

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-President Randy Landes called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and that people raise their hand to be recognized to speak. Landes explained President Ted Cradlebaugh is absent this evening due to illness.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the November 4, 2014 as published. Don Boles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Randy Landes provided bank balances. Reconciliation with G & J Kartway needs to take place. Gary Gregg reported reconciliation with Circleville has been done.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:**

Josh Wagar reported paperwork for the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show will be submitted tomorrow. He said the booth location is in the same vicinity as last year. Wagar will be contacting people about volunteering to staff the booth. Pat Slattery asked if we will be sharing booth space with Full Throttle to which Wagar responded it was a mutual decision to not do so. Lynda Coombs reported plans are in place for the Indy Circle Track Show on Saturday, January 24, 2015. She said this event provides a good opportunity to pass out flyers about the OVKA Swap Meet which is the following Saturday. Mike Brown reported the DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Show will be Friday through Sunday, March 13-15, 2015 at Centre City Mall in Piqua. He said booth space pricing is \$20 for the first spot and \$15 for each additional spot. OVKA typically has two spots at this event. Randy Landes explained the Tim Nickle's/Lima Racing and Auto Parts Swap Meet event did not work out for us due to volunteers not being available over Thanksgiving weekend.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Randy Landes reported Ted Cradlebaugh has been in conversation with a person from Indiana but he is unable to do the work on the track this weekend. Gary Gregg reported a local gentleman came to the track today and provided pricing of approximately \$800 to seal the cracks. Ray McKibben, who was present at the track today, explained the gentleman specializes in sealing racetracks. His method is to burn out the cracks instead of blowing them out. The cracks are filled with sealant, which is elastic instead of sand, as sand will drop out and wash away. A machine is used to level the rough edges of the track and smooth some of the cracks. This person asked that four or five of our guys come and learn so we can do it ourselves. McKibben stated the price is based on us providing some help. He further stated it is critical the temperature be above 50 degrees and have 24 hours without rain. Gregg will discuss this with Cradlebaugh. Mike Brown discussed how New Castle track repairs are done using two types of materials – a sealer and a filler. He explained the filler adheres directly to the track itself. Rick Coombs asked if the sealer is slick to which Brown responded it is not a top coat but a sealer. McKibben discussed sealing some areas around the posts at the pavilion, which have become raised.

**RULEBOOK COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar explained the first draft of the 2015 rulebook was emailed to everyone on the committee and printed copies were distributed to the board this evening. A schedule prepared by Ted Cradlebaugh was also distributed. Wagar said open oil for TaG needs to be corrected in the draft. Ray Brown discussed TaG oil wording that needs changed in two or three places from a vote taken a couple of years ago. Pat Slattery asked how TaG oil is going to be

teched. Mike Brown responded the meter is set to negative 45 with five points on either side of the base allowed. Brown reported he emailed information to Cradlebaugh about the WKA requirement that an ID card be presented by drivers running the X30 engine. Karters need to contact their engine builders about obtaining ID cards. Wagar discussed changes to the participation credit policy noting that it had been Ps from volunteering could be plugged in up to a maximum of two. The proposed change is participation will be based on what is actually raced. Participation credits earned for volunteering will be separate and have different levels based on the quantity earned. Ray McKibben said the nice thing is you are still rewarded for racing all fourteen races. Dan Fiehrer asked if you miss a day then race two classes at a subsequent race, would it count separately. Wagar responded it would not as it is based on individual race days. McKibben said this will end people not working to earn Ps then trying to get them from somebody who has earned them. Wagar asked for input about whether to include the race schedule in the rulebook. He said options are to not include it or hold off printing the rulebook until after the election. Holding off would mean no rulebooks for the Cavalcade Show or the banquet. Slattery suggested not including the schedule in the rulebook to which Brown agreed. McKibben recommended printing the schedule separately as a supplement. Rick Coombs said after looking at dates for other series, he does not see how changes could be made to the schedule presented and it will be up to the incoming president. Brent Warren explained his wife spoke with WKA today and Man Cup locations have been determined but the dates have not been set. Lynda Coombs suggested if the schedule is not going to be in the rulebook, the board could wait to vote on it until the January 6, 2015 board meeting. Fiehrer asked if there are going to be rain dates to which Wagar responded yes. Wagar explained the thought is to leave the rain date policy for one more year and do a better job not putting the first kart on the track if we think it is going to rain. Wagar asked the board to review the rulebook draft and provide feedback by December 16, 2014 prior to it going to print so it will be ready in time for the banquet.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported he and Ray McKibben are working on determining the best option for obtaining a projection screen for the banquet. McKibben asked if anyone has a 10' by 10' or larger screen to let us know. Gary Gregg asked who will be providing the music to which Lynda Coombs responded Mike Reifeis. Luke Roberts will provide Ray McKibben with photos and Lynda Coombs will provide McKibben with the video prepared by Gary Lutz. Rick Coombs explained Burris provides oil through sponsorship to give out at the banquet and asked what the plan is for 2015. Josh Wagar responded he sees no reason to change. Gary Gregg asked how much longer we have on the tire contract. Don Boles responded there is one more year. Gregg said a lot of people have said the tires changed halfway through the season and suggested talking with the provider about getting a different hardness. Boles said it was the sidewalls that changed not the compound. Brent Warren reported the tires without bar codes were harder and the ones with bar codes were stickier and went away quickly. Randy Landes responded that has to do with manufacturing. Mike Brown reported WKA will be using YLCs one more year.

