

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. 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 Ray McKibben, made a motion to accept the September 2, 2014 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances. Gary Gregg noted G & J Kartway has not been paid yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OVKA 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Josh Wagar thanked everyone who helped come up with the questions for the season-long quiz, which will be given out this Saturday. Participants who answer all questions correctly will be entered in a drawing. Wagar reported items have been collected throughout the season for the time capsule, which is to be opened in 2034. Pat Slattery suggested including a copy of the race results and Ted Cradlebaugh said a Champ Race program will be put in it. Wagar discussed burying the time capsule and asked Rick Coombs to provide the equipment to dig the hole. Ray McKibben reported the marble marker is at the track and asked if anyone knows where to have it engraved. Lynda Coombs responded there is Dodds Monuments in Middletown. Ted Cradlebaugh and Wagar will develop the wording for the marker and McKibben will check into engraving.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:

- Angie Calvert reported there was a lot interest about Kid Karts at the Thunder on the River event in Franklin. She stated some people said they were going to come visit the track this weekend.
- Ted Cradlebaugh reported Jerry Ulm has a trailer for sale that the club could purchase for \$1,700. Don Boles made a motion to appropriate \$1,700 for this purchase. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously. Cradlebaugh said the trailer can be stored in one of the garage units at the track in the winter. He said insurance coverage needs to be looked at. Jeff Roberts responded whatever vehicle is pulling the trailer covers it. Ray McKibben asked if funds can be allocated for installing a logo on the trailer. Roberts said he has the file and can provide a good deal. Cradlebaugh will work with Roberts on this.
- Brian Schroeder suggested not scheduling a race on July 26, 2014 as there is going to be an event in Addyston (Cincinnati area) called Rolling on the River. Cradlebaugh said he will have to look at the schedule.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported there are a couple of people who did not pay for their pit spots. Pat Slattery asked how we got to the end of the year and people have not paid for their spot. Cradlebaugh said the matter will be taken care of. Cradlebaugh noted that pit spot income goes toward the cost of the EMS/ambulance, which was \$6445.75 this year. He and Ray

McKibben will be marking pit spot numbers. Ted Cradlebaugh stated adding an extra lane through the pits would be nice as people have bigger trailers. He would also like there to be an area to park extra cars.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he and Gary Gregg went out and looked at putting an extension on the track. Cradlebaugh discussed possible locations for an extension and asked Rick Coombs to provide a quote. Cradlebaugh reported on items that need addressed at the upcoming clean-up day including one piece of wood to be replaced on the scale house, window leaks in the tower and crash bags to be put away. He said we need to investigate replacing some of the crash bags. Gregg offered to contact Gary Lobaugh about this. Gregg asked Ray McKibben about obtaining a tar pot for the crack sealing and Don Boles said an air compressor will also be needed. McKibben will check into both items. Cradlebaugh noted the track will need to be closed when the work is done. He said it would be nice to replace the ticket booth. McKibben stated he talked with four different store managers about this and discussed possible sizes of 8' by 10' or 10' by 12'. He explained determination would need to be made as to what size and how much can be spent. Randy Landes said whatever we purchase there will need to be a blueprint and windows. Gregg stated 6' by 10' would be fine with a door out the back. Pat Slattery suggested a concession trailer that could be used for both a ticket booth and shows. Cradlebaugh will follow up with McKibben and report back next month. Lynda Coombs discussed the track improvement template she emailed the board and asked that additions and changes be provided. Cradlebaugh said clean-up day is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 18, 2014, and lunch will be provided.

RULEBOOK COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar reported progress has been made during the two meetings that have been held. He explained that some people questioned the role of the Rules Committee and felt the committee had overstepped their bounds by discussing the membership fee. He researched the minutes and found the committee was given direction from the board in August 2011 through a motion that was made for the committee to have authority over the rulebook except for tires, schedule and class structure. Wagar said there have been times when other matters have been brought to the board for discussion. Cradlebaugh responded while the membership fee is in the rulebook, he feels financial matters need to come to the board to which Don Boles agreed. Wagar explained he had emailed the board following the seven-day requirement about including the topic on the October agenda then email conversations took place but no decisions were made. Ken Kuethe said his issue with the whole thing was Wagar was informing the board he would be bringing the topic up then there were some unprofessional responses by people who are not present this evening. Cradlebaugh responded if people are really interested, they need to be here. Wagar said there will be at least one more meeting of the Rules Committee and November 1st is the deadline for submissions. This will be announced at the Charity Race, on Facebook and the website. Cradlebaugh said he is impressed with everybody who stepped up to participate in the Rules Committee.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported the Yamaha Senior Novice and Yamaha Junior Novice classes did not meet the 4.0 minimum average. Lynda Coombs explained there is one driver in the Senior Novice class who meets the plaque specification requirement and suggested the same be extended to the two Junior Novice drivers who have a minimum of 50% participation. She explained the other classes are required to have raced eleven events to receive a plaque. Consensus

