

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. He asked that cell phones be turned down or placed on vibrate and side conversations be taken outside.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs reported there was a name that was not legible on the annual meeting sign-in sheet. Coombs made a motion to accept the January 5, 2016 board meeting minutes and the January 16, 2016 annual general membership meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Gary Gregg provided bank balances. Ray McKibben asked if reconciliation with G & J Kartway has been finalized to which Gregg said it has not.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Don Boles reported The Indy Circle Track Expo was a good show. He said we talked with quite a few people and passed out Swap Meet flyers and OVKA schedules. Rick Coombs reported there were two men who race flat head Briggs with another series who said a group of them might be interested in racing with us. Josh Wagar stated if they were to race all season, they could become a points class and he would be happy to talk with them and would welcome them. Wagar reported volunteers including Gary Huber, the Calverts and Schroeders, are in place for the Great Lakes Expo being held Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Full Throttle Indoor Karting in Springdale. He said he anticipates the event to be bigger this year and there will be more floor space. Don Boles asked persons interested in volunteering at the DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Expo on Thursday through Sunday, March 3-6, 2016, at Miami Valley Centre Mall, in Piqua to contact him. Randy Landes and Ted Cradlebaugh are coordinating OVKA's participation at Tim's Motorsports Expo on March 25th and 26th at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima. There was discussion of transfer of the trailer for the various events.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported pit spot reservations are moving along smoothly and filling up. He said there are some new people interested in racing with us. Brent Warren stated we need to allocate time at the spring clean-up to mark pit spots. Josh Wagar responded we usually do this unless the weather does not cooperate.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar explained we will probably need to seal one last time this spring. Ray McKibben reported Gary Gregg purchased 8" squeegees and handles are needed. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked when we are going to add on and stated a plan had been made. Wagar responded a few years ago this had been talked about and it can be discussed. Brian Schroeder suggested running backwards to which Wagar disagreed.

SWAP MEET: Doug Benson reported things are good for the Swap Meet. He said the last minute people can make it or break it. Benson stated he thinks this year could be one of the best we have had in fifteen years based on what spaces have been sold so far. Set up on Friday will be from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Brian Schroeder is handling workers. Pat Slattery asked if there is a lot of parking to which Benson responded yes. Benson reported there are going to be a couple of new big name 4-cycle vendors this year. He said it is amazing where people come from such as North Carolina, South Carolina and Pennsylvania. Ted Cradlebaugh asked about the status of the Hara Arena to

which Benson responded they say it is fine. Marlene Cook asked what she will be selling raffle tickets for. Benson stated it will be a Mychron. Cradlebaugh said we made good money on the raffle last year.

