

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the June 3, 2014 board meeting minutes with the correction of adjournment at 9:01 p.m. and Don Boles assisting with the Vintage Karting event. The motion was seconded by Jean Stafford and passed unanimously. Coombs reported thank you letters were received for donations made in memory of Mary Lou Cradlebaugh and Carlson Bogan.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances. Gary Gregg's portion has not been paid to him yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OVKA 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Josh Wagar reported items have been collected for a time capsule and more will be coming. Determination will be made of when the time capsule will be buried. Wagar reported all of the commemorative programs were sold and commemorative hats came in. Ray McKibben thanked Tom Melton for getting the hats made.

CHAMP RACE COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh said the Champ Race went well and the food was very good and there was plenty of it. He thanked the Racing4Vets group for their assistance with the games and Ray McKibben for picking up the balloon drop. Pat Slattery said some people would like to see another entrée in addition to the chicken and hot dogs. He further stated he thought the event was great but it seemed like everybody spread out and noted the dunk tank was missing which kept people around. Cradlebaugh agreed and noted not very many people stayed for the music. McKibben suggested having both the balloon drop and dunk tank next year.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:

- Lynda Coombs explained it has become necessary to find someone to coordinate the Lebanon Blues Festival on Saturday, August 2, 2014 and said that currently there is no one available to cover this event. Ted Cradlebaugh will announce this at our upcoming races at New Castle and Circleville. This will also be published on the OVKA website. Coombs said she can provide the details to the person or persons who volunteer to oversee this event.
- Ted Cradlebaugh discussed approaching Kilkare Speedway about taking our booth there on a Friday night. He spoke with them last year and they may be open to us taking a couple of karts out.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCreedy explained Ray McKibben will be making two more changes to the pit spot map then it will be ready. Ted Cradlebaugh said he would like to have it finished so it can be posted.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

- Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the necessity of sealing cracks in the track this year. Don Boles suggested using material that is poured into the cracks. Tom Melton reported sealing equipment can be rented through Jurgensen Company on Mosteller Road in Cincinnati. He explained one person blows out the cracks with a big compressor and a second person follows behind filling the cracks then tar is mopped over the cracks. Cradlebaugh responded cold fill has worked well in the past. Mike Brown said there is a sealer for racing asphalt that Mark Dismore uses. Cradlebaugh had given the contact number to Gary Gregg. Cradlebaugh said the cracks need to be packed then sealed over top.
- Don Boles reported you can't hear with some of the headphones and said more are needed. Ted Cradlebaugh responded the single headphones cost \$97.00 and others are \$600.00. He explained the less costly headphones are not available in doubles. Ray McKibben said more batteries are needed as he has replaced three or four of them. Cradlebaugh said he will take care of obtaining more headsets and batteries.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

LIGHTS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported there were three light towers at the last night race, which the drivers liked. Beaver Creek Rental provided these as sponsorship. We pay a pick up fee of \$70.00 each way. Cradlebaugh discussed using five light towers when we race on the larger configuration. Don Boles and Ray McKibben will pick the additional two lights. Cradlebaugh reported there have been many people say they want more night races. Gary Gregg responded he would like more night races as it gives you a day off. He discussed the gate count being higher for night races, specifically in August. Cradlebaugh said it is a problem for people who work on Saturday but he agrees in give families time on Sundays. Gregg discussed having only a heat and feature, start warm-ups at 6:00 p.m. and race at 8:00 p.m. He said the event should be finished by midnight. Pat Slattery asked about having races on Friday nights to which Gregg responded that was tried years ago. Slattery stated Saturday night races cut out 15 to 20% of your racers. Cradlebaugh said this is something to look at. McKibben explained that racers can have someone take their kart through pre-tech then sign their paperwork when they get there. Jean Stafford asked why there are more red flags at Saturday night races. Cradlebaugh responded he does not think nighttime has anything to do with that issue. Gregg suggested looking at having back-to-back races on Saturday and Sunday and said that would cut down on travel expenses. Cradlebaugh said he thinks it is a great idea but when he brought it up, people were concerned about breaking on Saturday and not being able to race on Sunday. Aaron Banfield noted you have two drops. Cradlebaugh responded it could be ten races with four drops but kart count would drop, especially at the end of the season. Cradlebaugh and Slattery discussed kart count at other tracks and events. Gregg said whatever we are doing, we are doing pretty good. Cradlebaugh stated it is because of everybody working to make it run smooth. Stafford said we need to involve the racer's input in this. Cradlebaugh explained it is hard to fit in everything and you have to look at all of the other schedules. He will put together a schedule for next season but the new president has the final say. Cradlebaugh said things to look at are more night races, double points at away races and two-day races. Slattery noted racers used to be required to

attend one away race. Cradlebaugh reported Motorsports Country Club of Cincinnati is buying land for putting in a pit/paddock area and they would like us to consider holding an event there. Banfield explained with picking up a piece of land next to the facility, there will be room for parking.