was to do this. Ted Cradlebaugh noted the Sportsman Novice class received trophies every race. He discussed not shutting out racers in the Yamaha Rookie Sportsman class and made a motion to provide a first place jacket and eagle and pay back four places with graduated trophy sizes. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously. Rick Coombs reported the meal price is \$33 for persons thirteen and above and \$18 for ages four through twelve. He explained this is a \$1.00 and \$2.00 increase respectively. Gary Gregg responded several years ago the club covered the fee for the banquet hall, which was probably around \$1,000. He further stated he thinks the club should subsidize the price by \$3.00 or \$4.00. Don Boles asked if we have to pay for soda to which Coombs said the cost will be \$500. Gregg made a motion to subsidize the meal price by \$3.00 for adults and children. The motion was seconded by Jeff Roberts and passed unanimously. Rick Coombs asked for a budget for the banquet. Cradlebaugh responded last year's budget was \$28,000. Gregg explained the Swap Meet funds the banquet. Cradlebaugh made a motion to increase the banquet budget to \$33,000. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery and passed with ten in favor, one opposed (Benson) and one abstained (Coombs). Coombs asked if there are going to be any changes to TaG tires so he knows if different tires need to be purchased for those drivers at banquet. Cradlebaugh said there are no changes. Ray McKibben reported he has had Sportsman parents approach him about having to buy more tires to keep up with the Jones's. He further stated racers are getting out-tired and why punish a guy because he doesn't have the money. Ken Kuethe raised the question how this would be policed and said if you look at the top five and who practices, there is a correlation. Slattery responded he would love to see a tire quota but it would be hard determining how you are going to do it. Wagar said there will always be the haves and have-nots. Boles responded the tires are not consistent. Cradlebaugh said it could be brought closer by having a limit of seven sets and that he used three sets. Kuethe asked if we are going to throw out the people who are having their engines rebuilt every week. Slattery stated the Sportsman can get by with two sets of tires but guys think they need them. Jeff Roberts reported he had a two to three-year-old set of new Bridgestones that had .025" more tread on them when measured with a depth gauge. Luke Roberts said by putting less tread on them, they make more money. Kuethe asked if the people who are complaining are practicing to which McKibben responded two of them are. Cradlebaugh said he is not going to make a motion and it is hard to do. Slattery asked if anyone has talked with Keith Freber about the gift certificates he gives for the banquet as you can only use one for one set of tires and not for anything else. Cradlebaugh will check into this. Gregg discussed changing the style of the jacket awards. He said a Carhart or parka style would be nice. Lynda Coombs explained she had been given a directive for this year to go with the current jackets with the old-style logo to which Cradlebaugh said he had done so. Ray McKibben offered to work with Shelley Powers on researching first and second place jacket options for next season with our current supplier. Rick Coombs discussed plaque pricing. Luke Roberts offered to provide 4" by 6" photos with the racer's picture at a cost of \$100, which Cradlebaugh approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 MEMBERSHIP FEE: Josh Wagar discussed adjusting the membership to \$50 unless paid by April 1st due to the long lines at the first two or three races. Pat Slattery said he could resign and sign-up as a new member. Don Boles stated every year the membership form is mailed out and people don't send them in so why do we think they will. Wagar responded this would make it cost more money if they wait. Ted Cradlebaugh said he thinks this might get people to send it in to which

Ken Kuethe agreed. Wagar noted pit spot reservations are due by April 1st. Kuethe said this change can be announced at the banquet. Luke Roberts asked how much is saved by paying the fee. Lynda Coombs responded the entry fee is \$5.00 less for members and in order to be in the points, racers need to be a member. Wagar made a motion to change the membership fee to \$50 if paid after April 1st and \$35 if paid on or before April 1st. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with ten in favor, one opposed (Gregg) and one absent (Benson had left). Jeff Roberts said so if you take a year off and come back, you would be a new member. Wagar said if somebody wants to take every other year off and come back then yes. Lynda Coombs asked for guidance from the board regarding racers who wait until after the first race to pay and want their points to count from the previous race. She explained this has happened on a couple of occasions and the racer said the line was too long at race one. Consensus of the board was to discontinue allowing any exceptions to this rule. Cradlebaugh will announce this at the banquet.

