

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the May 5,, 2015 board meeting minutes with a correction that Gary Huber has Internet but not Facebook and correction of a spelling error to the word adjournment. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously. Coombs reported a sympathy card was sent to David Shippo upon learning of the passing of his father.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Josh Wagar provided bank balances. Josh Wagar reported he spoke with Mr. Fagin who is running Circleville for Steve Tatman and they are charging \$10 for gate passes. Consensus was this is not a problem. Pat Slattery asked if the Circleville track will be open for practice on Saturday to which Wagar said it will. Wagar explained a food truck and port-a-johns will be in place for the race. Lynda Coombs asked where the sign-in area will be which Wagar will check. Ray McKibben asked if there will be enough restrooms. Wagar responded Fagin said he felt we would be good. McKibben reported he stopped by Circleville and the grass was cut, a dirt oval put in and a small oval within the pace oval for radio-controlled cars. Wagar said he will conduct pre-tech on Saturday.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAMP RACE:** Josh Wagar reported the Racing4Vets group will coordinate games for the children on Saturday. Assistance will be needed in selecting the specific games. Josh Wagar explained a chairperson is needed for the event. Lynda Coombs discussed an old list that can be provided which has details for the event. Pat Slattery offered to serve as chairperson and received a round of applause. Ray McKibben stated he does not want the liability of a bouncy house to which Wagar agreed. McKibben suggested having a slip-and-slide to which Kristen Warren and Lynda Coombs expressed concern about. Slattery discussed anchoring a bouncy house and McKibben noted Slattery will be in charge of monitoring it since he will be chairperson. Wagar said we can look into what other options are available. Don Boles asked what the cost of a dunk tank is. Wagar responded it is less than \$200. Boles offered to come up with a game for less than \$200. Slattery suggested having an organized corn hole tournament. Wagar reported Gary Gregg has asked John Treglia to check into pricing from Luigi's Olde World Market. Angie Calvert suggested having a photo booth again. Kristen Warren asked that the disc jockey be directed to provide appropriate music.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Brian Schroeder reported he and his wife along with the Calverts can participate in the Renegade Custom Car Show on Saturday, June 20, 2015. Lynda Coombs said the event is being held at Harbin Park in Fairfield from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the booth space fee is \$25.00 plus an item or basket for the raffle or silent auction table. Coombs checked that we can still sign up and will send in the registration tomorrow. Brian Schroeder said we are good to go for the Rollin on the River event on Sunday, July 26, 2015. Lee McCready said we are signed up for the Lebanon Blues Festival on Saturday, August 1, 2015 and will have the same spot. Josh Wagar reported Rick and Lynda Coombs are unable to assist. Ted Cradlebaugh offered to coordinate the event.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reported the sponsors have been updated on the website and to please let him know if anybody is missing. He asked if there are any concerns or

questions about pit spots and said we are trying to get it so everybody knows what area is free. Ray McKibben discussed defining an area for persons with mobility needs. McCready responded there is the area Josh Wagar is not using. Ted Cradlebaugh noted there are the spots held for the President and Tech Director. Wagar responded it would need to be understood someday the next President may want that spot back. McCready pointed out that area is used for post-tech to spread out to which Ray Brown said we have the gravel area. Pat Slattery pointed out the area may be needed at the Champ Race. Dylan Cradlebaugh said the dunk tank can be moved.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Don Boles will check into PA cable tomorrow. Brent Warren discussed regulations pertaining to playing music over the PA system. Ray McKibben reported Don Boles, Gary Huber, Brent Warren along with himself installed five poles. McKibben thanked the volunteers for their help. McKibben asked Gary Gregg if he wants tires put around the poles to which Gregg said he does. Ted Cradlebaugh said the tires are mosquito catchers. McKibben responded he will cut holes so they will not hold water. Boles asked where some 1/16" Plexiglas can be purchased to install on the bathroom walls due to peeling paint. McKibben offered to provide Boles with information and Brent Warren suggested Cincinnati Polymers. Warren reported he attempted to reach Lori Richardson, our timing software provider, to discuss the Race Monitor app. He noted we are obligated to follow a license agreement with Richardson. Warren said this app is not a part of AMB. He stated he does not think the decoder box has anything to do with it and it pulls information out of the box then sends it out. He further explained there is no charge to us for the app as people pay for it. Warren discussed this with Mike Adams while at New Castle this past race and it would take thirty seconds to hook up. Warren said it will be up to Richardson whether she is okay with it. Josh Wagar asked Warren to contact Richardson. McKibben asked that Warren be added to the Track Improvement Committee to which Wagar agreed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**TRAILER INSURANCE:** Gary Gregg reported what he found out is very similar to what is already known. He said for a liability policy to be issued, the insurance wants to insure what and who is pulling it as in most cases it goes with the vehicle Josh Wagar asked if Paul Frommeyer found anything. Lynda Coombs said she is still checking into it. The matter was tabled.

