

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: President Don Boles called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the March 7, 2017 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Don Boles provided the bank balance. Rick Coombs asked if reconciliation with Gary Gregg has taken place. Gregg responded no. Gregg said with a \$10 gate fee, it will be real close. Brian Schroeder asked if we need to make it \$11 or \$12 to which Gregg replied no.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Don Boles reported the three-day DARM Race Cars & Future Stars Expo at Piqua Mall went well. He thanked Randy Landes for coming to help. Boles reported he saw several people at the track this past Sunday who were at the show. Boles attended the DARM Promoter's Night last Tuesday.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported because of all of the help getting pit spot lines and numbers painted, things went a lot smoother. He explained a lot of people wanted to rent spots and switch locations. Don Boles noticed a lot of cars parked in pit spots which made it very crowded. McCready asked for patience as some boundary issues get worked out. Ray McKibben said it was good that McCready was on the grid and the map was helpful. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested announcements about the extra cars be made. Rick Wagar explained we used to have people drop their trailers then move their cars but if it is not taking up any extra space, it is not a problem. Brent Warren responded perhaps the fine ladies working the gate need to instruct people. Gary Gregg said maybe next year he could open the gate and people could park there. Rick Coombs said that would be okay as long as it is not rainy.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Lynda Coombs thanked Brent Warren for caulking the scoring tower which has helped cut down on little critters. Don Boles completed work in the bathrooms last week. He said we need to get a trailer in place across from the Warren's pit spot so the kart retrieval vehicle can be stored there. Warren stated it makes more sense to put it by the tower to which McKibben replied it will block there. Boles said there has been talk about moving the propane tank. Gregg stated he could probably have a trailer in place within a week. Brian Schroeder suggested placing it across from the tower garage door and it could be opened up. Rick Coombs asked that if it is placed next to the tower to please not block the side window. McKibben said he would like to set up a date to replace the billboards and suggested the Friday after this coming weekend. Ted Cradlebaugh noted that is Good Friday. Gregg explained there is something going on at the track on April 15th so it could not be then. Rick Wagar and Cradlebaugh offered to help on April 14th. McKibben asked volunteers to be there between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. and said he will bring an auger to drill holes and there will be minimal disturbance to the dirt. Warren asked how long it will take and said he assumes the track will need to be closed. He added we need to put the information out there. McKibben replied yes the track will need to be closed some and he plans to finish by 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.

RULES COMMITTEE:

HELMETS: Josh Wagar said evidently there is a shortage on available legal helmets and we obtained a one week variance from WKA. Ted Cradlebaugh stated there were nine people who were out of date and he will give Marie Borsuk a call to ask if they would give us another week. Wagar agreed that we need to get in touch with WKA and explained the nine people were not given helmet stickers. Jeff Roberts reported he spoke with his supplier today and they are thinking it will be another month or so. Wagar replied they are waiting on the 2020 designs to get approved. Rick Coombs asked if there was a difference with availability between Sportsman, Juniors and Seniors. Wagar replied the ones through his line were Juniors or Seniors. Brent Warren stated some of these helmets have SFI ratings that are still good and asked if they are still legal. Wagar replied he did not see any SFI helmets and saw a lot of 2015 Snell rated helmets which are good until 2025. He added the 2010 helmets are good until 2020. Don Boles asked what the feeling is about what we need to do. Wagar replied we need to contact WKA. Ray McKibben said a motorcycle shop, Ride 1, in Springfield has some helmets but they are not high end. Wagar said an email needs to go to WKA to see if they will give us another extension. Cradlebaugh added WKA's board meeting is this week and we need to say we have nine who won't have helmets. Warren said they don't want to get stuck with 2015 inventory. Josh Wagar made a motion to email WKA to ask for another extension for 2005 Snell rated helmets for the rest of the year and if they say no, ask what they will give us for an extension. The motion was seconded by Coombs then it was determined a motion for this action was not needed. Brian Schroeder asked how at race two we verify they have helmets checked. Cradlebaugh replied we will tell them to bring helmets to pre-tech.

