

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-President Ken Kuethe called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and reported Josh Wagar will be arriving later. Kuethe asked that cell phones be turned down or placed on vibrate and side conversations be taken outside. He explained the room location for this evening's meeting is temporary and asked that people bear with us.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the October 6, 2015 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery and passed unanimously. Coombs explained with the banquet mailing going out later this month, she needs to know if there is to be any change to the membership fees. Ray Brown asked if the way the membership fee was done this past season helped to which Coombs responded to a small degree. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested keeping it the same and check again next year to which Ken Kuethe agreed. Pat Slattery suggested taking off \$25.00 if the fee is paid at the banquet. Cradlebaugh responded there is enough going on at the banquet. Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$365.00 for computer software customizations through LR Computer Solutions. She explained this was for changes made to the software to better meet our needs and does not include annual support fees. Ray McKibben asked if the amount appropriated should be more to which Coombs said she would prefer to wait for a future invoice. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Rick Coombs provided bank balances. Ted Cradlebaugh reported a check had been issued for the track sealant.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Dawn Schroeder will be coordinating the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show being held at the Duke Energy Convention Center on Friday through Sunday, January 8-10, 2016. Randy Landes will obtain information about Tim's Motorsports Expo.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reported a new pit spot map is being finalized and will be ready in time for the annual mailing. He hopes to have laminated poster-size maps posted in the tower, at the grid area and the gate. McCready stated he would like to have verbal commitments from sponsors and they do not have to turn in the money until April 1, 2016. He said he is open to suggestions about sponsorship and pit spots. McCready reported the pit spot proceeds took care of ambulance expenses as there was a great turnout this year. He further stated he does not see a need to raise pit spot fees. Pat Slattery asked if there were more pit spots sold this year to which McCready said yes. McCready explained how sponsors get a fair return and if we continue to grow, we will be a lot better off.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ken Kuethe reported the track sealing was completed. Ted Cradlebaugh added there was a good turnout. Brent Warren stated we need a machine to dump the sealant out. Ray McKibben reported he will work on repairing the lineup board by installing new wood which will need to be painted. Rick Coombs stated the intent was for the lineup board to be brought indoors at the end of the season and it has fared well. Brian Schroeder suggested using PVC for the trim. Jeff Roberts added it is sold at Menards and he thinks this is the way to go. McKibben will follow up on this.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Ken Kuethe reported there has been one Rules Committee meeting and they got through the majority of items. Since the meeting, Josh Wagar has provided some wording via email and Brian Schroeder sent out Kid Kart related items. Kuethe discussed possible pre-payment for the whole season to which Pat Slattery responded that may discourage some sponsorships. Kuethe said he is of the opinion we're a club, there's fourteen races and there shouldn't be a price break. He further stated you don't get price breaks for soccer or baseball. Brent Warren noted there could be some that pay for a full season then don't come. Lee McCready reviewed the benefits of sponsorship and said it is cheaper to go racing with a sponsorship package. He added pre-payment could diminish sponsorship. Ray Brown added with sponsorship, there is already a way for people to sign up for a full season. Warren responded he is a board member and did not know that. Jeff Roberts said if we are going to do this, we should definitely give a discount. Kuethe said this could be looked into and it might be a little late for this upcoming year. He further stated he does not want to impact sponsorship. Ray McKibben suggested making sponsorship better well known. Kuethe reported the tentative date for the next Rules Committee meeting is November 19, 2016 which will be posted once the date is confirmed with everybody and Full Throttle. Randy Landes asked that the sponsorship numbers be looked at as his calculations come up differently. Rick Coombs explained advertising is included as part of sponsorship. Ted Cradlebaugh added you pay a little more but you get advertising.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reviewed class entries and class averages from 2014 and 2015. Lynda Coombs explained that Kid Karts and Sportsman-age racers with 50% participation receive an award. Ray McKibben asked how to increase the 100% participation. Brent Warren stated he knows a lot of people didn't show up a couple of times when they thought it was going to rain. Rick Coombs said the 2014 banquet budget was \$33,000 and asked the board what they want to appropriate for this year's banquet. Ray McKibben responded he sees a 10% increase in the cost of shipping. Rick Coombs said he has heard comments about banquets in the past where there were kart frames given away. He explained that was when there was a \$42,000 budget at a time when the club had a lot of entries and more money to spend. Jeff Roberts made a motion to increase spending to \$35,000 for the banquet. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Coombs). Rick Coombs reported he was told the same type of red jacket might not be available this year unless they are custom ordered which increases the price significantly. Dawn Schroeder said when she spoke with Mark at Liberty Sportswear this past summer, he suggested looking at a jogging style jacket. Ted Cradlebaugh responded it does not matter as long as it is red. Kuethe said consensus of the board is not needed for this and let Rick, Lynda, Josh and himself work it out. Rick Coombs asked if the board wants to subsidize the meal \$5.00 per person as was done last year and noted the subsidy came from the general fund. Pat Slattery, seconded by Brian Schroeder, made a motion to subsidize \$5.00 per person for the banquet meal. The motion passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Coombs). Rick Coombs reported there will be a web site link available to book motel reservations.

