

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate. Wagar extended sympathy to Lynda Coombs and her family upon the death of her father, Bob Williams.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs read a thank-you card to OVKA for the donation to the Otterbein Quality of Life Fund in memory of her father and for the expressions of sympathy. Coombs reported the Hampton Inn has provided the meeting room this evening at no cost. She made a motion to accept the December 6, 2016 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Josh Wagar provided bank balances. He explained the Indy Circle Track Show check did not clear as it was not received by MCS Auctions. A new check has been issued.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Josh Wagar noted the Cavalcade of Customs Show is this weekend. He explained he did some repair work to the old booth. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if we are setting up both booths to which Wagar replied the plan is to use both. Wagar explained the rules were changed about displays at Cavalcade. Brian Schroeder said flags and canopies are no longer allowed. Ray McKibben thanked Jeff Roberts for providing a new banner. McKibben will have two sets of pictures ready for the booths. Pat Slattery asked if we are going to have a video. Wagar explained we will have electricity so we will have everything the same with the exception of no pop-ups or flags. Schroeder reported all of the time slots are filled with volunteers. He said we need to figure out how to get the booths home. Don Boles offered to help if needed. McKibben noted someone had mentioned installing clear tape on the nose of the kid kart to protect it. Ray Brown suggested trying Findtape.com. Wagar will look into this. McKibben reported he received a message from someone asking about making a new promotional video. Wagar replied go for it and said use of a drone on a practice day would be really cool. Wagar noted per the rulebook, drones cannot be used on race days.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready reported pit spot reservations have started coming in. Please let McCready know if you plan to renew your spot.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Gary Gregg said the deck, pavilion and steps need to be treated as it has been a few years. Josh Wagar replied Bruce Wyke has offered to donate some stain and we will find time to do that.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar reported he finished the rulebook editing over the weekend and emailed the rulebook to Heather Cradlebaugh for printing. He is not sure if the rulebooks will be ready in time for the banquet but they will be for the Swap Meet. Wagar reported he included the Kid Kart Regulations from Brian Schroeder and the 420 rules from Jeff Roberts.

**SWAP MEET COMMITTEE:** Doug Benson reported everything is going as planned with the Swap Meet. Ted Cradlebaugh explained he spoke with Benson about OVKA having more space so both show booths and the canopy can be used. He said it would be nice to have some chairs for people to

stop to talk and hang around. Brian Schroeder noted last year we provided Benson with money and asked if we are doing that this year. Josh Wagar responded yes and explained this is in addition to expenses incurred. Schroeder stated he wants people to know there are expenses. Don Boles reported when he called to make a room reservation, he was told they offer several programs for organizations. Benson said if you tell them, the rate goes from \$159 to \$129. He explained he talked with Margay about coming to the Swap Meet and that weekend is their banquet.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported banquet registrations have been coming in a little slow this year. He said as of last night, a bunch of people haven't sent theirs in. Pat Slattery replied the banquet is a little earlier this year. Dylan Cradlebaugh said he thought it was the following weekend. Rick Coombs reported the grand prizes will be one chassis, two kart lifts, five season race and gate passes, two tire changers each with a set of rain tires which is something new for this year, two \$500 checks, and two LO206 engines. Lynda Coombs reported two roll cages will be available to put the grand prize tickets in so they can be mixed up better. She said we will have to see how this works. Ken Kuethe asked what time setup will start on Friday to which Lynda Coombs replied 5:00 p.m. Rick Coombs thanked Lynda Coombs for all of her work in preparing for the banquet. Rick Coombs reported the dinner menu has been posted on the OVKA website and the special room rate has been extended. Dylan Cradlebaugh reported he was able to obtain a lower rate as a AAA member.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**TRANSPONDERS:** Josh Wagar said he and Brian Schroeder will be shopping for transponders at the Swap Meet.

**DECODER BOX:** Lynda Coombs reported Lori Richardson, the software provider, thinks the decoder box issue might be addressed by changing the squelch. Coombs and Brian Schroeder will take a look at this at the start of the season.

**2018 TIRES:** Reid Smith reported he worked on an RFP, cover letter and response form pertaining to tires for 2018. He plans to send the mailing out January 15, 2017.

