes with a gate pass and entry for three races for the website work he is doing. Consensus of the board was in favor of this.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

- **TRACK SEALING:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the need to patch and seal the track. He suggested having the previous person Gary Gregg used to patch it then we will seal it. Ray McKibben offered to provide an air compressor. Cradlebaugh said the track will need to be closed when this takes place and a date will need to be determined. Cradlebaugh will get with Gregg about track repairs.
- **PA SYSTEM:** Ray McKibben reported he and Tom Melton spent two days working on the PA system. It was determined the wireless microphone was faulty. Gary Gregg, who owns the microphones, asked McKibben to purchase a new one. Some sections of wire were replaced and volunteers will be needed to finish this. McKibben thanked Randy Landes, Don Boles, Tom Melton and Cooper Kuethe for their help.
- **RESTROOMS:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported there was a sewer issue Saturday evening, which Gary Gregg addressed. Mike Brown asked Marlene Cook to explain the condition of the restrooms. Cook, who maintains the restrooms for OVKA races at G & J, reported it appeared there was deliberate destruction in the men's restroom and it was not the first time. Cradlebaugh discussed locking the restrooms at times other than race days to which Brown

agreed Don Boles stated the porta-johns could be used during those times. Cradlebaugh said this is upsetting, as it was the member's money that went into fixing the restrooms. Cradlebaugh will follow up with Gregg about this. Pat Slattery suggested mentioning this at driver's meetings.

- **EXHAUST FANS:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed finding a way to hang exhaust fans under the pavilion. Ray McKibben will provide a demo fan for Cradlebaugh to look at before any are purchased. Pat Slattery offered to provide a smaller carpet fan that can be tried.

RULE BOOK COMMITTEE: Lynda Coombs discussed the need to form a committee for the 2014 OVKA rulebook. Carlson Bogan, Ray Brown, Rick Coombs, Ted Cradlebaugh, Ken Kuethe, Ray McKibben, Pat Slattery and Jean Stafford will serve on the committee with Lynda Coombs providing clerical support. Cradlebaugh said one more general member is needed which he will announce at the next race. Cradlebaugh said it should be up to the committee to establish the rules. Pat Slattery responded the board should look at it and have input.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCIPLINARY ACTION: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed actions of a driver at the last event and said he recommends probation for at least the rest of the year. Mike Brown made a motion to issue a disqualification for the day if the karter drove over the scales. He discussed the damage that can be done to the scales when this happens. Lynda Coombs read a portion of rule 1004 pertaining to disciplinary action. Following discussion, Brown tabled the motion until next month pending the driver being notified disciplinary action is being recommended. Cradlebaugh will discuss not driving over the scales at the driver's meeting.

LIGHTS: Pat Slattery asked if the lights can be positioned away from the spectators. Ted Cradlebaugh agreed to look into it. Rick Coombs inquired about compensating Gary Gregg for having the lights picked up and returned. Cradlebaugh explained Herman Tholen had done this for us previously. Ray McKibben said it is a good gesture to compensate Gregg for his fuel cost. Cradlebaugh explained renting lights costs the club at least \$300. Slattery asked if we are going to have lights for the next race. McKibben offered to make some calls. Slattery asked that McKibben see if they can deliver. Cradlebaugh discussed obtaining pricing through Tholen for purchasing lights. Mike Brown explained the lights obtained from Circleville will not run with the existing service. Slattery responded Drew Young offered to help with this. Cradlebaugh said people like night races and he will follow up with Tholen and Vandalia Rental if needed. He will also thank Gregg for his assistance.

CORNER WORKERS: Pat Slattery suggested there be a couple more corner workers now that we are getting bigger classes as he thinks calls are not being made. Ted Cradlebaugh responded adding at least one person when we run the big track with 15 to 20 karts in a class could help. Ken Kuethe discussed concerns expressed by his son about incidents in turn three. Cradlebaugh noted that calls are being made, as people have gotten mad when this happens.

