

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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 and respect be given to the person who is talking.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs, seconded by Josh Wagar, made a motion to accept the August 5, 2014 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously. Coombs read a thank you letter from Hospice of Dayton for OVKA's donation in memory of Don Boles' father.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**OVKA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Josh Wagar said he would be looking at a piece of marble this weekend that might be used as a marker for the time capsule.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:**

- Angie Calvert asked that a notice be placed on the OVKA website asking for volunteers for the Thunder on the River event on October 4, 2014. Ted Cradlebaugh will take care of this.
- Lynda Coombs read information sent to the board from the Society for the Improvement of Conditions for Stray Animals (SICSA) being held Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Quaker Steak and Lube Restaurant in Beavercreek, Ohio. Ted Cradlebaugh will include this community outreach event on the OVKA website.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained there has been some confusion with pit spot assignments resulting in people being in the wrong spots. Mike Brown responded the pit spot numbers are not marked correctly. Cradlebaugh said the issue will be fixed.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the feasibility of adding to the track from new turn seven to in between old turns three and four. Gary Gregg responded the reason it has not been done is because there is a ten-foot elevation difference and he discussed the cost of gravel. Rick Coombs noted it would be a little uphill and off camber. Josh Wagar suggested adding pavement in the area of the cut-through at turn four and moving the phone pole. Doug Benson responded this would take off the back straightaway and 60 to 70% of passing area would be taken away. Pat Slattery asked Gary Gregg if he is agreeable to track being extended to which Gregg said he is okay with it. Mike Brown stated he is not against this but there are other projects that have been discussed and not completed such as fans, the scale house, which is falling apart, the head flag stand, an awning for the tower windows and the gate booth. Ray McKibben responded we are waiting for winter to work on the gate booth when Home Depot and Lowes have sales. Cradlebaugh explained the scale house needs new plywood and Brown noted the flagman's stand needs a roof. Lynda Coombs said she would like to

have a storage area added onto the tech barn. Cradlebaugh stated if a trailer were purchased, the supplies for shows could be stored in it and the trailer kept in a storage unit. Cradlebaugh discussed how all of these jobs take volunteers unless the board wants him to get bids. Coombs reported there is an area near the grid that needs attention. McKibben offered to cut a concrete section out and fill with fresh asphalt. Coombs said she feels like there are so many things to keep track of and the details get lost. She offered to provide a template that would provide a way to track repairs that are needed, who is coordinating repairs and what is needed in terms of people and supplies. Cradlebaugh responded you do not get the volunteers and said an example is painting the ticket booth where no one has volunteered to help. Slattery asked if there are announcements made that we need people to help to which Cradlebaugh said yes and it is put on the website. McKibben discussed pricing for fans and said if there is a consensus to move forward, he will make a motion for four fans at \$225 each. Brown responded to send it to the board the way it is supposed to be done. McKibben said he is trying to get this taken care of and Cradlebaugh directed McKibben to look into it and get it done. Tom Melton said five big fans may be needed to move that mass of air. Randy Landes suggested installing a couple of cupolas on top of the pavilion. Cradlebaugh explained we are trying to put cool air on drivers in addition to removing exhaust. Gregg suggested installing gable fans to which Rick Coombs agreed. Slattery said this will probably not be done this season and asked what is most important to be addressed. Cradlebaugh responded the scales and Brown said the tower windows. Lynda Coombs reported the tower windows have leaked at times. Cradlebaugh made a commitment to have the window issue taken care of in two weeks and he will get plywood for the scale house. Slattery suggested Cradlebaugh look into a track addition. Cradlebaugh agreed to do this and said Gary Gregg and Rick Coombs will need to be involved. Don Boles discussed sealing the track and said the material that is poured into the cracks is great. Cradlebaugh explained sealing is done over top of the filler also.

