

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the March 3, 2015 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with twelve in favor and one abstained (Brown - Stafford not present at time of vote). Coombs presented a revised entry form that includes the active classes as well as the other approved classes. She asked Brown if this format would be workable for tech staff to which Brown responded he sees no issue with it. Josh Wagar asked for clarification about scoring LO206 Senior and OVKA 212 together and adjusting weight if needed. Ray McKibben said he thought they were to be scored separately to which Jeff Roberts responded they are to be scored together and adjust weight if there is too much of a difference. McKibben asked if it would be easy to separate the points later. Wagar said in his opinion if they start the season that way, they finish that way. Brown said an issue for tonight is the Briggs Weekly Racing Series and if we go with that, we have to score separately. Lynda Coombs explained how the points will be together but they can be reported separately. Brown discussed how the Weekly Racing Series works and said you're competing against other tracks. He explained it is a free program for the senior classes only and there are a lot of perks, including a reduced rate for tech tools and items for the banquet. We would need to register G & J Kartway and OVKA by April 24, 2015 and follow their rules. He noted weights and tires are adjustable. Lynda Coombs read a description of the program from their website. Brown said he does not see any reason why we would not participate in this and it is a solid attempt to get crossovers to us, which will benefit OVKA. Wagar discussed how we have told people they can race the 212 or LO206 together in that class for months. Ted Cradlebaugh said we can do that and just send in the LO206 finishes. Brown reported Briggs will have a points transfer sheet. McKibben and Roberts offered to take care of reporting the points for the Weekly Racing Series. Lynda Coombs will provide them with the points spreadsheet via email. Rick Coombs asked if there could be a decision to split the two classes to which Wagar said for OVKA purposes, not this year. Wagar will take care of submitting the paperwork for OVKA to participate in the Briggs Weekly Racing Series. Don Boles, seconded by Pat Slattery, made a motion to sign up for the Briggs Weekly Racing Series. Wagar said he does not think a vote is needed, as it is only a matter of paperwork. Jean Stafford stated as a point of order, there is a motion and second. Boles and Slattery retracted their motion and second.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Josh Wagar provided bank balances. Gary Gregg reported reconciliation with G & J Kartway has taken place and it is included on the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Mike Brown reported the DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Show at Centre City Mall in Piqua went well and noted attendance was down. He thanked Don Boles, Suzi Brown, Marlene Cook and Ron Gordon for assisting with the show. Brown and his wife also participated in the three-day Darke County Sheriff's Home and Sport Show last weekend. Gary Gregg reported the invoice for Rollin on the River has been paid. Josh Wagar discussed sample redesigned OVKA logos Ray McKibben had sent by email. Wagar said consensus was to go with the one that had minor changes. McKibben explained the main change was to a new style bumper. Wagar stated he has window stickers ordered. Rick Coombs reported his insurance company considers the OVKA trailer commercial and as a result, he does not have personal insurance