ROLE OF THE RULES COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben stated this was covered under Rulebook Committee discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

CHARITY RACE: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed running 25, possibly 30, laps on a configuration to be determined. Ken Kuethe asked if it will be on one of the short tracks to which Cradlebaugh said yes. Ori Cohen suggested configuration B. Gary Gregg will contact the EMS service to see if they will donate their services for this event. Cradlebaugh said hot dogs and chili will be supplied. Ken Kuethe reported the concession will not be open. Cradlebaugh explained if there are enough novice drivers, a class may be run for them. Pat Slattery said he knows of a junior driver who would like to race in seniors for the Charity Race but next year run in juniors. Cradlebaugh said he does not want to do that.

KART RETRIEVAL VEHICLE: Gary Gregg said the kart retrieval vehicle might need a battery. Ted Cradlebaugh will look into it. Ray McKibben reported he was told the tires are cracked. Cradlebaugh responded there are four new tires that came with it in the tech barn. Gregg will have them changed. Gregg said the cracked windshield needs to be replaced.

SWAP MEET: Ted Cradlebaugh reported Doug Benson has resigned from the board, as he has not been able to be at the track. Benson will continue to work on the Swap Meet for next year. Don Boles asked if an assistant is needed. Cradlebaugh said not an assistant but if someone is interested in taking it over to please speak up. Gary Gregg reported there is supposed to be a racecar there and he could have Mrs. Ohio there.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

PARTICIPATION CREDITS: Josh Wagar discussed an item submitted to the Rules Committee to revamp or discontinue participation credits. He explained some people think it is unnecessary and some do not understand how it is Ps can be given away if the person did not earn them. Gary Gregg responded they should not be able to do that. Ori Cohen noted this was reworked three or four years ago. Wagar explained that was to make it so people who do not race could get something. Don Boles said he thinks the Ps have worked the best they ever had and there are more new people.

Ken Kuethe responded most people don't do it for that. Ray McKibben said you have to look at what these people get for working at the show or track. He explained at the track they can take a participation credit rather than a stipend. He discussed if a racer has a hardship, he can give some of his Ps to them. Lynda Coombs explained racers can use up to two Ps toward their percentage of participation in a class. McKibben said this is a small price to pay. Kuethe stated it's called volunteering which some of that should come into play. Cradlebaugh said if we did not have them, he thinks we would lose half of the volunteers. Wagar noted it is what it is for this year and if there is going to be any change, it would be for next year.

2015 SCHEDULE: Orie Cohen asked when the 2015 schedule will be out. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he is starting on it now and that he needs to work around some other events.

BY-LAWS: Josh Wagar reported there were changes to the by-laws a couple of months ago that need to be updated on the website. Tec Cradlebaugh will take care of this.

EMAIL COMMUNICATON: Jeff Roberts said for the record, when Josh or anyone else send emails for subjects, some responses have gotten out of hand and have been very unprofessional. He said people need to write it down and bring it to the meetings. Roberts further stated what Josh sent out was just for information.

ADJOURNMENT: Don Boles, seconded by Josh Wagar, made a motion to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Annual Charity Race – Saturday, October 11, 2014, G & J Kartway, Camden, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 4, 2014, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show – Friday through Sunday, January 9-11, 2015, Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH
- OVKA 2014 Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet – Saturday, January 17, 2015, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, 9664 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 24, 2015, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN
- OVKA 2015 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 7, 2015, Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road, Dayton, OH

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Rick Coombs – Provide quote for track extension.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Develop wording for time capsule marker, work with Jeff Roberts on a logo for the trailer, mark pit spot numbers, get with Ray McKibben about replacing the ticket booth then report back next month, check with Keith Freber about gift certificates, look into battery for kart retrieval vehicle, post by-law changes on website.
- Gary Gregg – Contact Gary Lobaugh about crash bags, contact EMS regarding Charity Race, have tires changed on kart retrieval vehicle.
- Ray McKibben – Research pricing for engraving time capsule marker, mark pit spot numbers, check into obtaining a tar pot and air compressor for crack sealing work.

- Jeff Roberts – Assist with installation of a logo on OVKA trailer.
- Josh Wagar – Develop wording for time capsule marker.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Benson (part of meeting), D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, L. McCready, R. McKibben, J. Roberts, P. Slattery, and J. Wagar.

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

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 10/25/14.