OVKA 420 RULES: Aaron Banfield presented revised 420 rules. Ted Cradlebaugh asked why this was not sent to the board prior to the meeting. Lynda Coombs said she kept this on the agenda as she thought it was old business and apologized if it should have been considered new business, which requires documentation one week prior to the board meeting. Banfield reported there were four or five 420 racers who met to measure their engines. He said every motor we have is now within the specifications presented. Jeff Roberts reported the tolerances have been opened up a little bit and no changes were made to the cam specs. He explained the durations on cam drives were all over the place and could be seen with your eyes. Roberts said we have to rely more on known stock parts, such as high quality photos or engines to compare to. Banfield stated that the racer has to be sure their motor meets these specs and if it doesn't, it shouldn't be on the track. Mike Brown noted these are the tolerances right now and the next load that comes over may be different. Following further discussion, Cradlebaugh said the motor is definitely making the heavier guys have some fun and the class is growing. Rick Coombs asked for clarification of the wording in the connecting rod section about where the oil must come to without overflow. Brown explained it is the racer who says their engine is level when CCs are checked and they watch me put the oil in and measure it. Pat Slattery said there are no redos. Banfield stated if the engine is outside the tolerances, you're out. Brown responded if we see three or four motors coming through that are out, there is a problem. Banfield said if that happens, we will get a committee, Mike Brown and the drivers together and decide if we are okay with it. Stafford said the problem with this was set up as a cheap class. Banfield responded he doesn't believe it is a cheap class any more. He further stated he does not think we will have to change these rules any more this year and after the season is over, it can be discussed in Rules Committee. Banfield will update the language on how CC checks are done. Jeff Roberts made a motion to accept revision five of the 420 rules. Gary Gregg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Gregg said you guys should be commended for doing this. Stafford suggested getting with people running the class to ask if they are amenable to running something other than dish top pistons. Banfield responded that is conversation for at the end of the season.

AGENDA ITEMS: Ted Cradlebaugh explained the procedure for submitting new agenda items requires they be submitted to the board seven days prior to the meeting with documentation.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

WORKER STIPENDS: Ray McKibben asked how stipends are handled for tech positions that the Tech Director brings in and what determines who gets paid and how much. Ted Cradlebaugh explained Ron Gordon is not certified. Gary Gregg stated we usually don't pay anything for helpers. Cradlebaugh discussed the degree of involvement and stipend if they are tearing down engines. McKibben responded that in the past we haven't had certified tech people to which Cradlebaugh responded yes we have. Cradlebaugh explained it depends on the experience and training the person has.

PHOTOS: Luke Roberts provided a disc of pictures taken by Rebecca Bedwell. Ted Cradlebaugh extended thanks to Roberts and said they will be published on the OVKA web site.

BY-LAW CHANGE: Josh Wagar said the proposed by-law amendment for voting on board business was tabled due to the lack of a two-thirds quorum required for by-law changes. Lynda Coombs explained Mike Brown's proposal from March provides for a matter to be discussed two months before being voted on in the third month. Ted Cradlebaugh said with the exception of safety and emergency matters, he thinks items should be discussed one month then discussed again and be voted on the following month. Jean Stafford asked how many people ask for items to be on the agenda and are at meetings to which Cradlebaugh responded very few. Following further discussion, Pat Slattery suggested Wagar work on the wording then send it to the board and vote via email. Brown and Stafford asked if this can be done within fourteen days to which Wagar committed to have the wording completed this weekend. Cradlebaugh directed board members to vote within fourteen days. Stafford said that includes board members not present this evening.

WKA GOLD CUP: Mike Brown reported he has all workers lined up for the WKA Gold Cup at G & J Kartway on July 11-13, 2014.

GREAT LAKES SPRINT SERIES: Mike Brown thanked all of the volunteers who stepped up to assist with the Great Lakes Sprint Series. Brown noted Ted Cradlebaugh did an excellent job as Race Director. Brown extended special thanks to Lynda and Rick Coombs for coming to the track to assist when a computer crashed.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Rick Coombs, made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:39 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Having been nominated last month, Jeff Roberts was voted unanimously to the OVKA Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Don Boles, made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- WKA Gold Cup – July 11-13, G & J Kartway, Camden, OH
- Vintage Karting Association – July 31–August 2, 2014, G & J Kartway, Camden, OH
- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 2, 2014, Lebanon, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 5, 2014, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Don Boles – Pick up light towers for night race on the larger configuration.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Make announcements about the need for volunteers to cover the Lebanon Blues Festival event and obtain headsets and batteries.
- Ray McKibben – Pick up light towers for night race on the larger configuration.
- Josh Wagar – Develop language for by-law change then email to the board for them to vote on the matter.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Banfield, A. Calvert, B. Calvert, J. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, G. Lutz, T. Melton, V. Oatts, J. Roberts, L. Roberts, D. Schroeder, J. Ulm and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 7/14/14.