coverage for towing it. Coombs discussed the matter with Michael Davis Insurance Agency and was told by Davis a policy can be written for OVKA for the trailer. Pat Slattery responded it sounds like if any of use drives it, we are not covered. He asked what a policy would cost and would it be for liability only with us self-insuring the items. Brent Warren stated liability wouldn't cover damage to the tow vehicle. Ted Cradlebaugh responded to sell the trailer since nobody wants to drive it because they are afraid of liability if the trailer comes off the truck. Wagar asked if we want to get a quote with consensus being to do so. Following discussion of coverage options, the conclusion was for Coombs to contact Davis to obtain quotes for 2.5 million and 5 million for liability and full coverage. Wagar said a decision whether to sell or keep the trailer will be made next month.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported ten pit spots remain. He explained Gary Gregg and Rick Coombs will work on adding a road to the pit spot area once the weather clears. McCready said numbers will be put on pit spots when the weather is decent and help will be needed. He stated we are still looking for a few more sponsors.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he spoke with Charlie Freeburn and he is ready to complete crack sealing. At least six people are needed to assist with this for two days. It will be necessary for the track to be shut down while repairs take place and the track can be run on after three hours. Josh Wagar discussed doing it this coming weekend. Don Boles, Dylan Cradlebaugh, Ken Kuethe, Ray McKibben, Pat Slattery, Josh Wagar and Brent Warren offered to help with this project. Lee McCready is available Sunday to work on pit spot numbers. Cradlebaugh contacted Freeburn during the meeting and an 8:00 a.m. start time on Saturday was scheduled. Wagar noted this will be posted on the OVKA website so people know the track will be closed. Gary Gregg reported the crash bag cost is \$100 each for filled or \$95 for just the sock. He ordered thirty filled crash bags, which should arrive in two to three weeks. Ray McKibben explained radios donated by the Calverts are a different frequency than what we are using and can't be converted so we will stick with what we have. McKibben reported telephone poles are \$170 each and Gregg is looking into other options. He said at least three poles are needed. McKibben is working on the golf kart, which is barely running and should know more after this weekend. Gregg noted the batteries are four to five years old on the kart retrieval vehicle. During discussion about batteries, Rick Coombs cautioned to not go by only price as there are different levels. McKibben made a motion to appropriate up to \$700 to purchase (6) six-volt batteries for the electric retrieval vehicle. Ken Kuethe seconded the motion. Following further discussion about battery options, McKibben withdrew his motion and Gregg offered to ask his Interstate battery supplier to look at the retrieval vehicle. Cradlebaugh said the retrieval vehicle should not be used for non-race activities. Wagar reported at clean-up day Brent Warren labeled all of the breakers and what is to be left on.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS ITEM AGENDA REQUESTS: In follow up to last month, Josh Wagar asked if anyone wanted to make a motion regarding the thirty day/seven day rule. Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to strike the thirty day/seven day rule from our by-laws and go back to the way it was. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery and passed with ten in favor and three opposed which was the two-thirds needed for a by-law change (roll call: Brown-no, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-no, Roberts-yes, Slattery-yes, Stafford-no, Warren-yes, Boles-yes). Wagar explained the language that will be coming out of the by-laws will be the two bulleted items dated August 5, 2014:

- All items placed on the agenda "MUST" provide documentation. Documentation must be distributed in its entirety among all Board Members a minimum of (7) days before being put on the agenda for a first reading and discussion. This can be done in e-mails or at a meeting. If

distributed at a meeting however no discussion or reading will take place until the next month's meeting under Old Business.

- Motions will be discussed within the allotted time given and then to be placed under Old Business for a second reading, discussion, and vote at the next monthly meeting. Items such as safety and finance's may be declared an emergency. A motion can be made and require a second and voted on to be declared an emergency. These items can then be voted on at the meeting at which they were introduced."

Wagar further stated we will go back to when if someone wants to make a motion and there is a second, we can vote on it. Ray McKibben said let the free-for-all begin and that he was not bamboozled and made a decision to vote for it. Wagar asked that items still be emailed seven days in advance and noted this is a request, not a requirement.

EMAIL VOTING: Josh Wagar discussed an email motion from Ray McKibben a couple of months ago that resulted in voting by email. Wagar said there was a concern we should not have voted on it and the by-laws do not specify one way or the other. He requested this method be used only if there is an emergency.

NEW BUSINESS:

