

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and that side conversations be taken outside.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the June 2, 2015 board meeting minutes as published. Don Boles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Coombs explained there had been email approval by five board members to allow Caiden Young to move up to the Yamaha Junior Novice class and WKA approval was received June 11, 2015. Additionally, there was email approval for Chase Miller to move into Yamaha Masters Y Pipe, which was not submitted, to WKA since their age criteria for the local option Yamaha Masters class is age thirty or older. Coombs reported a brief board meeting was held during the June 13<sup>th</sup> race where a motion was made by Don Boles, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, to buy Mike Brown's tools and tool box up to \$1,500 based upon our tech staff's assessment. The motion passed with nine in favor and two abstained (Calvert and Warren).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Josh Wagar provided bank balances. Gary Gregg reported he has not been paid yet for 2014. Gregg discussed the good turnout at the Champ Race.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAMP RACE:** Josh Wagar noted the Champ Race went really well. He said even with the weather on Saturday, we were able to get everything in. Wagar thanked the caterer, Luigi's Olde World Market and Catering, Pat Slattery for coordinating the event, Racing4Vets for overseeing the games and Ray McKibben for obtaining the dunk tank. Wagar explained there was an issue with trophies not having been ordered for the new Yamaha Junior Heavy class. He said other trophies were used for pictures and we will be making it right. Ted Cradlebaugh stated he thought tech went really smooth. Pat Slattery inquired what the kart count was to which Lynda Coombs responded 138 including the powder puff and mechanic race entrants.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Lynda Coombs reported the Renegade Custom Car Show on Saturday, June 20, 2015 was postponed due to rain. She extended an apology to Dawn Schroeder who drove to the show site to drop off the gift basket. Josh Wagar reported Lee McCready has us scheduled in the same spot at the Lebanon Blues Festival on Saturday, August 1, 2015. Ted Cradlebaugh will be coordinating this event. Brian Schroeder said Jeff Calvert and Reid Smith will be helping with the Rollin' on the River event on Sunday, July 26, 2015.

**SWAP MEET:** Ted Cradlebaugh said our numbers are doing really good and he thinks a lot of this is due to the Swap Meet. He further stated Doug Benson does a good job and Cradlebaugh wants the board to think about paying Benson for coordinating the event, which takes four months to plan for. Kristen Warren reported on a conversation she had with a person at New Castle who said we do a great job with the Swap Meet and he attends every year. Josh Wagar stated Benson asked that someone shadow him and this might get him to stay longer as a lot of time is put into it. Angie Calvert asked if Benson races each week to which Cradlebaugh responded very little. Pat Slattery suggested paying a performance bonus to increase the gate proceeds five to ten percent as that is the bottom line. Cradlebaugh disagreed and noted Benson has coordinated the Swap Meet gratis the past two years and we have to have a good person in that position. Brent Warren suggested giving Benson entries for the year for investing that much time. Gary Gregg reported the previous person

turned in phone bills and postage. Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to pay the Swap Meet Director \$500. The motion was seconded by Lee McCready and passed with twelve in favor and one abstained (Slattery).

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** No report. Ted Cradlebaugh noted Lee McCready has been doing a good job.