**SWAP MEET:** Doug Benson explained Chasin Racine, Comet Kart Sales and Uncle Frank's 4 Cycle Racing will once again be the sponsors for the Swap Meet. He said flyers will be going out later this week. Mike Brown asked if we are going to be able to have the Swap Meet at Hara Arena as he heard they laid people off today. Benson said he was told something was on the news today about this. Randy Landes stated Benson and Ted Cradlebaugh will get more information. Dan Fiehrer said there was a little bit of confusion at the last Swap Meet about whether vendors are to pay to get in. Gary Gregg responded they pay for both admission and table rental. Don Boles stated everybody pays for insurance.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready extended thanks to the people who have been proactive by sending in their payment for reserved pit spots for next season. He said as we continue

to grow, there will be more reserved pit spots needed. McCready asked where we want to go with pricing and explained the main area had been \$150 per year and grass spots were \$50 per year. He said spots by the railroad where there is access in and out had been \$50 and he wonders if we should consider making them \$100. Ray McKibben responded we should keep it simple at \$150 and \$50 and not have anything in between. He further suggested charging premium rate for the spots McCready was referring to. McCready said there are people who want at least 60' and we have been running 12' by 40'. Don Boles noted people are to include the length of their trailer on the pit spot form. McCready responded oftentimes that information is missing. Pat Slattery suggested charging \$150 and \$100. Mike Brown reported someone who pitted near the concession stand with a dualie took up four spots, which blocked anybody from coming in. Slattery said they should pay for the spots. Brown suggested to require big rigs wanting special spaces to unhook and said that is a lot of real estate to take up for \$50. McKibben discussed how with gate numbers up, there have been a lot more spectator cars. He suggested installing signage at the gate that there are reserved and non-reserved pit spots and to talk to someone first. Dylan Cradlebaugh discussed a group that pitted in the aisle and Fiehrer reported you couldn't get to your spot. Ray Brown said it was necessary for him to come the day before in order to get to his spot. Boles suggested doubling the size of the aisle so people can get trailers through. Brown said he would like people to pay attention and just because they rented a 10' by 40' spot, they should not pit off the side unless they are paying for that spot. He suggested not putting big rigs on corners. McKibben said the current markings were designed for pickup trucks. Randy Landes asked McCready to work with Gary Gregg and Ted Cradlebaugh on this. Gregg made a motion to charge \$150 for premium reserved pit spots, \$100 for non-premium reserved pit spots and other spots are free as per the pit spot chairperson. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery. Coombs asked what amount was on the pit spot reservation form that was mailed out to which McCready said \$150. Wagar explained since this was not submitted seven days prior to the board meeting, it would have to be deemed financial or an emergency so it can be voted on tonight. Pat Slattery, seconded by Gary Gregg, made a motion to declare the matter an emergency. The motion passed unanimously. Gregg's motion was then voted on and passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**2015 OFFICER NOMINATIONS:** The 2015 officer nominations were as follows:

President: Tom Melton, seconded by Randy Landes, nominated Ray McKibben.

Dylan Cradlebaugh, seconded by Don Boles, nominated Josh Wagar.

Vice-President: Randy Landes, seconded by Josh Wagar, nominated Ken Kuethe.

Ray McKibben, seconded by Randy Landes, nominated Jeff Roberts

(Note: Roberts withdrew his nomination via email to the Board on December 4, 2014.)

Secretary: Josh Wagar, seconded by Jeff Roberts, nominated Lynda Coombs.

Treasurer: Ray McKibben, seconded by Don Boles, nominated Jason Gregg.

Gary Gregg asked what time the election takes place at the banquet. Lynda Coombs responded the annual membership meeting is at 2:00 p.m. Gregg reported in years past, voting had taken place during the banquet. Coombs said that was about 15 years ago. Jeff Roberts made a motion we somehow have voting at the dinner at the banquet. Mike Brown explained this would require a by-law change and Josh Wagar read the by-laws that specifies for the voting to take place at the meeting. Brown explained for this to be voted on tonight it would have had to have been on the agenda and been brought up one to two months ago. Ray McKibben said to put the matter on next month's agenda and announce at the banquet we are looking at changing. Wagar responded McKibben needs to submit the agenda item. Roberts asked to table the matter until next month. Landes said elections will stay the same this year.

