

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate. He said there is a lot of business to cover this evening and asked that people do not talk while someone else is speaking.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the March 11, 2014 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**OVKA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Josh Wagar reported the second committee meeting was held two week ago. Discussion included purchasing pens to give out and water bottles to sell. Heather Cradlebaugh is working on a booklet for the Champ Race and will be selling ad space. Wagar explained a time capsule will be buried in the infield. Ted Cradlebaugh noted volunteers will be needed to help with anniversary activities throughout the season. Contact Wagar by phone or email to discuss how you can help and/or provide suggestions. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed having retro-style shirts for workers. Mike Brown made a motion to appropriate \$1,200 for retro-style worker shirts. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Brown asked if these shirts will be available for members to order. Cradlebaugh responded absolutely, through Liberty Sportswear. Lynda Coombs asked that anyone who is aware of media contacts, such as television, radio and newspaper to let us know. Aaron Banfield suggested contacting the sales and marketing manager at Full Throttle about possible contacts. Brown suggested having a backdrop for taking photos on race day. Cradlebaugh discussed billboard opportunities. Coombs explained the company Tom Melton suggested asked that we let them know a budget and they will try to work with us. Don Boles suggested we wrap some of Gary Gregg's semi trailers as moving billboards. Cradlebaugh responded Gregg has said he would allow this on the back of some of his trailers. Wagar said the next committee meeting is 7:00 p.m. this coming Thursday, April 3, 2014, at Danbarry Cinemas in Middletown. Everyone is encouraged to attend or let Wagar know your ideas.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:**

- Mike Brown thanked the volunteers who worked at the Piqua Show: Don Boles, Suzi Brown, Marlene Cook, Ron Gordon, Teresa Gordon and Randy Landes. Thank you also to Jeff Roberts for providing a kart. Brown reported the car count was down due to a lot of people racing.
- Mike Brown reported he was approached by the Ohio Valley Dwarf Car Association who would like to come race with us. Brown explained they will run a test day on the oval track with six to eight cars and get in touch with Ted Cradlebaugh. Cradlebaugh reported some four-cycle racers from Cridersville Speedway would like to race on the oval track. Rick Coombs said

something to consider with these additional classes would be the length of race day.

Cradlebaugh responded it would mean less laps or a longer day.

- Mike Brown said he would like to work with the OVKA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for a promotional event he is coordinating at Cross's Campground in Camden on May 17, 2014. Brown reported the Roberts family will be providing karts to display and Aaron Banfield will be donating T-shirts and other giveaways. Brown will set up the OVKA booth at this event.
- Ted Cradlebaugh thanked the volunteers, who along with himself, worked at the Tim's Motorsports Show at the Allen County Fairgrounds: Mike Brown, Suzi Brown and Randy Landes. Cradlebaugh reported it was a good show and said if one or two people join us, it is a hit.
- Lynda Coombs explained it will be necessary for someone to coordinate the Lebanon Blues Festival event on Saturday, August 2, 2014, as it will be the same weekend of the Vintage Karting Association race and the Commercial Point race. Don Boles and Jeff Calvert offered to help.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready noted today is the deadline for pit spots to be reserved from last season. He reported currently it looks like 50% of what is needed to fund the ambulance has been reserved. Ted Cradlebaugh said Todd and Dylan Cradlebaugh have volunteered to pump fuel this season and will be using the spot allotted for that. McCready will contact a potential sponsor provided by Randy Landes. Cradlebaugh discussed what a good deal sponsorship is.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ted Cradlebaugh thanked the 39 volunteers who came out to help at clean-up day. He reported in spite of cold, rainy weather, a lot was accomplished. Due to weather conditions that day, crash bags will be installed this coming Saturday, April 5, 2014, starting at 10:00 a.m. Cradlebaugh thanked Aaron Banfield, Brent Warren and Kyle McGaughey for installing computer wiring in the tower and tech barn. Lynda Coombs reported both front windows in the scoring are leaking. Todd Cradlebaugh offered to make drip edges and caulk the windows. Coombs discussed addressing ruts outside the tower. Ted Cradlebaugh said the infield also needs to be looked at.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs explained the OVKA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo will add approximately \$30 to the price of the champion and runner-up jackets due to additional stitching. Ted Cradlebaugh responded it will be well worth it. Josh Wagar said this is a once in a lifetime jacket.

**SWAP MEET:** Ted Cradlebaugh said Doug Benson did a great job with this year's Swap Meet and Benson will be coordinating the event next year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**REQUEST TO MOVE UP:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported a request has been received from Deborah and Mike Tumulty to allow Austin Tumulty to move up to the Yamaha Junior Class for the 2014 season even though he is not old enough. Cradlebaugh explained WKA has a provision whereby five or more OVKA board members can agree to allow the child to move to the junior class and provide a written statement to WKA that the board feels there are no safety issues and that the driver is capable

of racing with the juniors. Cradlebaugh said the board could add to that for the driver to start on the tail. He reported this driver has participated in Kid Karts, the Rookie Class and two years in the Sportsman Class and he is a good driver. Cradlebaugh explained he has received quite a few phone calls from parents with new junior-age drivers and it would be good to create a Junior Novice Class. Mike Brown suggested bringing this driver's power up to offset weight. Cradlebaugh responded the Sportsman drivers will be competing for jackets and could view this as unfair. Brown responded he feels this is a safer option and suggested asking engine builders how much more it would take to make him competitive. Don Boles recommended waiting to see if there are enough interested in a Junior Novice Class to which Rick Coombs agreed. Josh Wagar explained he has worked with this driver and thinks he will be fine moving up. Following further discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to allow Austin Tumulty to move up to the Yamaha Junior Class, which will take five board members to approve then submit to WKA for their approval. Austin will start on the tail for three races. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously. Orie Cohen stated he is glad to see the board do this.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained he has talked with two people who are interested in taking photographs. One of the photographers is going to write an article for a local newspaper. Luke Roberts reported the other person, Rebecca Bedwell, is interested in taking photos throughout the season and making them available to order online.