**SWAP MEET:** Josh Wagar explained he had intended to get a bigger update from Benson but when he last talked with him, Benson was getting the flyer ordered. Don Boles discussed the importance of having the flyer out soon and getting them to kart shops. Wagar will follow up with Benson tomorrow and make sure the web site is updated with the new flyer once it is available. Wagar explained there is a need for someone to assist Benson and eventually take over coordinating the Swap Meet. Ray McKibben asked if funds need to be appropriated for the flyers. Wagar said he has a budget and that is part of the costs for the Swap Meet.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TECH SEMINAR:** Josh Wagar reported Steve Baker will be providing a tech seminar for the Pro Gas Animal and 206 classes.

**TECH TOOLS:** Jeff Roberts reported he is working on engraving the tech tools.

**TIRE CONTRACT:** Josh Wagar reported the tire contract has been signed, sealed and delivered. He explained the gift certificates will be \$50 and \$100 and multiple ones can be used for one set of tires.

**DECODER BOX:** Brent Warren asked about the status of the decoder box. Lynda Coombs responded Gary Gregg said he will share in the expense and Aaron Banfield is checking into obtaining a decoder box.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2016 OFFICERS:** Josh Wagar reported officer nominations will take place at next month's board meeting. He said he and Ken Kuethe are willing to continue to serve and if anyone would like to run, they can be nominated next month. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if Lynda Coombs is willing to continue as Secretary to which she responded she would and if anyone else is interested to please speak up.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**LIGHTING ON KARTS:** Ray McKibben said the lighting on karts can get out of hand, that in the past the lighting was on valve stems and someone is going to turn their kart into a Christmas tree. Josh Wagar responded that the Race Director can ask them to remove lights if it is too much. Pat Slattery said he sees nothing wrong with it and it is pretty cool. Randy Landes stated competitors should not be able to view the lights from the rear, particularly ones that modulate. McKibben said if they are forward facing, it is not a big deal. Wagar explained over the years if the lights were too much, we have asked the racer to remove them. Slattery added if it's distracting.

**RACING IN THE RAIN:** Following discussion of possibly losing some racers, Brent Warren asked if we are interested in racing in the rain. Wagar responded no and Warren said he is. Brian Schroeder asked if we want to look at a second dryer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ken Kuethe, seconded by Brian Schroeder, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2015, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show – Friday through Sunday, January 8-10, 2016, Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45202
- OVKA Annual Membership Meeting & 2015 Banquet – Saturday, January 16, 2016, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, 9664 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH, 45040
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 23, 2016, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA 2016 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 6, 2016, Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road, Dayton, OH, 45415
- Great Lakes Racing Expo 2016 – Saturday, February 20, 2016, Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Springdale, OH, 45246

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Randy Landes – Obtain information about Tim’s Motorsports Expo.
- Lee McCready – Provide pit spot map for annual mailing.
- Ray McKibben – Repair lineup board.
- Dawn Schroeder – Coordinate the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.
- Josh Wagar – Contact Doug Benson about Swap Meet flyers, make sure OVKA web site is updated with new Swap Meet flyer, contact Shawn Bayliff, contact Steve Tatman.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** R. Brown, M. Cook, L. Coombs, H. Cradlebaugh, G. Huber, B. McIntosh, M. McIntosh, V. Oatts, D. Schroeder and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 11/23/15.