**TECH SEMINAR:** Josh Wagar reported he Steve Baker is looking at October before he will be available to provide a tech seminar. Baker will let us know a date. Jeff Roberts said maybe we need to figure out something else. Wagar responded you have the specifications and measurements and should be okay. Ray McKibben suggested contacting A.R. Gardner and Doug Brown, which Wagar will do.

**PARTICIPATION LEVELS:** Josh Wagar reported Lynda Coombs went through the notes from the Rules Committee meetings and the committee had decided level three would be fourteen races. He further stated the Yamaha Junior Heavy class is thirteen because we did not start the class at race one. Wagar noted racers have to take a competitive green flag. Ray McKibben stated if you run twelve races then it is 100% to which Wagar said no it is not 100%. Wagar explained you can still win a jacket but you would not be in level three. Ken Kuethe stated you can win the championship with ten races. Coombs read notes from a Rules Committee meeting that stated, "Level 1 is seven to eleven events=one drawing ticket; level two is twelve to thirteen events=two drawing tickets; level three is fourteen events=four drawing tickets." Wagar reported we said this is what was decided for this year and if we want to change it, we can discuss it for next year. He said the 4.0 average for the Yamaha Junior Heavy class will be based off thirteen races, not fourteen.

**TRANSPONDERS:** Josh Wagar reported ten transponders have been ordered to be used for rentals and two for banquet prizes. He said we continue to look for a suitcase charger.

**TECH TOOLS:** Josh Wagar reported Ray Brown and Ron Pierce went through the tech cabinet and provided a list of tools that are needed in the amount of approximately \$1,460. Pat Slattery asked if we have any tools that are missing. Wagar responded over the years we did not do a very good job with an inventory and marking them. He explained if the motion passes, new tools will be etched with OVKA on them by Jeff Roberts. Rick Wagar has agreed to cut lining for a case and it will be easily identified if something is not there. Ray McKibben asked if the current tech cabinet is adequate to which Wagar said we will need to look at that. Ted Cradlebaugh asked about previous tools. Wagar reported an email was sent to request any OVKA tools and helmet stickers be returned. Josh Wagar made a motion to appropriate up to \$2,000 for tech tools. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Slattery asked if this is for two and four-cycle to which Wagar said we have 206, 212 and Pro Gas tools. Roberts stated we do not have a complete kit. McKibben made a motion to appropriate \$500 toward a tech cabinet if it is determined to be needed. Wagar responded we do not know what will be needed until we have the tools. McKibben withdrew his motion. Cradlebaugh asked if there is a burette to check CC's to which Ray Brown responded no. Cradlebaugh expressed concern about tech tools that may be missing to which Slattery agreed. Ken Kuethe said to come up with a list.

