

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. and asked that cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate. He explained the meeting will be brief this evening due to weather conditions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs explained the January minutes will need to be tabled until next month, as there is no quorum this evening.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs provided an accounting of the banquet and noted expenses came in under budget. He thanked everyone who helped with the banquet and extended appreciation to Lynda Coombs for all of the time she devoted for the event. Rick Coombs asked for feedback and whether to move forward with reserving the facility for next year. Ted Cradlebaugh responded we should absolutely lock in the date. He suggested we ask more tables be set up. Coombs explained the issue comes in when groups arrive and all want to sit together and tables may not be able to accommodate the entire group. He said tables can be set for ten instead of eight. Lynda Coombs thanked Josh Wagar and Ken Kuethe who picked up the trophies, which saved the cost of shipping. She also thanked Jacob Frommeyer for taking pictures at the banquet. Cradlebaugh said it was nice having the OVKA booth and kid kart displayed at the banquet so people could see them. Rick Coombs thanked Todd Cradlebaugh for taking care of this. Cradlebaugh extended thanks to Ron Gordon who is going to design a wrap for the kid kart.

SWAP MEET: Doug Benson reported there were tons of compliments about the new venue. He explained with it being a new location, there were a few issues, which will be straightened out for next year. Benson discussed looking at other options than armbands, as they are hard to see. He said he would like to cut down the need for 30 workers, which Lynda Coombs helped line up. Don Boles, Randy Landes and Ray McKibben discussed the locations where workers were in place. Benson reported there were less people through the door and the number of vendors was about the same. McKibben said vendors he spoke with were pleased with the layout and width of the aisles. Ted Cradlebaugh said that overall the event was a success to which Orie Cohen agreed. Cradlebaugh stated we will work on all of this for next year. Benson said he plans to spend more on advertising next year. He discussed whether to keep the event on the same Saturday. Boles responded it has been on the first Saturday for many years. Cradlebaugh said people know we are on that Saturday. Rick Coombs reported the club purchased an upright stand at the Swap Meet that will be used for shows. McKibben thanked Derek Hughes for helping promote the event online. Benson extended thanks to everyone who volunteered. He also thanked Ted Cradlebaugh for his support regarding moving the event to a new location. Cradlebaugh said Benson did a great job.

OVKA 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Ted Cradlebaugh reported meeting locations have been researched including restaurants and the movie theatre in Middletown. Consensus was to hold meetings at the movie theatre. Lynda Coombs will communicate with co-chairperson, Josh Wagar, to work on making arrangements and notifying committee members. Cradlebaugh reported we now have a banner commemorating the 50th anniversary of OVKA.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:

- Ted Cradlebaugh discussed how volunteers haul all of the show booth items around and discussed the club having a small trailer to use. He said there are questions about licensing and insurance for this.
- Lynda Coombs reported Don Boles and Rick Coombs spoke with vendors at the Indy Circle Track Show and learned most were aware of the location change for the Swap Meet. Lynda Coombs talked with non-vendors who were not aware of the new location. The show provides a great opportunity to pass out flyers about the Swap Meet, as well as the new schedule and class structure.
- Randy Landes will work on obtaining information about a show in Bellefontaine. He said it might be on the same weekend as the show at Piqua Mall.
- Ted Cradlebaugh explained Ray McKibben is working on updating videos to use at promotional events. McKibben provided Cradlebaugh with a contact who may be able to do aerial photography using a radio-controlled helicopter. Randy Landes responded he has experience with that and the results are amazing.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: No report.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh said the track clean-up day will be here before we know it on Saturday, March 29, 2014. Volunteers are needed from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

MARCH BOARD MEETING DATE: Ted Cradlebaugh reminded everyone the March board meeting will be on the **SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, MARCH 11, 2014.**

TRANSPONDERS: Lynda Coombs reported one used and one new transponder were purchased at the Swap Meet as previously agreed to by the board.

LIGHTS: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed going with the less costly route for lights. He said improvements will be in turns one, two and seven. Ray McKibben will check into light towers if needed for night races.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Ted Cradlebaugh said we miss Photo Jeff tremendously. Cradlebaugh is looking into options for track photographers.

RACE DIRECTOR & HEAD FLAGMAN: Ted Cradlebaugh asked that persons interested in serving as Race Director or Head Flagman to get in touch with him. Also, if you know of someone who is capable of filling either of these positions, please let Cradlebaugh know and he will contact them. A notice about this will be put on the OVKA website.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

OVKA FRIEND: Don Boles reported long-time OVKA friend, Gary “Rev” Vermillion, passed away last week. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Vermillion family.

SENIOR YAMAHA CLASSES: Doug Benson inquired if there is chance of going back to a can in the senior Yamaha classes. Ted Cradlebaugh explained the classes are still there and are listed as inactive classes. He further explained, last year the racers voted to go with the Y pipe and he thinks people are going to like it.

WELCOME: Ted Cradlebaugh welcomed new racer Russell May who was in attendance. May said he is interested in the Master Y Pipe class.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Ray McKibben at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2014, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH, 45005 (east side of I-75) **NOTE: THIS IS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**
- Race Cars and Future Stars Expo – Friday, March 28 through Sunday, March 30, 2014, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua, OH
- OVKA Track Clean-Up Day – Saturday, March 29, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., G & J Kartway, Camden, OH

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Randy Landes – Obtain information about a show in Bellefontaine.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Benson, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, R. Landes and R. McKibben.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: R. Brown, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, R. May and T. Melton.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 2/16/14.