AWARDS: Pat Slattery said with the problem with a jacket at the banquet, he thinks we should decide 4.0 is the cutoff or relax it to 3.0, as we don't want the same thing next time. Josh Wagar responded he does not think we should lower the average to which Slattery said we keep fudging it. Wagar stated we need to keep it at 4.0 and not fudge it. He said if your class is running low, you need to recruit some friends to race. Slattery stated it should be up to the people in the class to get the numbers up. Jeff Roberts said one of the biggest problems is the kids don't know as they are measured for jackets. Ray McKibben said he asked last year about the Rev Rule as the perception is it is favoritism and this has nothing to do with the jacket. Wagar explained the Rev Rule was a term given to providing awards for sportsman-age and younger drivers who had 50% participation. Ted Cradlebaugh stated it is in the rulebook what people are getting. Lynda Coombs explained she does not take measurements and has used OVKA apparel as a comparison for racers who do not know their size. She said sizes are typically obtained back to third or fourth place depending on the points. Coombs discussed having a procedure this upcoming season to provide forms to the drivers to obtain their jacket sizes, refer to the jacket provider if they need assistance with sizing and include a statement referring people to the page in the rulebook that explains how jacket awards are given. Brent Warren inquired how you get the average up when the classes are run together. Wagar responded they were basically running identical karts and the kids did not want to move up. He further stated they all could have run Rookie for points. Mike Brown noted age was an issue and the reason we made this class was for kids coming out of Kid Karts who were not ready for Yamaha Sportsman. Wagar further explained we as a club created Sportsman Novice, which used to be called Rookie, then WKA came out with Yamaha Rookie Sportsman and we adopted it as well then there was one points class and one non-points class with one getting trophies every week similar to Kid Karts and one racing for a championship. McKibben asked if it is possible to combine the classes into one Sportsman learning class to which Jim Hendricks, Sr. said that's Kid Karts. Slattery explained Rookie Sportsman has a set of rules and the other class can have three different motors and run to the age of twelve. He suggested cutting the age to ten. Wagar said he would look at dropping the Novice class altogether and have one class to which Slattery agreed. Brown said he does not understand the thinking from anybody that watched classes develop, had good turnout, were successful and even gave a discount on running a second class. Wagar said these two classes are basically identical and are detracting from each other. Brown responded this year you are going to have a whole new group and why cut the head off because we screwed up one jacket. Wagar said the jacket was taken care of. Lynda Coombs stated these are two separate issues – the jacket and

two similar classes. Brown responded it came about because of the jacket to which Coombs said Mr. Warren had discussed a concern about it during the season before the jacket issue ever occurred. Shawn Bayliff said he does not see the difference between the two classes other than the one can bring virtually whatever motor. Warren suggested running just the Novice class and make it a points or non-points class. Wagar said let's take the best of both classes and have one. Ted Cradlebaugh agreed and suggested eliminating the Rookie Sportsman points class. Slattery said he would hate to see us get rid of the Rookie class and the reason the class was set up so 7-year-olds would not have to race with 12-year-olds. He further stated we should have the Rookies run with the Novice. Brown explained the reason they did not move up last year was because it was cheaper with the discount and they were comfortable running with kids they knew from the year before. Wagar asked if anyone had a motion about this. Slattery made a motion that we have the 4.0 rule for jackets and everything else and should abide by this. Wagar said this is in the rulebook and he does not think we need a motion. He further stated he intends to tell people starting at race one they need a hard 4.0 average. Brent Warren made a motion for 2016 to omit the Sportsman Novice class and run the Rookie class. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery. Rick Coombs, seconded by Jeff Roberts, amended the motion to table the matter until October to have time to talk with parents about the two classes. The amendment passed with ten in favor and two opposed (roll call: Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Slattery-no, Warren-no, Boles-yes, Brown-yes). Wagar noted because of the amendment, the board does not vote on the original motion tonight. Warren asked for clarification as to who is going to talk with the parents. Brown said the class has a director. Wagar stated he and Kuethe will get with Ron Gordon and all the parents. Kuethe stated he thinks we need a whole season to look at this.

