

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 3, 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 made a motion to accept the April 3, 2016 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with ten in favor and one abstained (Landes). Wagar asked to clarify the March minutes and made a motion to amend language that you can't run Yamaha Rookie Sportsman if you are running the Yamaha Sportsman class. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Kuethe). Brent Warren asked to include in the minutes that you can run Sportsman LO206 if running either Yamaha Rookie Sportsman or Yamaha Sportsman. Wagar further stated that running Yamaha Rookie Sportsman or Yamaha Sportsman won't preclude you from running Sportsman LO206. Don Boles reported he knows of two more Sportsman LO206 drivers who will be coming. Warren asked if there is an LO slide between LO Sportsman and Kid Karts to which Wagar responded yes. Warren inquired if we are going to have them want to start a Rookie 206 to which Ted Cradlebaugh said no. Wagar stated if we would add anything, it would be a Junior LO206 class. Ray McKibben asked if one Junior LO206 shows up, where would we put them. Wagar said it would probably be on the tail of Junior Heavy.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Josh Wagar provided bank balances.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Lee McCready said he could use some ideas for the third booth space at the Lebanon Blues Festival. Josh Wagar explained Jeff Shiveley is now unable to attend so we can bring more karts. Ted Cradlebaugh said that will allow more space to spread out and he can bring a couple of tables. Wagar noted we have a race the next day on Sunday. Cradlebaugh stated we need to put banners and flags up around the track. Wagar explained that was going to be done but weather got in the way. Cradlebaugh said we can ask volunteers to help on Saturday and check with Keith Freber about banners. Wagar reported we have a couple of Briggs banners we can put up. Brian Schroeder reported the cost for a 10' by 10' booth at the PRI Show is \$1,700. He explained it has been a struggle to communicate with them and the website is all 2015 information. Schroeder said it is cheaper at the SEMA Show but it won't do us any good. Wagar responded this is about \$600 more than the Cavalcade Show and asked when they need to know by. Schroeder responded three to six months and said it sounds like the first time we would get a better deal. Wagar stated he is still working on compiling a list of different shows in Cincinnati and he is not opposed to going. Don Boles explained while at the Piqua Show, a person from Shady Bowl wanted to know if we would put on a demonstration at one of their races. Wagar asked Boles to provide his phone number and Wagar will start the conversation. Boles reported he was told Shady Bowl is planning on having karts there next year.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reported it looks like there are twenty-two pit spots left and some people are thinking about it. He said there is one class sponsorship available and banner space is a good way to get the name out at a low cost. McCready explained he has heard from some sponsors who are interested in billboard space and some who are not. Wagar said if people have someone to make the graphics, they can bring it to us and if not, they can be directed to Jeff Roberts.

Cradlebaugh pointed out there are a few billboards up that have not paid. Wagar responded the plan is to find out who wants to sponsor and have billboards. He said the unused billboards will have alternate G & J Kartway and OVKA graphics installed on them. Dawn Schroeder asked if there are plans to put up any flags. Roberts said he thought we talked about making hard flags. Wagar stated he will be taking down the cloth flags because they look bad by the end of the season and if solid ones can be made, that is fine. Jeff Roberts asked if anyone has heard complaints about everything being reserved and are we reserving too many spots? Jeff Calvert responded we have twenty-two available and Brent Warren added there is the whole left side. Randy Landes asked if people know where these are to which Wagar responded every time we tried to paint, the weather has not cooperated. Cradlebaugh suggested putting up a sign where the free pit sports are. McCready responded the rented and open list has been provided to the board. Wagar explained the problem is people come in and park first then ask. Ray McKibben said he will make a commitment to have all the spots numbered by the time we are back. Lynda Coombs said she thought we were going to have a sign with a diagram. McCready responded Tom Melton has all of the information to make a big map so it can be posted at the tower, entry gate and other places. He said Melton can tell him about this. Warren stated he has not had anybody ask him and Wagar reported having had a couple. Lynda Coombs explained questions are asked at registration and it would be helpful to have a visual diagram. Ken Kuethe stated everything along the pasture is free.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar reported the PA works well and thanked Brent Warren, Ray McKibben and anyone else who helped. Warren explained the PA is pretty much finished except for a couple more guy wires to be put in. Don Boles reported he hears an echo in his pit area. Warren said he suspects Boles is so close to one speaker and there is a time delay. Warren said there is not much that can be done about it but he may be able to cut some of it down. Wagar explained he is trying to get with Tom Swindling about the crack at the timing loop. Ray McKibben reported the fans are on back order and we should have them in the next couple of weeks. Warren discussed the condition of the ticket booth and said it leans over. Wagar responded we talked about it in the past but it ended up on the back burner and he feels it looks rough. Ray McKibben said Gary Gregg doesn't want to replace the booth and semis hit it from time to time. Warren noted it is the first thing people see and there are faded banners on it. McKibben explained in the past we had looked into sheds at Home Depot. Warren responded we don't need to replace it, it needs to be straightened. Wagar reported Gregg is going to get us a semitrailer without wheels so we can plug it into electric to park the retrieval vehicles. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he talked with Gregg about ordering fuel. Jeff Calvert asked if anything was decided about shingles. Wagar explained we need to get up there and replace them but the weather has been an issue.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**DECODER BOX:** Lynda Coombs reported the new decoder box was tested this past Friday evening and it worked fine. Upon setting it up at Sunday's race, there was an issue with the IP address and after talking with our software provider, it was learned a static IP address needs to be set up rather than one that changes each time the system is initiated. Coombs explained since the race was getting ready to start, she used the old decoder box until the IP address matter can be resolved. Brent Warren offered to help with this. Brian Schroeder asked if the new decoder can be taken to New Castle to which Coombs said it can. Jeff Roberts reported a new racer was there who had a new subscription type transponder. Josh Wagar responded we know these work as long as your subscription is paid. Coombs discussed the future of the current transponders and batteries and said it is her understanding the subscription transponders have replaced the types we use. Schroeder said he has five that he purchased from Germany that he had planned to sell to individuals. Wagar expressed concern if the current transponders eventually wear out. Coombs said it would be helpful to have another charging case due to having to rotate the current ones. McKibben made a