JUNIOR LO206: Josh Wagar said this past weekend we ran only two Junior 206 karts that did not meet the rulebook which requires four or more to run and there was no place safe to run them. He added we had 136 entries and shorted 134 of them. Rick Wagar explained he was handed the class schedule and he made the false assumption it was an approved class and had a low kart count for the day. Josh Wagar stated he is not trying to blame anybody. Schroeder reported at GoPro they combine Junior and Sportsman. Josh Wagar replied our insurance has told us we can't combine age groups and the Mini Swift is in the same boat if they don't have four. Warren noted there was another at Karting 101 and he heard there are a couple more. Aaron Banfield reported he had two more orders today for this weekend. McKibben stated the LO206 is growing and we need to be careful about turning away a Junior class. He further stated he is aware of one who said he is coming back. Josh Wagar said thus far there are not enough to support having a class. Rick Wagar stated all we are saying is there needs to be four or more. Banfield replied he thinks it is fair to require this. Cradlebaugh said the issue is we have no place to put them. Josh Wagar added there is no place to put the Mini Swifts if there are less than four. He explained he tried it at the Charity Race with the LO206 Juniors and it didn't work. Don Boles stated we can't do it for one and not the other. Rick Wagar suggested giving them at least another week or two but the issue is they are not on our class structure. Josh Wagar replied until they show up, it is a rumor. Banfield said he thinks there will five at the next event and he told them if there are not enough drivers, they won't let you race. Warren stated he does not like it and think it is fair to say they cost everybody laps. Rick Wagar responded it was 35 minutes. Cradlebaugh stated if we don't follow this, somebody can show up with two Shifters and want to run. Jeff Roberts asked if they could be put with TaG. Boles said we told the Mini Swifts one thing and what's fair is fair. Banfield explained he is trying to organize the Junior LO206 class and he thinks four is fair and the reason he didn't come to the board is he didn't have commitments. Warren replied he is all for it but we are getting to a long race day. Boles stated the first race of the season is usually the longest and it went better than he thought. Josh Wagar explained if the Mini Swift takes off we will be at no net gain for the number of classes. Warren said there might be a couple of Yamaha Juniors who should consider Novice and they could run with the 206 Juniors. Wagar replied all Novice classes are still on the class structure and there might be a way to do it. Lynda Coombs said she will take ownership of not calling Rick Wagar to review the entries and

discuss what to do with the two Junior LO206 entries. Warren asked if we would have given them a refund to which Josh Wagar replied yes.

TaG WEIGHTS: Cradlebaugh said TaG was 375# across the board and last year it was decided to make the Leopard 370#, the X30 375# and the ROK 380#. Josh Wagar asked Cradlebaugh to email or text the weights to him so the information can be published on the OVKA website. Brent Warren asked when this was decided to which Cradlebaugh replied it was among the TaG class and was not a board decision. Warren said he thinks he remembers a vote on it. Josh Wagar stated yes we did but we allow adjustments throughout the season.

OTHER: McKibben asked if it has ever been discussed to limit the number of classes. Josh Wagar responded the reality is if there is legitimate interest in a class, it would be hard to say no. He added we already have ten classes and we need to look at the class averages at the end of the season. Cradlebaugh suggested eliminating one round of warm-ups to save an hour. Warren asked where we are with chain guards. Cradlebaugh replied he told drivers we would talk about it at the board meeting. He explained WKA requires they cover 25%. Brian Schroeder added that is of the circumference. Gary Gregg said 25% of 18 is about 4½. Following further discussion, Josh Wagar made a motion to make chain guards optional this year and mandatory next year. The motion was seconded by Randy Landes and passed unanimously. Don Boles pointed out this is safety and will need to be emailed to WKA for approval. Warren replied it is in 206.3 in kart spec, not in safety. McKibben asked about jack shafts to which Banfield explained you need a chain guard on your engine and if running a jack shaft, there should be a chain guard on both sides. Warren responded it is only in Man Cup regulations so not Gold Cup. Roberts stated in the 420 rules, the chain guard has to be extended to the center line of the back axle.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 TIRES: Reid Smith explained last month it was incorrectly reported he had responses from everybody as he is waiting for a contact with Maxxis. He reported so far everybody has agreed to supply tires for testing and it needs to be figured out what we are testing. Aaron Banfield asked about getting people at a race. Brian Schroeder suggested having some people who know how to tune karts. Reid said if the goal is to find the optimal tire for club racing, we need to narrow it to one specific testable thing. He explained the manufacturers could supply one model for the TaG class and one for other classes.