RULES COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar said the last two months we have discussed racing in the rain. He reported the opinion poll obtained at the banquet was as close to 50/50 as it could be and he counted it twice. Wagar explained once we voted in spec fuel and front bumpers, we gave people a period of time. He further stated he thinks Ted Cradlebaugh's suggestion of voting this in for 2017 should be looked at as it gives people time to budget in rain tires and practice in the rain. Cradlebaugh responded that is a dead motion and can't be brought up. Wagar stated it can be reconsidered at the next meeting which is tonight. Pat Slattery said he is all for racing in the rain and he thinks doing it part way through the season would be a compromise to which Reid Smith and Ted Cradlebaugh agreed. Wagar said he has an issue with the way we rushed into it. Brian Schroeder said it could be done at the Charity Race at the end of the year. Jeff Roberts reported the cost of a full set of Vega Tires through TS Racing is \$179. Wagar responded our contract is with Keith Freber if we decide to do it and Freber will give a one-time discount to shops so they can pass it on to the club. Ray Brown said if we have rain, a guy could go out with three sets of rain tires. Wagar responded his intent is to mark tires and the rulebook is not set yet. Brent Warren disagreed stating rain tires should be unlimited and it's a safety issue. Ken Kuethe stated it may be pouring rain then it dries out and now you're ruining a set of tires. Brown said Warren could use three sets and if you can't afford it, you're at a disadvantage. Cradlebaugh stated we have to have something in the rulebook and maybe make it two sets. Wagar said he is okay with moving forward and we need to work out the bugs. Cradlebaugh suggested taking six months so the board has time to figure it out. Slattery responded the middle of the year is plenty of time to figure out these things. Ray McKibben stated unlimited tires are not the thing to do and some people say one set will last and some say not. He further stated we want to do this right and need to settle this while we discuss it the next couple of months and cost is a factor. McKibben added the board was basically split 50/50 and suggested starting after the Champ Race although he thinks 2017 is preferable. Roberts responded starting halfway through is a great idea and great compromise. Rick Coombs said tread depth is a tough one to do as you may be able to see the insides wearing down and the outsides are tall. Wagar responded he trusts tech staff to say yes or no to changing a tire. Randy Landes stated it gets down to driver skill and if the tires wear out, slow down. Roberts asked if right now we are racing in the rain. Wagar explained there was a motion to reconsider last month and reviewed the minutes. Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to start racing in the rain at the eighth race and during the period until then, we will come up with proper rules and use the current rain policy until then. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery. Wagar read the motions from the January 5, 2016 board meeting minutes, *"Having been on the prevailing side, Kuethe made a motion to reconsider racing in the rain and take a poll at the banquet to be discussed at the February meeting. The motion was seconded by Wagar. Cradlebaugh amended Kuethe's motion that we do race in the rain but not until 2017 and everybody gets time to get ready. The amendment was seconded by Kuethe and failed with seven opposed and five in favor (roll call: Calvert-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-no, Kuethe-yes, Landes-no, McCready-no, McKibben-yes, Roberts-no, Schroeder-yes, Slattery-no, Warren-no, Boles-no; roll call verbally confirmed). Kuethe's motion was then voted on and passed with seven in favor and five opposed (roll call: Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-no, Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-no, McKibben-yes, Roberts-no, Schroeder-yes, Slattery-no, Warren-no, Boles-yes, Calvert-yes; roll call verbally confirmed)."* Slattery said no we didn't to which Wagar responded racing in the rain was under reconsideration. Cradlebaugh said he was tricked and he thought it was just a poll. Kuethe stated his understanding was we were racing in the rain. Coombs amended Cradlebaugh's motion to start at race nine after the Champ Race. Wagar seconded the amendment. Coombs stated if it were to rain, he does not think we should put people out on the track at our biggest race of the season who haven't raced in the rain. Cradlebaugh

asked what will be done if it rains at the Champ Race to which Wagar said we have never gotten rained out at the Champ Race and if that happened, it would move to a rain date. Coombs rescinded his amendment and Wagar rescinded his second to the amendment. Warren said the Champ Race is a great place to start because it is slowed down. Warren amended Cradlebaugh's motion to start at race one. Due to a lack of a second, the amendment died. Warren asked if we vote no on Cradlebaugh's motion, are we racing in the rain. Wagar responded because of the motion to reconsider, a motion is needed to put something in place. Warren stated he thinks we should do this and he does not know why we are talking about this. Kuethe responded we had spent fifteen minutes talking about pit spots and that turned into racing in the rain. He further stated he can't fathom not getting input from our membership. John Frommeyer said he does not want to race in the rain and he saw in Lynda's minutes about this not being a democracy. He stated the biggest thing is the cost at \$600 for tires and he has three karts. Frommeyer said if we do continue to race, we won't show up if there is any chance of rain. Roberts asked Frommeyer if he would show up before to which Frommeyer said yes and he has bought rain points for ten years and now you're talking unlimited tires. Wagar responded he does not think that will happen. McKibben said he agrees with Frommeyer and there are people who are doing all they can to scrape up the money to race and now they will need tires and maintenance. Frommeyer stated hearsay over the years has been that if we race in the rain, people won't come. Wagar explained when the board voted for spec fuel, half the people didn't want it and once it was put in place, they got used to it. Frommeyer responded you have to have fuel but rain tires and maintenance are a whole lot more. Rob Helton added from the sound of it, two sets of rain tires will be needed. Warren said you have to have tires on the kart. Frommeyer discussed the financial impact of rain tires and said there will be a large number of people who won't show up and he is speaking for these people. Roberts said years ago body work and nerf bars had to be incorporated. He added he thinks halfway through the season is a really good idea and we will pull in other people who don't want to come when there is a chance of rain. Kuethe asked where are these people. Cradlebaugh responded we pull in New Castle. Kuethe responded we keep saying they won't come when it rains but where are they when it is nice? Schroeder reported he had heard from Circleville Kid Kart families who didn't come because of possible rain. Kuethe said there was a chance of rain almost every week and it didn't hurt us this year and we had a really good turnout. Frommeyer responded there will be three who won't show up. Helton noted we did have one rainout. Cradlebaugh's motion was voted on and failed with seven opposed and six in favor (roll call: Calvert-no, Coombs-no, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-no, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-no, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-no, Slattery-yes, Warren-no, Boles-no; roll call verbally confirmed). Cradlebaugh stated rules will need to be determined regarding the amount of tires. Slattery said we already have a rule in effect. Wagar read from page 8, item #6 of the OVKA by-laws which states, "Any board member on the prevailing side of a previous motion can make a motion to reconsider. It must be done at the same or next monthly meeting only, and must receive a second to proceed. This does not apply to dead motions. Motions that fail can be reconsidered but if they fail a second time, are then considered dead motions." Wagar said reconsider means we think we didn't make the right decisions last month and the motion to reconsider undid the original motion. Slattery responded that is not what we voted on; we voted to reconsider. He read a definition for reconsider, "To think about changing a decision" and said we took a poll. Wagar made a motion that we race in rain in 2017 and follow the current rain policy until then. The motion was seconded by Kuethe and passed with twelve in favor and one opposed (roll call: Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-yes, Slattery-yes, Warren-no, Boles-yes, Calvert-yes; roll call verbally confirmed).