SCALE AREA: Pat Slattery stated it seems like nobody is in charge at the scale. Ted Cradlebaugh responded there is a young lady there. Mike Brown said the young lady can notify him as he is not

much closer than Slattery is to the scale. Brown further stated never has he responded to an issue at the scale that he hasn't seen a board member standing there. Cradlebaugh discussed 15-year-olds racing with 18-year-olds and the 18-year-olds can't talk to the minor drivers about running the wrong line. Rick Coombs said track officials need to have a parent present when talking with minor drivers. Cradlebaugh said if any board member is afraid to address a matter, they should call him. Slattery asked if board members are authorized to address issues to which Cradlebaugh responded, "Absolutely." Ray McKibben said if board members see something, they need to get a radio and contact the Race Director. Cradlebaugh discussed bringing this up in driver's meetings and the parents needing to teach their children too.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRANSPONDERS: Lynda Coombs provided information from Mylaps Sports Timing about transponder options. She explained a flex transponder is offered on an annual lease. Don Boles suggested purchasing transponders for prizes at the banquet. Rick Coombs responded that would be a prize in the 100% participation level. Lynda needs to find out pricing for a smaller quantity than what was provided on the proposal. Virgil Oatts asked if a rental transponder can be used in two classes. Lynda responded it can and would need to be switched back and forth.

KID KART PURCHASE: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed looking into the club buying a used kid kart. He suggested talking with families of kid kart drivers to see if any of them are moving up and want to sell their kart. Pat Slattery suggested getting one with a motor so potential kid karters can try it out.

TIRE CONTRACT: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he talked with Keith Freber about the tire sponsorship package. Cradlebaugh said he would like to stay in line with WKA as it helps racers who participate in that series. He and Pat Slattery talked about challenges the TaG racers encounter with their tires. Slattery said it's improved but they slide so much. Cradlebaugh noted they get two races out of a set of tires then lap times go down. Cradlebaugh will continue to work with Freber about sponsorship for next year.

RADIO HEADSETS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he purchased four headsets at a cost of \$360. The corner workers said they like them. Cradlebaugh is considering purchasing a double ear headset to try also.

CHARITY RACE: Ted Cradlebaugh will be asking for donations for the Charity Race and asked the board to seek donations as well. He asked that board members go to businesses in Camden to ask for their support. Cradlebaugh said the configuration is to be determined and will not be on the long track. There will be a minimum of 25 laps.

WI-FI BACKUP ROUTER & COMPUTER: Ray McKibben reported a backup router and new laptop have been purchased. He thanked Rick and Lynda Coombs for going to get these items. Mike Brown said he would like to link his computer to acquire the final finishes through the network and communicate disqualifications and cleared classes electronically. Lynda Coombs will ask the software provider about this.

TRACK CONTRACT: Ted Cradlebaugh reported a time needs to be scheduled to meet with the Greggs to discuss developing a contract.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

LAST RACE: Mike Brown discussed people lining up for pre-tech too early at the last race. Lynda Coombs said John Horn stepped in to conduct pre-tech since the line had already formed. Ted Cradlebaugh pointed out pre-tech was to have opened at 1:30 p.m. and a lot of racers were standing there early. Pat Slattery said it doesn't give him enough time to get through pre-tech and registration by 2:45 p.m. Lynda Coombs reported registration staff is going to have separate lines for people who do not need fuel receipts to see if this helps speed up the registration process. Cradlebaugh responded he does not start warm-ups until most people are registered.

TOWER: Ray McKibben asked if we can have Gary Gregg spray the tower to address animals getting into the cellulose around the wiring points of entry.

CIRCLEVILLE RACE: Ken Kuethe inquired if there is a motorcycle race the night before our event at Circleville. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he had not heard that.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Don Boles at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Mike Brown and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2013, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH (east side of I-75).
- OVKA Charity Race – Saturday, October 19, 2013, G & J Kartway.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Lynda Coombs – Obtain pricing for a smaller quantity of transponders, contact software provider about Mike Brown accessing the final finishes and communicating through the network.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Get with Gary Gregg about track repairs, follow up with Gary Gregg about locking the restrooms, discuss not driving over the scales at the driver's meeting, look into position of lights, follow up about lights for the next race, continue to work with Keith Freber regarding sponsorship.
- Ray McKibben – Provide air compressor when track sealing is done, purchase a wireless microphone for Gary Gregg, provide Ted Cradlebaugh with a demo fan.
- Pat Slattery – Provide Ted Cradlebaugh with a carpet fan.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Boles, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, R. McKibben, P. Slattery and J. Stafford.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, M. Cook, L. Coombs, T. Melton, V. Oatts and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 9/24/13.