**WEBSITE LAYOUT / INFORMATION:** Brian Schroeder discussed getting old information off the OVKA website. Lynda Coombs said it is her understanding Gary Osterholt is wanting some direction from the board. Pat Slattery asked if Osterholt removed the old classifieds. Dan Fiehrer responded it is up and running and looks up to date. Josh Wagar said there is a link to the classifieds.

**KID KART CLASS FOR 2017:** Josh Wagar explained he copied and pasted the Kid Kart Regulations from Brian Schroeder into the 2017 rulebook.

**2017 OFFICERS:** Josh Wagar detailed 2017 officer nominations. Running for President are Don Boles and Pat Slattery. He reported Ken Kuethe, Lynda Coombs and Jason Gregg are running unopposed. Wagar explained voting will take place at 2:00 p.m. prior to the banquet. Bruce Wyke asked if this will be announced to which Wagar said it will be put on the OVKA website. Wyke asked if Boles and Slattery would consider drafting a short bio. Ted Cradlebaugh replied they can do that at the meeting. Ray Brown said in his case he pays for a membership and has his wife on it. He asked if his wife can pay the membership fee to get to vote. Ken Kuethe noted his son is on his own membership. Wagar said if we make 18-year-olds do that, she should be able to. He further stated since we force kids to have a membership when they are 18, he would say she can. Brown noted she is a racer. Dawn Schroeder asked if it should be qualified to say it's racers. Lynda Coombs asked if she would get to vote since she is a lifetime member as she had been going under Rick's

membership who is also a lifetime member. Wagar replied he would say yes. Kuethe added both of you would have votes. After looking at the rulebook, Wagar said he can't see anything specific that says Barb Brown has to be on Ray's membership or that Lynda and Rick have to be on the same one. Brown said if Barb is a racer, she should have a vote. Wagar replied there is nothing specific that forbids it and we can look at wording for 2018.

**2017 SCHEDULE:** Josh Wagar said last month he presented a draft 2017 schedule and a day or two after the meeting, he received an email from Pat Slattery saying if he is elected, he would change the schedule. Slattery stated his intent is to not make everything qualifying and he wants to tweak a few Saturday races. Wagar said in the past it caused trouble to put out the schedule then change it. He explained he has been getting messages and calls from people asking about the schedule. Slattery said he would change just dates. Brian Schroeder stated hopefully June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> would be available for the LO206 Nationals to be at Camden because we have a race date now on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Wagar replied they haven't contacted him. He reported Jeff Brown with the Vintage Karting Association wants a race at the end of August but Lynda Coombs and Wagar are not available and no one can work. Also, Wagar informed Brown there is a Man Cup race that weekend. Wagar said whichever gentleman wins as President, he will forward Jeff Brown's contact information to them. Brian Schroeder reported people are asking if we wait until the board meeting at the banquet, will it be March by the time we have a schedule. Wagar responded he thinks we need to change the by-laws to require the schedule be ready by January 1<sup>st</sup>. He added if there is an outgoing and incoming President, that would give them three weeks to work on a schedule. Don Boles noted right now the LO206 event and Vintage event are not included on the schedule. Brian Schroeder suggested after the vote have someone go to Staples to print schedules so they can be passed out. Dawn Schroeder offered to help with this. Brent Warren said putting January 1<sup>st</sup> could be a problem too because other leagues might not have their schedules. Wagar replied last year they told him they did then they changed it.

**TaG CLASS:** Ken Kuethe said he has a list of previous TaG racers from Josh Wagar which he will provide to Ted Cradlebaugh so he and Cradlebaugh can make calls. Dan Fiehrer reported he purchased a kart and would like it if tires could be more economical. Kuethe responded we are trying to make weights and tires work. He said anybody might have dropped out for any reason and we are going to contact them. Kuethe raised the question how we get everybody in and said maybe it's limiting it to seven sets of tires. He stated it is a matter of getting in touch with people and Ted Cradlebaugh added we need to have a meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**OVKA LOGO:** Brian Schroeder asked if there is a high resolution OVKA logo which Dawn Schroeder is in need of. Ray McKibben responded he and Jeff Roberts have it. McKibben will get it to the Schroeders.