#### **TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:**

- Brent Warren said cable and speakers are needed for the PA system. Ray McKibben reported he is checking into this as Don Boles went to Mendelsons and they did not have the right gauge. Boles said he will continue to check also. Warren explained the amount of cable needed will depend on how many speakers are to be put in and he thinks every pole should have four speakers. Gary Gregg said we want 70-watt speakers. Josh Wagar asked how bad it is in the back forty. Ray Brown responded he has heard people complain about not being able to hear in the back area. Warren noted he can't hear in his pit spot. Gregg reported there are several PA drivers in storage. McKibben made a motion to appropriate \$2,000 for speakers and wire so we can get it up and going at least in the back area depending on what Boles or anybody else can find. The motion did not receive a second. Warren stated he thinks the cost will be \$1.00 per foot and he does not want old, used, busted stuff. Gregg said PA drivers are needed too. Wagar reported Scott Young has mentioned he is willing to help. Jeff Calvert suggested discussing this further on Saturday. Wagar said we need to get some numbers together.
- Brent Warren discussed finishing the track sealing while we have the upcoming long break. He noted many of the cracks that were sealed have opened up. Josh Wagar said when we sealed it in the spring, we planned to do the entire track in the fall. Pat Slattery said the last five or six years we were going to do it after the season was over and it never happened. Wagar responded we will get it done. He discussed his and Ted Cradlebaugh's conversation with Charlie Freeburn who suggested sealing earlier this season as was done then this fall, next spring and next fall followed by once per year. Wagar explained we can rent the equipment, buy the material and pick a date when it gets closer to the end of the season.
- Ray McKibben suggested for future planning to put in some drain tile coming from turn one. Gary Gregg reported turn one has drain tile and with two inches of rain, it did well. McKibben said he would like to see the water diverted. Rick Coombs explained to divert the water from running across the grid, the grid would have to be cut unless it is done trenchless.
- Pat Slattery discussed having a professional look at the walkway on the pavilion. Dawn Schroder noted there is a line that comes down. Kristen Warren said that is because kids keep pulling it down. Josh Wagar suggested having Mark Ferguson, who is degreed in construction and builds decks, take a look at it. Jeff Calvert discussed having a company look at it for insurance reasons. Ray McKibben asked that the crow's nest also be inspected. Following discussion, Wagar will contact Ferguson to give us an idea where to go.
- Jeff Calvert said he would like the kids who spit off the deck suspended for one race. Josh Wagar will discuss this matter at the driver's meeting.
- Ted Cradlebaugh noted website contacts need to be updated. Wagar will take care of this.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**TRAILER INSURANCE:** Josh Wagar read an email from Paula Frommeyer who works in the insurance business. Wagar said anybody who is going to tow the trailer needs to check with their insurance company. Rick Coombs explained his insurance agent sent him a letter stating they consider it a commercial trailer. He further stated Michael Davis checked into it and he could not insure it by itself. Coombs said he thought it was a great idea to get the trailer and he voted for it.

Wagar asked if we want to keep the trailer and let everybody check with their insurance. Ted Cradlebaugh responded to keep it and whoever uses it has to meet up with the next person using it.

**TECH SEMINAR:** Josh Wagar reported he is waiting for Steve Baker to choose a date and this is a busy time for Baker.

**TRANSPONDERS:** Josh Wagar reported all twelve transponders inadvertently were numbered instead of holding two out for the banquet. He will attempt to remove the numbers from the two. Wagar explained there are transponders out there that require renewal and license registration with Mylaps. He cautioned people to be sure they are aware of this because if they are not both renewed and registered, they will not transmit.

**TECH TOOLS:** Josh Wagar reported Jeff Roberts, Ray Brown and Ron Pierce met with Mike Brown and purchased tools from him for the club. In addition, a digatron fuel gauge was purchased from Brown. Pat Slattery asked if cyclohexane is being used for fuel testing. Ray Brown responded we have been doing it with a base fuel sample as cyclohexane starts evaporating as soon as it is opened. Wagar reported Roberts is working on engraving the tools. Roberts explained he is still working on developing a list of four-cycle tools that are needed. He observed four-cycle tech at the recent WKA event and found it really informative.