LO206 CLASSES: Mike Brown reported WKA and every club is going with the LO206 engine. Pat Slattery asked what the difference is between the LO and regular 206. Brown explained the regular 206 comes off a different assembly line and the builder blueprints it. He noted it is the Pro Gas. He said the LO206 is hand built. Brown explained you have to have a slide for each class and they are supposed to be laser etched. He said OVKA needs to decide the oil for these. Jeff Roberts recommended Amsoil 4T oil. Brown explained the engine was designed by Briggs and Stratton and Amsoil is made for this motor. Brown noted WKA does not run this oil and we don't have to spec an oil. Wagar responded it is a recommendation by the builder. Randy Landes said the difficulty comes when you try to mix this with a glycol-based oil and you should pick an oil and stick with it. Brown reported WKA is going to adopt the Briggs rules for LO206 and made a motion we go with all Briggs rules for all LO206 classes. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe and passed unanimously. Brown asked if the board wants to go with the rules he typed up. He explained in one spec class in WKA last year, an air filter came off and the driver got DQ'd then they changed from required to not required for the air filter. Brown suggested going with not required for the air filter and go with WKA weights. Wagar agreed starting with WKA weights and making adjustments if needed. Brown cautioned that you have to watch because of the Weekly Racing Series and said we need to vote on the weights and slides. Wagar made a motion we follow WKA weights and slides in all LO206 classes with weights subject to change. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Roberts asked where Wagar plans to run the LO206 Kid Karts. Wagar said his intent is to run them with Kid Karts. Brown responded that will be the biggest mistake because you have 50# more than a Comer and you've got a bulldozer as was seen at the Great Lakes Sprint Series. Wagar discussed the situation at GLSS and said he needs to see who shows up. Brown reported it could be a sponsorship if the group Eric Snell is bringing in is grouped with the 206's because they don't want that missile with the Comers and it is a safety concern. Shawn Bayliff reported Margay will not build a Kid Kart with a 206 because of the weight and how heavy it is becomes a safety concern. Brown noted they can run a Cadet or standard chassis. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked if it is really a safety concern because they run it nationally and regionally in points classes or is it an excuse.

Brown responded it is a safety concern. Cradlebaugh reported at GLSS the parents said they did not want it to ruin the championship. Ray McKibben discussed the differences he has heard and seen on entry and exit in the 4-cycle and 2-cycle classes. He suggested waiting to see what is observed at Karting 101. Roberts said it is not a missile by any means and Jim Hendricks, Sr. stated they will run mid-pack. Roberts suggested making a maximum weight of 200# and allowing both motors. Wagar said he wants to see who shows up and will figure out an equitable solution. Gary Gregg suggested if the LO206 is too fast, putting in a different slide to which Brown said you can't. Gregg stated we do not need another Kid Kart class. McKibben asked that this be published in tech updates to which Wagar agreed.

TECH SEMINAR: Mike Brown reported he has been working closely with Steve Baker and Dave and he wants to come in to OVKA knowing everything about 206 and Pro Gas when it comes to tech. For \$100, Baker will train three or four people. Brown discussed an email he had sent to Josh Wagar proposing OVKA covering the \$100 and fuel and hotel. He said he can come back to OVKA and conduct our own tech seminars here. Ray McKibben asked who all wants to attend. Don Boles, Jeff Roberts and four tech people are interested. McKibben said he knows Baker granted \$100 for three or four people and asked if he would take more. Brown responded no he won't, he is doing it for him and Suzi, and they can bring two others. Roberts inquired who the others would be to which Brown responded Ron Gordon and Jean Stafford. Wagar discussed for as long as he has been with the club, people have traveled for the betterment of the club and we have never paid for travel expenses and he has a problem with setting this precedent. Wagar asked Brown if Baker would be willing to come down here and do the seminar. Brown said the cost would be several hundred dollars more - over \$500. Brown suggested Wagar call Baker to discuss this. Brown explained Baker doesn't want an engine builder in his shop. Dylan Cradlebaugh said it is a sealed motor to which Brown explained the Pro Gas is not. Wagar discussed how there were only two Pro Gas entries last year and said he is fine in theory with getting some training on the LO206 but it is a sealed motor. Brown said what happens with the LO206 package is they go up to Pro Gas and Pro Gas is your TaG of LO. Brown stated he wants to learn the Pro Gas. He said he will do it on his own, as this is something unique. Brown reported OVKA used to pay his WKA membership and it is like an employer sending you off for training. Wagar responded OVKA is not an employer and we are all volunteers. He further stated he would like for anyone who wants to attend to be able to. Brown said he thought about having Baker do some training at the Gold Cup. Ted Cradlebaugh asked Wagar to contact Baker to which Wagar agreed. Brown said he needs to know quickly because if you're not paying for it, he has somebody else.