**WKA TECH PROCEDURE:** Josh Wagar reported WKA was contacted and it was learned karters can complete a safety checklist every race after being teched initially. Wagar suggested looking at this for next year in Rules Committee. Ray Brown reported at New Castle racers don't have to wear a neck brace. Ted Cradlebaugh said he does not think we should disqualify if a neck brace falls off. Wagar said we might look at that for next year. Dan Fiehrer expressed concern about changing to the WKA tech procedure. Wagar responded pre-tech has been running smooth without long lines. Jeff Roberts reported so many karts have been found to have issues. Wagar explained if the racer signs off on a checklist that everything is there and goes to post-tech and it's not, such as a wheel clip, you came to pre-tech with and I know it was there but it was knocked off, you will have the potential to be disqualified. Wagar further stated the karters will have 100% responsibility. Ray McKibben pointed out we have had a lot of new people.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**LIGHTS FOR NIGHT RACES:** Ray McKibben reported Beaver Creek Rentals has raised the price from \$150 to \$250 for three light towers delivered plus two we pick up. Following discussion of the number of light towers needed per night race, it was determined there needs to be three for the June 13<sup>th</sup> race, five for August 15<sup>th</sup> and three on September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>. Ted Cradlebaugh said we can always add more if needed. Wagar responded if Ray wants to pick up a fourth tower for the races we determined three, that's fine. McKibben said Beaver Creek Rentals needs to be advertised on the website and in announcements. Lynda Coombs reported they are on the announcement list.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**SPORTSMAN WEIGHTS:** Josh Wagar reported he was presented a petition signed by six sportsman-age parents requesting OVKA align with WKA on weights at 245# for both the cadets and sportsmen. Brent Warren explained we are currently at 250# for sportsman and 260# for cadets. McKibben asked didn't we decide cadet was higher because they have an advantage. Wagar responded at one time WKA had a weight difference but they changed. Warren reported he and his wife conducted a poll on Facebook and he is not in favor of changing the weights. Wagar noted the

petitions do not represent the entire class and said a quick vote can be taken from the entire group while at Circleville. Don Boles said in the past he thought it had to be unanimous. Dylan Cradlebaugh discussed how with the TaG class, everybody had to be on the same page. Warren said another concern of some sportsmen is they can't make the weight already. Wagar stated he has heard from less than half the class so let's get everybody's input and go with the large majority. He further stated if not all of the class is at Circleville, we will wait until we are at Camden. McKibben said WKA tracks are longer and bigger so the difference may not show up as much. Dylan Cradlebaugh and Brent Warren disagreed.

**RACE SCHEDULE:** Ted Cradlebaugh asked if Josh Wagar has considered making any changes to the September race dates. Wagar responded at this point he is staying with the schedule.

**NEW RACER:** Brian Schroeder reported he received a phone call from a gentleman who would like to get his son in Kid Kart racing but is concerned about spending the money and learning the child is not interested. Schroeder asked if we have considered using the Kid Kart owned by the club for something like this with somebody monitoring it. Josh Wagar responded the kart is supposed to be a show kart and he has seen karts get mangled. Lynda Coombs said she has known of Kid Kart parents who allowed their children's kart to be tried out on a non-race day. Schroeder said he is not sure of the purpose of our Kid Kart to which Wagar said the intent is to use it for shows unless somebody wants to disagree. Don Boles said the Kid Kart gets a lot of attention at shows.

**HELMETS:** Jeff Roberts discussed a situation at New Castle where Edgar Villarroya was erroneously told his helmets are not legal. Roberts explained Villarroya pointed out via email that per our rulebook and the WKA tech manual the helmets are legal. Brent Warren asked if we are lining up with WKA. Josh Wagar responded we always have. Ray McKibben asked that the approved helmets be published in tech updates on the OVKA website, which Wagar will address.