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs thanked everyone who helped with Friday night set-up and the day of the banquet. He extended thanks to the sponsors, especially Pat Slattery, who donated the cost of shipping for the chassis which was a banquet grand prize. Coombs asked for feedback

about the banquet. Dylan Cradlebaugh reported his food was cold as did Lynda Coombs. Slattery reported his food was warm. Ted Cradlebaugh said he thinks it was the first round of people whose food was cold. Josh Wagar explained this has been addressed with the Marriott. Slattery inquired how one person had their name drawn for prizes so many times. Wagar responded that was because she put all but one ticket in the same box. Rick Coombs provided a banquet reconciliation report. He explained \$2,750 had been allocated by the board for volunteer credit gifts. In determining level amounts, several options were discussed with Wagar then Coombs inadvertently took the wrong paperwork to the event resulting in an overage for some recipients by \$25 each. Coombs reported the overall banquet total came in under budget. Wagar responded he is not worried about it and Slattery said Rick did a good job. Wagar reported he received an email from Bryan Krahenbuhl who only attended five or six races but won a couple events. Krahenbuhl suggested calling up on stage all of the event winners. Ken Kuethe said maybe we could announce the number of race wins when we call the racers up. Wagar said this can be discussed for next year. Rick Coombs thanked Larry Neuzel for coming from Lexington, Kentucky to take pictures at the banquet. Coombs asked what the board thinks about the location for next year. Wagar said he sees no reason to change. Lynda Coombs reported the General Manager sent an email addressing concerns. Ray McKibben discussed the possibility of cold plates drawing heat from the food. Brent Warren reported the chicken and beef were overcooked and only lukewarm but the flavor was good. Dylan Cradlebaugh said he would more race entries for prizes. Rick Coombs said there is one more person to thank, Lynda Coombs. Warren asked if we keep track of the number of tickets put in the various drawings. Rick Coombs responded he does look at that and when there have been lesser amounts of tickets, such as in the past with a Briggs engine, it was done away with as a grand prize. McKibben reported he heard compliments about having the kart lifts as prizes. Wagar said when the drawing boxes were opened, it seemed the chassis box had the most tickets and the others were close. Rick Coombs will contact the Marriott to secure the date for the next banquet. McKibben said to take a look at when the Cavalcade Show will be next year in relation to the banquet date.

OLD BUSINESS:

DECODER BOX: Josh Wagar reported the price of \$2,950 previously quoted for a decoder box has increased. Lynda Coombs explained Aaron Banfield is checking into this.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

SPRING CLEAN-UP: Ray McKibben said spring clean-up was not on the agenda. Josh Wagar responded it is on the OVKA schedule and will be held Saturday, March 19, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. McKibben said painting the lineup board needs to be on the list and asked what type of paint will be needed. Brent Warren responded a decent oil-based paint will hold up best. Wagar said a list of items will be created for clean-up day.