LO206 KID KARTS: Ray McKibben inquired about what the cost will be for LO206 Kid Kart fuel. He suggested charging a flat \$30 rate as it would be easier than having to reimburse them for fuel. He noted the Comers pay \$32.50. Mike Brown responded he gets pump gas every Sunday. Josh Wagar asked Brown to keep some unmixed fuel for them. Jeff Roberts discussed fuel tanks he has made for the LO206 and said they are one quart. Wagar said if they need to come back for fuel, we can work that out if their tank is not big enough to get them through the day. Lynda Coombs asked if the fee for LO206 Kid Karts will be the same to which Wagar said yes.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

JUNIOR HEAVY: Ray McKibben reported several parents inquired about having a Junior Heavy class. He said we won't know until race day if they will be there but there are four who are interested. McKibben stated we have to decide if they would run LO206 or a heavier driver weight. He noted years ago, we tagged on fifteen pounds and it was a double class for the junior drivers. McKibben stated kids forty to fifty pounds over can't compete and the Race Director can put them behind the regular Yamaha Junior class. Pat Slattery responded we don't need another class. Josh Wagar

noted we have the rule that allows four or more of an existing WKA class to be able to present at the track and non-WKA classes would have to be submitted to WKA for approval. Ken Kuethe asked what the driver weight would be to which McKibben stated that is to be determined. Wagar said it would have to be at least a 200 pound kid. Dawn Schroeder reported the Calverts would like to run it as a double entry. Lynda Coombs asked if this is an existing WKA class to which Wagar explained it would have to be submitted.

PISTONS: Mike Brown reported at Charlotte, IAMI presented homologation for 2016 pistons and said they are already in the country. Brown said to not worry about it as he is waiving it. Shawn Bayliff explained he has eight X30 motors that don't have papers. Brown responded your engine builder does the passports. Bayliff said it has been a problem getting them. Brown told him to not worry about it because it is just starting. Josh Wagar said Bayliff will be fine for this year.

APOLOGY: Ted Cradlebaugh extended an apology to Mike Brown for a statement he made a couple of months ago. Cradlebaugh said everything Brown states is "they" and not "us". Brown responded it is not to separate, he includes himself and Cradlebaugh is right.

SPIRIT FOR RACING: Josh Wagar presented a proposal from Virgil Oatts and made a motion to provide an organizational/group membership for 21 youth protégés ages eight to fifteen and six adult mentors for the upcoming 2015 race season and a \$3.00 discount for gate passes to cover each youth and the mentors. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe and passed unanimously. Jeff Roberts asked if this includes grandparents to which Lynda Coombs responded no.

BOARD MEETINGS: Gary Gregg said we need to put a limit on meeting time.

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO: Brian Schroeder asked if three Mason students could record an entire day at race one for a promotional video that we can use for shows. He requested gate passes be provided. Dawn Schroeder explained it is for a school project. Josh Wagar made a motion to give three students gate passes and if parents come with them, provide their gate passes at race one. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Josh Wagar, seconded by Jeff Roberts, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Rollin' on the River Car Show – Sunday, July 26, 2015, Saylor Park, Ohio.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Lynda Coombs – Provide Ray McKibben and Jeff Roberts with points spreadsheets via email following OVKA races.
- Rick Coombs – Obtain insurance quotes for trailer from Michael Davis Insurance Agency.
- Gary Gregg – Research options for telephone poles, ask Interstate battery supplier to look at retrieval vehicle.
- Ken Kuethe – Along with Josh Wagar, talk with Ron Gordon and parents in the Sportsman Novice class.
- Ray McKibben – Along with Jeff Roberts, report finishes to the Briggs Weekly Racing Series, address issues with golf kart.
- Jeff Roberts – Along with Ray McKibben, report finishes to the Briggs Weekly Racing Series.

- Josh Wagar – Submit paperwork for the Briggs Weekly Racing Series, along with Ken Kuethe, talk with Ron Gordon and parents in the Sportsman Novice class, contact Steve Baker about LO206 and Pro Gas tech training.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Boles, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, L. McCreedy, R. McKibben, J. Roberts, P. Slattery, J. Stafford, J. Wagar and B. Warren.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: S. Bayliff, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, J. Hendricks, L. Mueller, R. Mueller, V. Oatts, B. Schroeder, D. Schroeder, M. Walters and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 4/29/15.