**SPORTSMAN WEIGHTS:** Josh Wagar reported in follow up to a petition that had been submitted, a meeting was held with the Sportsman parents and it was decided to discuss weight changes at the end of the season. Pat Slattery said WKA does it for convenience. Wagar said he is paying attention to who is on what chassis.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**TIRE CONTRACT:** Josh Wagar explained the tire contract is up at the end of this season and asked if we want to stay with Bridgestone or get some bids. He reported we have been contacted by both Burris and Dunlop. Don Boles stated Hoosier wants us too. Pat Slattery said when you're talking about bids, you're talking about money and it should not be about who is the cheapest but what is best. Wagar recommended getting a few people who are not running for points to try out some tires to see how they hold up in race conditions. Brian Schroeder suggested asking the leaders to try them out during practice. Slattery recommended asking Derek Hughes. Ray Brown stated everybody's concentrating on will the tire be comparable; we need to look at the whole package to which Wagar agreed. Wagar further stated we need tires that are going to hold up. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested looking at what the bigger clubs will be running next year by contacting them. He said MG had previously offered us a lot. Ray Brown stated Burris gave us a lot. Brent Warren asked if we would want to consider going with open tires. Wagar responded no and Slattery said nobody goes with open tires. Ray McKibben suggested contacting the major brands, give them our kart count and ask for bids. He said TaG will need to be looked at to which Dylan Cradlebaugh noted TaG is open. McKibben explained it will need to be discussed if the tire companies will allow TaG to run different tires. Wagar said he wanted some guidance and he will contact tire companies this week and ask for some tires to test.

**RADIOS:** Ray McKibben provided information about radios from the same company we have purchased from in the past. He explained Scott Price is local out of Hamilton and he can match the frequency to what we have now. The VHF model, which is what we currently have, costs \$250 and the UHF model is \$267. The fee to reprogram to narrow band is \$35 each, single ear headsets are \$99 each and heavy duty dual ear cup headsets are \$299 each which are similar to what we have. Jeff Calvert explained in the next couple of years, analog won't work. Wagar responded we will still

be able to pick up radio to radio to each other. He noted of our current crew, three people prefer single ear headsets. Rick Coombs said he thinks there are currently three bad headsets and everybody should have a headset. Coombs made a motion to appropriate up to \$3,000 for radios, headsets, programming and a charging base. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. Wagar stated six radios would cover four corners, the Race Director and Head Flagman. Gary Gregg asked if Mendelsons has any radios to which Don Boles responded no. McKibben amended the motion to appropriate \$4,000 with the needs determined by the President. The amendment was seconded by Don Boles and failed with seven opposed, six in favor and one abstained (roll call: Coombs-no, Cradlebaugh-no, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-no, Landes-no, McCready-no, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-no, Slattery-abstained, Warren-yes, Boles-yes, Calvert-yes and Wagar as tiebreaker-no). The original motion was then voted on and passed unanimously. Wagar noted the our radios have been in service at least seven to eight years and possibly eight to ten years. Brent Warren said he is worried we should be looking at better quality radios. McKibben responded they are military grade and he was told six to eight years is typical. Coombs said the next step up would be \$600 or more. McKibben will look into repair costs for the older headsets.

**OVKA212 / LO206 WEIGHTS:** Josh Wagar reported he received an email from Kerin Banfield asking we look at adjusting the 212/206 weights as it is thought the 212 makes a little more horsepower. Wagar will talk with all of the class this weekend. Randy Landes inquired if we change the 206 weights, do we compromise the Briggs Weekly Racing Series? Wagar responded no and explained changes can be made to weights and tires. Landes explained he might not be at the race this weekend and he is in favor of leaving the 212s where they are. Wagar asked Landes if he is in favor of taking some weight off the 206s to which Landes said yes.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**RAIN DATE RACE FORMAT:** Josh Wagar explained the format originally planned for the rain date this Saturday is pea-pick. He said he has been contacted by a number of people asking for qualifying on Saturday and pea-pick on Sunday. Wagar noted last year we said we would try group qualifying and never did. Pat Slattery responded he thinks that would be a good idea. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked how long and how many in the groups. Wagar responded five-minute sessions with some bigger classes cut in half. He further stated if you cross at 5:01 that lap wouldn't count but at 4:59 it would count. Ted Cradlebaugh asked how the karts will line up and said he is not starting in the back. Wagar explained lineups would be based on points and if grouped, you have to go out with your group. Slattery said we will find out it's going to be fun and you only have to get one good lap. He further stated we should say there is no teaming up; that if you are behind a kart and you don't attempt to pass, your time doesn't count. Brian Schroeder asked about timing during practice sessions. Wagar explained we can't do that because it's all the same computer. Jeff Calvert asked about sending out karts individually. Brent Warren asked if they would be gapped. Lynda Coombs explained how the timing system works and we would need to determine when the green flag is to be thrown. Wagar said he was not planning to gap the karts. Calvert asked if we would wait until turn one to send the next one or if there will be a cone or just a little bit of a gap. Cradlebaugh said what this is doing is putting ten karts on the track instead of six. Wagar added this would speed things up and be something different. Slattery stated he thinks we will find it faster. Randy Landes suggested sending the whole group. Wagar responded maybe split the junior class with twenty karts. Ray McKibben asked what the average length of time is to which Rick Coombs said that information can be pulled up on Racelaps. Slattery explained at WKA they send one at a time single file with no gap just like we do for warm-ups. Warren stated with five minutes, some kids will get lapped and he votes no. Wagar explained you would have five minutes and you have to be smart and back off. Warren responded if a guy comes out late, why should you blow your lap? Wagar explained it has happened with the way we do qualifying now and made a motion we do five-minute group qualifying on