commitment to work on building a case. He stated he is favor of purchasing another ten or fifteen transponders. Reid Smith noted if they have a service life, they will eventually all go. Warren suggested replacing batteries this winter and said it is easy to do. Wagar said they can still be purchased from Europe for now. McKibben explained they quit making that style and went to a subscription. Wagar said we do not have to decide today and asked that the matter be placed on next month's agenda. Warren asked if we can switch to a whole different system to which Wagar responded not really.

**TaG ENGINE REEDS:** Josh Wagar explained at race one the TaG drivers got together and unanimously agreed to keep the engine reeds carbon fiber or stock. He said weight changes were also discussed and it was decided to go with the current weights at race one and talk about it at race two. Ray Brown reported at race two it was decided to take five pounds off the Leopard and add five pounds to the ROK. Ted Cradlebaugh said the Leopard was the fastest to which Brown responded the other guys were slower. Ken Kuethe stated he thinks we were wrong to change the weights and it cost him \$3,000 because he bought a new engine. Cradlebaugh explained he is going by times. Pat Slattery said a lot of times the trailing kart will be faster. Wagar noted the decision was unanimous and we will look at it in a couple of races. Ray McKibben asked how New Castle and G & J will compare to which Wagar said we don't know. Kuethe stated WKA had a weight difference for a reason and we changed because they did.

**KART RETRIEVAL VEHICLE:** Josh Wagar reported the new kart retrieval is awesome and works great. He said we can get two to three karts on it. Gary Gregg is working on a place to store it. Ray McKibben extended thanks to Jerry Ulm for the work he did on it.

**CHARITABLE ORGANIZATONS:** Ted Cradlebaugh asked if anyone has contacted DARF about assistance for our injured drivers. Josh Wagar will get in touch with them. Wagar asked if there are any thoughts about coming up with one package for charitable organizations who come to us. He said he would like to be able to tell charitable organizations what we will provide so it is the same. Wagar will put together some thoughts and asked that suggestions be emailed to him or brought to the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**CHAMP RACE:** Josh Wagar noted the Champ Race will be here quicker than we think. He said the food last year was excellent and he will talk with Gary Gregg about making arrangements for the meal. Wagar explained volunteers will be needed to coordinate the games and he will talk with the Vets to see if they can assist. He asked that people provide ideas. Dawn Schroeder inquired about how the prizes are purchased and explained they are looking at getting some logo items for the Kid Karts that can't be ordered in small quantities. Wagar explained we reimburse for the prize purchases and do not expect anybody to cover the cost. Schroeder volunteered to do the shopping for prizes and Wagar will provide her with budget information.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**KID KARTS:** Don Boles said he thinks the 206 and Kid Karts are faster than the two-cycles. Josh Wagar responded it is the experience of the drivers.

**STRAGGLERS:** Pat Slattery reported there were a few complaints about stragglers who were not really stragglers. Josh Wagar explained at race one, there was a line at registration so he was lenient. At race two, the second warm-up was cancelled halfway through. Slattery said there were people who weren't out in the first session who asked Wagar for a second warm-up and were given it. Wagar responded if they had asked him, he would have given it to the ones who needed it. Brent

Warren stated that's beside the point; that if they went out and were a few seconds off, they shouldn't be allowed. Ken Kuethe asked who's paying attention to that to which Slattery responded other racers. Ted Cradlebaugh said you've got to police it which is tough to do. Wagar reiterated he was being lenient. Randy Landes suggested if they are caught, put them on the tail. Wagar said he did what he had to do to get the day in.

**4-CYCLE CLASSES:** Virgil Oatts pointed out we don't have a sportsman and junior 196 or 212 class and asked if a 196 can run with the 206's. Josh Wagar responded in the senior class, they can and right now, there is no junior class. He said he would most likely put them in Junior Heavy to keep within the insurance requirements for junior age.

**RACEDAY CONCERN:** Jeff Calvert reported he was asked on race day about a couple of classes who didn't go out before it was announced to cut the second warm-up. Josh Wagar explained he announced it when he determined this was needed to get the race day in. Don Boles responded Wagar did very well and pleased half the people.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Don Boles, seconded by Josh Wagar, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2016, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Rollin' On the River – Sunday, July 24, 2016, Fernbank Park, Route 50 West River Road, Sayler Park, OH
- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 6, 2016, Lebanon, OH

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Don Boles – Provide name of Shady Bowl contact to Josh Wagar.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Provide tables for the Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Ray McKibben – Number pit spots, build a transponder charging case.
- Dawn Schroeder – Purchase prizes for the Champ Race.
- Josh Wagar – Continue to compile list of Cincinnati shows, contact Shady Bowl, contact DARM regarding our injured drivers, draft proposal for charitable organization package, talk with Gary Gregg about arranging the meal for the Champ Race, talk with the Vet regarding helping with games at the Champ Race, provide Dawn Schroeder with budget information for prizes for the Champ Race.
- Brent Warren – Help with IP address setup for new decoder box.

**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, R. Smith, J. Wagar and B. Warren.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** R. Brown, A. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, J. Melton, D. Schroeder and V. Oatts.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 5/19/16.