CIRCLEVILLE RACE: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed Circleville having an event on their schedule the day before our race there. Josh Wagar responded he has been in touch with Steve Tatman and explained to him our racers would like to practice the day before our race. Tatman is working to resolve the issue. Cradlebaugh suggested if it can't be resolved, we race at G & J. Wagar said he has asked Gary Gregg to keep that date open but he would like to see us race at Circleville.

WILMINGTON TRACK: Ray McKibben asked if anyone has been to the track in Wilmington. Josh Wagar responded he has heard they don't have room for us there. Randy Landes reported he saw on Facebook that Wilmington is having some Circleville racers there. Jeff Calvert said they race Clones indoors.

TECH SEMINAR: Ray Brown asked about the tech seminar at the Swap Meet. Josh Wagar explained it was decided to drop it based on scheduling issues with Steve Baker. Ray Brown suggested having Doug Brown provide some training.

BRIGGS RACING SERIES: Ray McKibben asked the board's opinion about continued participation in the Briggs Racing Series if it is offered to us. Josh Wagar said he sees no reason not to. Pat Slattery reported New Castle has close to forty LO206s. McKibben said he would like to see something on our website about the LO206 class and that we offer it and the class is growing. Wagar stated he thinks New Castle has so many because they promote it.

LENGTH OF RACE DAYS: Pat Slattery said he wonders if a committee should be formed to talk about ways to make race days shorter. He said with eleven to twelve hour days, people complain about it and asked if we can combine more classes. Josh Wagar responded last year we combined some and he will try to do better. He further stated not having a second retrieval vehicle is a huge issue and by having a second one, we would save time. Slattery responded racing in the rain would speed things up because we wait two or three hours waiting for the track to dry. Wagar said a lot of that was dictated by the board because they wanted to try to get the race in. Slattery stated once he is there, he wants to race and there are other ways of doing it by combining classes. Wagar said depending on what we get, he plans on doing that. Ray McKibben reported he was asked if we will be running the new Swift engine for younger karters. He noted we have the four or more rule. Josh Wagar responded the four or more rule is with board approval. Slattery asked about reducing from two warm-ups to one which Wagar said we can look at. Wagar explained with the exception of the Champ Race, he plans to do group qualifying. Slattery said this is good and we will get more laps. Brent Warren stated he is fine with one warm-up and we need to ask the members. He said he thinks there are a lot of members who don't get out on the track except on Sunday. Jeff Roberts suggested having one controlled warm-up and one stragglers. Ted Cradlebaugh recommended one twenty-minute round for each group of seniors, juniors and sportsman. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked about getting on the track before the gates open at night races. Gary Gregg responded the reason that was stopped was due to seven red flags. Ken Kuethe asked how many times that happened to which Gregg said every time we did it.

APPRECIATION: Josh Wagar extended his thanks for the condolences extended last week upon the passing of one of his friends. Don Boles and Ted Cradlebaugh thanked the board for recognizing them with lifetime membership achievement awards at the banquet. Wagar said they both were very well deserving of the recognition.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION: Josh Wagar, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, nominated Reid Smith to the OVKA Board of Directors. Smith will be voted on next month.

PASSING OF A RACING FRIEND: Gary Gregg reported Rick Powell passed away and said he raced approximately twenty years ago. OVKA extends their sympathy to Mr. Powell's family.

ADJOURNMENT: Josh Wagar, seconded by Ray McKibben, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS: 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
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Expo – Thursday through Sunday, March 3-6, 2016, Miami Valley Centre Mall, 987 East Ash Street, Piqua, OH, 45356
- Tim's Motorsports Expo – Friday and Saturday, March 25-26, 2016, Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Highway, Lima, OH, 45804

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Jeff Calvert – Volunteer at the Great Lakes Expo.
- Lynda Coombs – Follow up on new decoder box pricing.
- Rick Coombs – Contact the Marriott to secure a date for the next banquet.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Coordinate Tim's Motorsports Expo with Randy Landes.
- Gary Huber – Volunteer at the Great Lakes Expo.
- Randy Landes – Coordinate Tim's Motorsports Expo with Ted Cradlebaugh.
- Brian Schroeder – Volunteer at the Great Lakes Expo, coordinate Swap Meet gate workers.
- Josh Wagar – Address booth location for the DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Expo, coordinate Great Lakes Expo.

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: D. Benson, R. Brown, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, J. Frommeyer, B. Helton, R. Helton, S. Helton, G. Huber, V. Oatts, R. Smith, and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 2/20/16.