**FREEZING THE BOARD:** Ray McKibben discussed points brought up by other board members. He stated Don Boles said there are too many board members and should be eight per driver. McKibben reported another board member brought up we could potentially lose good board members by freezing the board. Slattery responded he sees no reason to do this and asked for a good reason. Brent Warren said he agrees. Ken Kuethe said no other organization has this many board members with this ratio. Josh Wagar stated the by-laws specify nine to fifteen board members and he sees no reason to tell people we don't need them. Wagar further stated we can stay at ten, eleven or twelve board members. Doug Benson reported he has never seen a person who has been nominated not get on the board. Kuethe said he did not come to these meetings to get on the board; he came here because he felt this was his club. He further stated people with ulterior motives should not be on the board. McKibben stated we are heavy on representation for the senior classes. He feels we should be thinking of our class representation, as there is no Kid Kart, Sportsman or Junior coverage. Kuethe responded he does not see it as representing classes. Mike Brown stated we have had board members who as soon as they got what they wanted they left the board. He asked what other organization is there that needs one board member for eight members. Brown further stated it is the personal issues we deal with because of the numbers and when we froze the board in the past, it worked well. He said when there are too many people on the board and there is conflict, it gets broken down. Brown stated this is in support of bringing the board down or freezing as we have too many people and to look at the WKA minutes of what has gone on there. Slattery said regardless of thirteen or fifteen board members, we come to consensus and he prefers more input to make informed decisions. McKibben asked for Rick Coombs' opinion who replied it is easier with fewer board members but with more, there is more input and the board usually votes one way or the other. McKibben then asked for Randy Landes' opinion to which Landes said he likes greater numbers of perspective. McKibben asked Lee McCready his thoughts and McCready said he sees both points, does not think there have been that many decision-making issues and thinks it is more voice from the people. Gary Gregg asked if in the rulebook it was taken away that the President votes only in a tie. Wagar responded that is in the by-laws. Gregg asked for this to be changed to which Wagar explained a by-law change takes two-thirds of the board voting in favor and to submit it for the agenda. McKibben noted the change took place four years ago and asked Gregg if he is saying the President should be the tiebreaker. Gregg responded there should not be a tie as the President should be the tiebreaker. McKibben asked if there is a tie, should the President send it back to the board. Coombs said to Gregg's point, with the President as tiebreaker, he wouldn't have a vote on the front end.

**2015 CLASS STRUCTURE:** Gary Gregg asked what new classes will be offered by WKA. Pat Slattery said there will be a shifter stock moto class. Josh Wagar noted we have a rule in place that allows four karts for an existing WKA class to create a class at the track. Ray Brown said the stock moto is the only one that runs YLB tires and asked if we will allow that or have to run YLCs. Pat Slattery responded it would be YLCs. Wagar said if four show up wanting to run YLBs, we will look at that if it happens. Dylan Cradlebaugh noted we allow them to show up and not get points. Rick Coombs explained the Rules Committee determined to allow the use of a can or pipe in the Yamaha Senior Novice class with a weight differential of 340# for can and #365 for pipe with adjustments if needed.

**2015 SCHEDULE:** Randy Landes said this was already discussed under Rules Committee and further discussion will take place next month.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CHARITY RACE / DARF BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS:** Lynda Coombs reported Ted Cradlebaugh will be presenting a donation to DARF this coming Saturday from proceeds from the Charity Race.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**CRASH BAGS:** Gary Gregg reported he is waiting to hear back about crash bags.

**TRACK OWNER:** Mike Brown said the reason the club is so good is our track owner gives a lot to all of us. He further stated that is what makes this club shine to which Brent Warren expressed agreement. Brown stated it will be interesting to see what paths cross OVKA's this year.

**WKA:** Pat Slattery discussed price increases for WKA events and said it is \$40 to \$50 more, which includes two days and practice. He reported their banquet is \$45 this year and they don't give anything away.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Randy Landes explained the executive session will be postponed until next month.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Don Boles, seconded by Josh Wagar, made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 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
- DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Show – Friday through Sunday, March 13-15, 2015, Centre City Mall, Piqua, OH.

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Lynda Coombs – Provide video from Gary Lutz to Ray McKibben.
- Gary Gregg – Discuss crack sealing with Ted Cradlebaugh, follow up on crash bags.
- Luke Roberts – Provide photos to Ray McKibben.
- Josh Wagar – Coordinate Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs show.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** D. Benson, M. Brandon, R. Brown, J. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer, G. Lutz, T. Melton, L. Roberts, B. Schroeder, M. Walters, B. Warren and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 12/21/14.