TaG TIRES: Ted Cradlebaugh reported the TaG people met Sunday before the race and discussed how tires can be run a couple of weeks. He said John Horn suggested the YLM and noted it is a softer tire. Cradlebaugh said it would have to be run two weeks and not start until after the third race. Brent Warren replied he thought it was at the third race. Cradlebaugh explained with the YLM tire being softer, they think they will have better grip and expect the grip to drop off the second week but hope to get two weeks out of them. Don Boles added if somebody wants to run something other than this, we will let them to which Cradlebaugh replied absolutely. Josh Wagar said he thinks we should all be on YLM tires. Rick Wagar asked if the drivers will be required to run the same tires two consecutive weeks. Cradlebaugh responded yes and said the only thing is we want them to be able to run new tires for the Champ Race. Warren stated we should figure out the what ifs now. Cradlebaugh replied he will call Horn. Josh Wagar said if we start at race three, the Champ Race would fall as the second race but starting at race four would provide for new tires at the Champ Race. Jeff Roberts suggested asking John Kettlewell to test tires. Lynda Coombs asked if the intent is to test tires on a race day or a non-race day. Smith replied on a non-race day. Roberts noted Kettlewell is not in the points. Smith explained we need to come up with one or two parameters we want to look at. Warren pointed out we have some time off in May. Coombs asked if the timing system is wanted for testing to which Warren replied we have MyChrons.

RACE MONITOR: Lynda Coombs explained some further testing of our software with Race Monitor will be conducted by our software provider to work out some issues.

DRIVER CLASS ELIGIBILITY: Lynda Coombs reported an email was sent to WKA on April 1, 2017 following the observation and approval by six board members for Matt Lyda to race in the Yamaha Junior class.

TRAILER: Don Boles reported he repaired the lights on the trailer. Gary Gregg thinks the tags are in and he will check on this.

CLEAN-UP DAY: Don Boles reported Clean-Up Day went great. He thanked everyone who helped and said it was amazing how many people showed up. Rick Wagar said it seems like we are short on cones, specifically the tall ones that go at the starting line. Boles will check in the buildings. Ray McKibben offered to obtain some if needed. Brent Warren reported a couple of people asked why there are no bags at the drain barrel at the entrance to the track. Rick Wagar replied we have never had them there but we have had straw bales. He said his speech is don't spin on the start. Josh Wagar reported there are one or two extra bags left. Rick Wagar stated we could put a couple there but it is usually not an issue. Don Boles said he thinks we should put one bag there.