Saturday on a trial basis one time and see how it goes. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery. Don Boles stated aren't you the Race Director so why are we voting to which Wagar responded because this is something different. Ted Cradlebaugh said so we only have to do one lap to which Wagar said yes. Gary Huber inquired what happens if you get stuck on the grid behind somebody. Wagar responded you go around. Ken Kuethe asked what happens if you break. Wagar explained you would not get to qualify. Warren asked what happens if there is a red flag during qualifying to which Cradlebaugh responded the clock stops. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked how penalties would be handled. Wagar said the same as always. Kuethe suggested explaining during the driver's meeting that you should separate yourself. Following further discussion, Wagar withdrew his motion and said he will get a better plan together. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested doing regular qualifying. Wagar responded he intended to do what we would have done when rained out at New Castle.

**BUCKEYE OUTLAW KART RACING:** Randy Landes reported he spoke with someone from Buckeye Outlaw Kart Racing about possibly bringing twelve karts to race with us. Josh Wagar asked Landes to have him call Wagar.

**GRID:** Ray McKibben reported it was brought to his attention there are excess people on the grid when entrants are trying to set their karts down. He said it has become too crowded and it is not just the driver and starter who are on the grid. Josh Wagar said he will mention this at the driver's meeting.

**POST-TECH:** Josh Wagar reminded everyone there is to be only one person in post-tech with the kart. Ray Brown reported extra people have been asked to leave the area. Jeff Calvert inquired what happens if he sends somebody in for his carburetor. Wagar responded the rulebook specifies one person and that one can come out then another go in when the carburetor is finished. Calvert asked what about the driver to which Brown said the driver does not need to be there. Jeff Roberts discussed how post-tech is handled at WKA events with engines placed in tubs and when they are cleared, the tub is released. He said all these people in post-tech aren't necessary.

**SCHOOL PROJECT:** Don Boles reported a student has asked permission to do some filming at our race this Sunday for a school project. Josh Wagar said we will work with him. Boles asked the student to check in at the tower.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Josh Wagar, seconded by Ken Kuethe, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Discussion of a board member matter and legal guidance.

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

- Rollin' on the River Car Show – Sunday, July 26, 2015, Sayler Park, Ohio.
- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 1, 2015, Lebanon, Ohio.
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, 2015, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, Ohio, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

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

- Don Boles – Check into speaker cable.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Coordinate Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Ray McKibben – Check into speaker cable and speakers, order radios, headsets and charging base, arrange for programming of radios, look into repair costs for the older headsets,

- Josh Wagar – Contact Mark Ferguson regarding the pavilion and crow’s nest, discuss spitting off the deck at the driver’s meeting, have website contacts updated, contact other organization about their tire plans for next season, contact tire companies, talk with OVKA212 / LO206 class regarding weights, discuss people on the grid at the driver’s meeting.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 7/20/15