**TIRES:** Bruce Wyke reported they ran Hoosier tires at GoPro Motorplex. He said they ran 550 laps and the tires never fell off. Wyke further stated the winner won on the same set he started with. Brent Warren noted GoPro is a very different track. Wyke said it is probably no more economical and he will leave tires with Brian Schroeder for Schroeder's son to test. Wyke reported he took a little survey while at GoPro with MG Reds being the popular tire. Warren reported they raced an entire season on Bridgestones at GoPro. He said tires don't wear there and when you get on rough aggregate like Circleville and what we're starting to get, it affects the wear. Wyke said MMX 8A are run down there. Josh Wagar asked if the tires are natural or synthetic rubbers because he has heard

natural tires are not affected as much by heat cycles. Warren replied he thinks they are natural. Wyke said Warren makes a good point that the track there is different. Warren suggested looking at testing that was done years ago that was sent to him by John Horn and not give somebody a couple of sets and say, "Go try them". Reid Smith asked that prior testing notes be sent to him. Wagar explained he had asked numerous times for people to help test tires and could not get people to do it. Dylan Cradlebaugh replied he will help. Wyke said to tell him how many Junior Sportsmen are wanted and we'll make it happen. Ted Cradlebaugh stated the goal is not to get tires that are the fastest; it's to have tires that are the longest lasting. Slattery added the fastest tire is the worst to have. Ted Cradlebaugh said it's about making it club racing with a more level playing field and more affordable. Slattery raised the question of how do you limit rebuilding motors. Wagar said somebody needs to come up with a good way to monitor tire use. Slattery asked what about the guy who doesn't run every race. Smith reported he is getting ideas from other places.

**MICRO SWIFT RACERS:** Bruce Wyke reported there are six racers with Micro Swift engines and asked if they can race. He said three of them are club racers and three are not and this is a WKA class. Josh Wagar explained they have to contact the board to propose a class. Gary Gregg asked if they are going to run every race to which Wyke replied he would say no to that. Gregg replied it would be great if they showed up five or six times. Wyke said there will come a time when there probably won't be Yamaha Sportsman or Rookie. Wagar explained when we have other karts show up, we try to find a place to put them and they would need to commit. Lynda Coombs asked what a comparable class would be to put them with if only one or two of them came. Brian Schroeder replied Yamaha. Wyke explained there is an 8 to 10-year-old Rookie class for WKA and no more Yamaha Rookie so there is no place for them to run. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if this will take away from other classes. Warren replied it will take from three-hole can. Wyke explained the Micro runs Junior Sportsman times and the Mini runs Junior times. Following further discussion, Wagar said based on our rulebook, if they show up and it is a WKA class, they can run. Cradlebaugh said this takes away from three-hole can and they still have Yamaha Sportsman to run. Wyke explained 7 to 10-year-olds run the Micro and 8 to 12-year-olds run the mini then move to IAME Junior. Cradlebaugh said if there are four of them, we would run them. Dawn Schroeder asked what if one shows up. Wagar said the lap times would have to be looked at to see where they could be put. He explained there was one time at a Charity Race that we didn't have a place to put someone and we offered their money back. Ray Brown said they're trying to turn our club into another national to which Slattery replied no they're not. Wagar said if they show up, they're racing.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ray McKibben, seconded by Josh Wagar, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show – Friday through Sunday, January 6-8, 2017, Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45202
- OVKA Annual Membership Meeting & 2017 Banquet – Saturday, January 14, 2017, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, 9664 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH, 45040
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 28, 2017, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA 2017 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 4, 2017, The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2017, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Great Lakes Racing Expo – Saturday, February 18, 2017, Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45246

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Lynda Coombs – Coordinate Indy Circle Track show, follow up on decoder box issue.
- Dylan Cradlebaugh – Help with tire testing.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Contact previous TaG racers.
- Ken Kuethe – Contact previous TaG racers.
- Ray McKibben – Prepare pictures for the show booth, provide the Schroeders with OVKA high resolution logo.
- Brian Schroeder – Coordinate Cavalcade of Customs Show, shop for transponders at the Swap Meet, follow up on decoder box issue.
- Dawn Schroeder – Assist with having copies of the 2017 schedule printed following the annual meeting.
- Reid Smith – Send out tire RFP mailing.
- Josh Wagar – Look into tape for the nose of the kid kart, shop for transponders at the Swap Meet.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** D. Benson, R. Brown, A. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer and D. Schroeder.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/22/17.