**LIGHTS:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained he and Drew Young will be assessing the lighting needs at the track.

**420 PIPE LENGTH:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained since he was on the prevailing side of a decision made last month, he can bring the matter before the board this month. Cradlebaugh made a motion to return to 25" maximum pipe length in the 420 Clone Lite and Heavy classes. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

**2014 TECH UPDATES:** Ted Cradlebaugh asked Jeff Roberts if the tech updates are ready to be published to which Roberts said they are.

**AGENDA ITEMS:** In follow up to discussion last month, Mike Brown said he would like there to be a seven-day requirement prior to the board meetings for submitting documentation for agenda items. Brown explained this would allow board members to come prepared to discuss items on the agenda. Additionally, he would like there to be a requirement to have three readings prior to a vote. He said he does not think it is fair to put board members in the position to have to vote on matters the same night they are brought up. Ted Cradlebaugh said he agrees with requiring seven days in advance of the meeting but does not agree with three readings. He said there would be provisions for declaring some items an emergency. Josh Wagar explained the three reading requirement would be a bylaw change that requires two-thirds of the board to approve. Brown said he doesn't have a problem with changing it to two readings and he thinks seven days is fair. Randy Landes asked Lynda Coombs what formats she can accept documentation. Coombs said she has Word, Excel, Publisher and

Adobe, but cannot make changes to PDF documents. Ken Kuethe said he likes the seven-day requirement to give everybody time and two readings unless it has to be done by the next race. Wagar stated disciplinary action would be considered an emergency. Brown stated if you bring something to the board without documentation, you will have to wait another month. Following further discussion, Josh Wagar made a motion that new business agenda items be emailed to the entire board no less than seven days before the board meeting with documentation. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed unanimously.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**CONDOLENCES:** Ted Cradlebaugh extended condolences to the family and friends of Donnie Bellamy from Circleville Raceway Park.

**SFI CERTIFICATION:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported Suzi Brown successfully completed SFI/WKA 2-Cycle Technical Inspection Certification.

**DARF:** Ted Cradlebaugh presented a certificate received from DARF for OVKA's participation in the Toys 4 Kids Race Car Show on March 8, 2014. Lynda Coombs read a thank you letter from DARF.

**CLONE FUEL TANK:** Jeff Roberts inquired about the mounting of the Clone fuel tank. Mike Brown explained it can go through the uprights and does not have to be mounted to the floor.

**FUEL LINE:** Todd Cradlebaugh asked if there is a maximum length and size for fuel line. Mike Brown said it is up to his determination and he will let people know if it is excessive.

**DRIVING SCHOOL / KARTING 101 FORMAT:** Lynda Coombs asked if the same format as last year will be used for the Driving School / Karting 101. Ted Cradlebaugh responded yes and said volunteers will be needed to help with this event.

**HEAD FLAGMAN:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported he will be Race Director this season and Dan Pierson will be Head Flagman.

**KID KARTS:** Dawn Schroeder discussed Kid Kart parents having flags for both safety and to teach the children the flags. Ted Cradlebaugh responded corner workers need to be out there for the Kid Karts. He said does not want the Kid Karts to feel inferior and maybe we need to pull parents off the track. Josh Wagar said he does not see a problem with the parents picking up the flags while corner workers take a break. Aaron Banfield stated if flags are going to be out there for the parents, radios need to be there too. Mike Brown said he believes the kids are more comfortable with parents out there and it does not have to be both parents; send mom or dad. Cradlebaugh said he will discuss this with Ron Gordon and the parents.

**WORKER STIPENDS:** Ted Cradlebaugh said he will be emailing the board about making some changes to worker stipends.

**BOARD MEETING ROOM:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained the new board meeting room costs \$138.03 per month and he has had an offer to hold meetings at Full Throttle at no cost. He stated this would save money but would be a farther drive for some people. Cradlebaugh said we will discuss this further. Aaron Banfield suggested checking with the facility where the banquet is held.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Josh Wagar at 9:31 p.m., seconded by Mike Brown, and passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 3, 2014, Danbarry Cinema, 3479 South Dixie Highway, Middletown, OH 45044
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2014, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Don Boles – Assist with the Lebanon Blues Festival event on Saturday, August 2, 2014.
- Jeff Calvert – Assist with the Lebanon Blues Festival event on Saturday, August 2, 2014.
- Lynda Coombs – Order pens and water bottles, attempt to locate media contacts.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Work with Drew Young to assess the lighting needs at the track, email board regarding worker stipends.
- Todd Cradlebaugh - Make drip edges for scoring tower front windows and caulk windows.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** A. Banfield, C. Bogan, J. Calvert, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, H. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, J. Roberts, L. Roberts, B. Schroeder, D. Schroeder, E. Smith and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 4/20/14.