PRO SWIFT SPORTSMAN: Josh Wagar reported the Pro Swift Sportsman had five entries.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPENING WEEKEND: Don Boles stated we had a pretty good first weekend. Aaron Banfield said we need to look at the number of corner workers we have. He stated we need more over what we had last year. Josh Wagar explained Larry Brown moved to Head Flagman. Rick Wagar said to let's see how it goes before we decide. Brian Schroeder reported he heard people commenting about karts blocking. Ray McKibben stated a lot of people want to see an increase in corner workers. Josh Wagar explained we were short one this past week. Ted Cradlebaugh said workers should have flags in their hands and not go running for them. Rick Coombs noted it is the flagman's duty to warn with the flags and the driver's responsibility to pull their karts back. Don Boles reported he pushed a kid back on four times which is allowed in Sportsman. Banfield replied that was in the Rookie class and he thinks it was more than could be handled in that corner and you should look for more people. Cradlebaugh pointed out Rick Wagar said the first priority is to put out the yellow flag then go help move karts. Rick Wagar responded if he has a full crew of four, he thinks we will be okay. He added if you put 35 workers on the track and people don't use their heads, it won't matter and a lot of seasoned people are not using their heads. Brent Warren asked if they received penalties. Rick Wagar stated when it could be determined who was at fault, penalties were issued. Warren replied in his opinion, four corner workers on the big track is a lot for them to watch. Rick Wagar said he has a new respect for what Josh Wagar did running from ends of the track. He further stated maybe on the long track days, we can consider five corner workers. Schroeder reported a comment was brought to him that we were lean on workers and there was some blocking going on. Rick Wagar replied he thinks it will get better and thinks we did a good job with room for improvement. Boles stated we were not ready for the bigger classes. Rick Wagar said we can call board members out for the 24 karts and he would rather have seasoned racers out there than somebody's mom. Josh Wagar discussed how we have been real lucky not having to pull names for workers as we have had a consistent crew. Banfield said one of his frustrations was his oldest child got a blue flag and his youngest didn't. He thinks we could do more to support Rick Wagar's team. Banfield reported he heard several 206 drivers say they wish there was someone to watch specific areas. Josh Wagar explained typically they watch their section and he has told them if they are going to miss something, to miss it in the back of the field and not in the lead. Schroeder reported he spoke with Rick Wagar about the officials

for Kid Karts and went through the board minutes in December when Schroeder proposed transponders where there is only one comment made by Don Boles that we need race officials. Schroeder said he wants both parents and officials. Josh Wagar replied he talked with the race officials and they are willing but we also need parents. Schroeder asked if we can have a five minute break for workers while Kid Karts are getting ready and said this is something that was overlooked. Boles asked if we can limit the number of parents. Schroeder responded he tells them to stand near corner workers. Josh Wagar said there needs to be one parent per kart with the corner worker handling the flags and the parents handling herding the karters back on the track.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

AMERICAN CHASSIS CLASS: Gary Gregg reported Brad Engle thinks we need to develop an American chassis class with a 206 engine that would have 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 tubing. Josh Wagar replied to tell Engle to get four karts and we'll talk. Gregg explained Engle thinks the foreign chasses should be kept out of 206 classes and 3/4 of them run American chasses. Gregg suggested looking at this for next year. Following discussion about various chasses, Don Boles said he can't see us making two classes.

206 MASTERS CLASS: Aaron Banfield stated some 206 drivers want a Masters class. Rick Wagar replied this can be talked about for next year to which Josh Wagar agreed.

206 HEAVY CLASS: Ray McKibben reported six drivers want a Heavy 206 class and will run both classes. Josh Wagar responded he can't see doing this this year and to bring it up for next year. Rick Wagar added the rulebook was closed.

TRANSPONDERS: Gary Gregg inquired how many transponders were rented. Lynda Coombs replied there were a lot rented and we ran out of the new style transponders. Brian Schroeder reported he made a charging box with a 3-D printer and he needed a circuit board for the newer style transponders. He said he believes he can add three more. Josh Wagar noted funds have been appropriated. Schroeder estimates \$700 has been spent so far. Wagar asked that people let us know of any transponders they find that are for sale.

ADJOURNMENT: Rick Coombs, seconded by Brian Schroeder, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2017, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Rollin' On The River Charity Car Show – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, July 23, 2017, Fernbank Park, Route 50 West, River Road, Sayler Park, OH

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Don Boles – Check out buildings for cones.
- Lynda Coombs – Email WKA regarding helmets and chain guards.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Assist with replacing billboards, provide Josh Wagar with TaG weights.
- Gary Gregg – Follow up on tags for the trailer.
- Ray McKibben – Coordinate replacement of billboards, obtain cones if needed.
- Reid Smith – Provide monthly updates about responses from tire companies.
- Josh Wagar – Publish TaG weights on OVKA website once information received from Cradlebaugh.
- Rick Wagar – Assist with replacing billboards.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Banfield, A. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, V. Oatts, and R. Wagar.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 4/19/17.