**RULEBOOK COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar reviewed who would be serving on the 2015 Rules Committee including, Aaron Banfield, Mike Brown, Ray Brown, Rick and Lynda Coombs, Ted Cradlebaugh, Luke Roberts, Pat Slattery, Jean Stafford and Brent Warren. Doug Benson asked that there be a glossary in the back of the rulebook. Mike Brown reported there would be a WKA meeting tomorrow night. Wagar explained WKA will not be offering the Y pipe class so he talked with RLV today and was told they do not plan to discontinue manufacturing the pipe. Pat Slattery responded that Rick Dresang got a lot of feedback about dropping this class, which he is taking under advisement. Brown explained WKA has dropped a lot of classes in the Manufacturers Cup and the Gold Cup but OVKA can continue to keep the Y pipe class. He further stated that WKA is bringing back the can class next year and they can run that with us. Brown pointed out that the board has not looked at having a Junior TaG class. Slattery stated the Junior TaG engine costs \$3,500. Brown said at WKA the Yamaha motors are fading out because the TaGs are coming in. He reported WKA is looking five to ten years down the road and eventually someday, it may be all TaG. Slattery responded they said that about HPV and shifters and that the Yamaha is not going anywhere. Brown explained the Yamaha numbers are going down and the TaG numbers are going up with WKA. He further stated we are in an area where there are more Yamahas than anywhere. Wagar asked if Thursday evenings will work for committee members and said Aaron Banfield has offered a meeting room at Full Throttle in Springdale. Wagar said he plans to have the first meeting in two or three

weeks and will notify committee members of the date via email. He would like to have a cutoff date for all suggestions to be submitted.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported the contract has been signed to hold the banquet at the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast in Mason, Ohio. Date of the banquet is Saturday, January 17, 2015. Coombs said monies will need to be discussed next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**KART RETRIEVAL VEHICLE:** Gary Gregg reported the kart retrieval vehicle was repaired today at an approximate cost of \$1,200, which included a new motor. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he looked at a 2004 gator for sale for \$5,000 and we can get a new one for \$6,300. Ray McKibben explained the used one has a lot of options and the new one is a basic model. Randy Landes stated whatever we buy, it needs to have a low bed. Gregg said we could get an ATV with a low trailer. Josh Wagar reported Jerry Ulm has offered to provide welding if needed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CHARITY RACE:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported Aaron Banfield has donated \$500 for the Charity Race. Gary Gregg will donate use of the track for the event. Cradlebaugh explained how proceeds from the event provide for donations to be made to community organizations, such as DARF and a local food pantry. He asked to be notified of any companies who would like to donate to this event.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**SONIC ENGINE:** Mike Brown discussed the minimum weight specifications for the Sonic TX engine explaining the senior weight is 385# and masters weight is 405#. Ted Cradlebaugh responded it is no longer a concern because the driver who ran this engine has sold it all.

**TIMING LOOP / FM SYSTEM / INTERNET / BEACON:** Brent Warren reported he repaired the timing loop where it comes into the tower and installed a bulkhead and a small jumper. Warren also worked on the FM system so it covers the entire grounds and is grounded. He explained the buzz still needs to be addressed. Warren said rearranging some of the components and installing a mounting rack may help with this. He reported the internet is now functioning after working in Gary Gregg's office and working with Blue Sky Satellite Internet Company. Ray McKibben discussed how critters are interfering with the outlets and said this needs to be addressed. Warren would like to hard wire a MyChron beacon on the flag post side. Ted Cradlebaugh responded while that is the opposite side of what is being used currently, go ahead and proceed. Pat Slattery said it is on the right side at a lot of tracks. Cradlebaugh said we can let people know about this. He extended appreciation to Warren for all of his work.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Pat Slattery, seconded by Josh Wagar, made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- Thunder on the River – Saturday, October 4, 2014, Franklin, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, 2014, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- OVKA 2014 Banquet – Saturday, January 17, 2014, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, 9664 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH, 45040; annual membership meeting at 2:00 p.m., banquet registration opens at 4:00 p.m.
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 24, 2015, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Angie Calvert – Coordinate Thunder on the River event on October 4, 2014.
- Lynda Coombs – Draft a template of track repairs that need addressed.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Publish notice on the OVKA website regarding volunteers for the Thunder on the River and SICSA events, address tower window leaks, get plywood for the scale house, look into track addition.
- Ken Kuethe – Obtain information about motels near the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast.
- Ray McKibben – Repair area near grid.
- Josh Wagar – Inform Rules Committee members of the date of the first meeting via email.
- Brent Warren – Hard wire MyChron beacon.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Benson, D. Boles, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, R. McKibben, J. Roberts, P. Slattery, and J. Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** A. Calvert, B. Calvert, J. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, H. Cradlebaugh, T. Melton, L. Roberts, D. Schroeder, B. Warren and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 9/21/14.