**NEW CASTLE RACE:** Ray McKibben reported he was asked if the New Castle race that was rained out will count toward attending an away race. He explained the parent said they may not be at the Circleville race. Don Boles stated it was not their fault we did not run. Pat Slattery said they have two more tries. Josh Wagar read from the OVKA rulebook, "Members must count one away race toward championship total if there are three or less races or count two away races if there are four or more away races." McKibben responded he does not think we anticipated a rain date and they showed up. Boles said it cannot be counted because they didn't take a lap. Brent Warren stated the Rules Committee didn't consider this. McKibben responded they are in our system, were in attendance and signed up and it should count toward one of the three and we should look at this for next year. Wagar replied the rulebook states three or less. Jeff Roberts asked what happens if the next two away races get rained out. Wagar explained one would go to the second rain date and one would be rain points. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked if his worst race is an away race then does it have to count. Ray Brown inquired if you are going to have to drop a second place at home and take a tenth at an away race. Wagar responded we had this rule for ten years then dropped it. Ted Cradlebaugh said he thought it was you had to attend but not count it. Heather Cradlebaugh suggested the people who signed up at the rained out New Castle race should have to sign up for the rain date. McKibben seconded by Roberts, made a motion if an away race is rained out and you go to the rain out make-up, that counts if you were registered for a class at the rained out race. The motion passed with ten in favor, one opposed (Landes) and one abstained (Slattery). Wagar reported members who were registered at New Castle will have a credit for the next race they enter. McKibben said you paid for a two-day pass at New Castle to which Wagar responded you used one day on Saturday so it is only good for Sunday when we go back to New Castle.

**TaG CLASSES:** Ray Brown reported he spoke with the manufacturer in Italy and the Vortex Rok TT clutches are no longer made and it is hard to get parts. Brown and Ron Pierce machined the drum and starter nut on a Leopard clutch to serve as a replacement for a gentleman who needs it. Brown explained the replacement is sixty grams heavier. Brown and Pierce are doing the machining at no cost. Brent Warren asked if we should ask the other racers in the class. Dylan Cradlebaugh responded he doesn't have a problem with it but we don't know if anybody would be against it. Wagar said he does not think we have to go to the class about this and we would be telling a guy he cannot race. Brown explained he didn't see any difference in lap times and the times were consistent. Rick Coombs made a motion to allow the replacement clutch. Josh Wagar seconded the motion, which passed with ten in favor and two abstained (Slattery and Warren).

**GATE PASS FEE:** Rick Coombs asked with Circleville and New Castle charging \$10 for gate passes, why wouldn't we adjust it at G & J. Gary Gregg responded we are okay this year. Josh Wagar said we can talk about it for next year.

**CHAMP RACE GATE FEE:** Gary Gregg discussed charging the same as last year for the Champ Race gate fees. A two-day pass will be \$20 and a pass for Sunday only will be \$10. The meal is included with the two-day pass.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Josh Wagar, seconded by Ken Kuethe, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Having been nominated last month, Brian Schroeder was voted unanimously to the OVKA Board of Directors. The board discussed vandalism at the track. A motion was made by Josh Wagar, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh that we do not pay for any tech certifications. The motion passed with nine in favor and three abstained (McKibben, Warren and Boles).

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- Renegade Custom Car Show – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 20, 2015, Harbin Park, 1300 Hunter Road, Fairfield, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 7, 2015, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, Ohio, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Rollin' on the River Car Show – Sunday, July 26, 2015, Saylor Park, Ohio.
- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 1, 2015, Lebanon, Ohio.

#### **SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Don Boles – Provide a game for the Champ Race, check into PA cable tomorrow.
- Jeff and Angie Calvert – Participate in the Renegade Custom Car Show on Saturday, June 20, 2015.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Coordinate Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Ray McKibben – Provide Don Boles with information where to purchase Plexiglas.
- Brian and Dawn Schroeder - Participate in the Renegade Custom Car Show on Saturday, June 20, 2015.
- Pat Slattery – Serve as chairperson for the Champ Race.
- Josh Wagar – Contact A.R. Gardner and Doug Brown about tech seminar, publish approved helmets in tech updates on OVKA website.
- Brent Warren – Follow up with Lori Richardson.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** R. Brown, A. Calvert, B. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer, V. Oatts, L. Roberts, B. Schroeder, D. Schroeder, M. Walters, K. Warren and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 6/8/15.