

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS: Max Viney reminded attendees to turn cell phones off or on vibrate and directed sidebar conversations be taken outside.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the May board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Tim Bell and passed with ten in favor and one abstained.

TREASURERS' REPORT: Gary Gregg, on behalf of Jason Gregg, provided an update on finances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAMP RACE: Hal Thornton and Ted Cradlebaugh offered to co-chair the Champ Race. Lynda Coombs provided an outline of details associated with the event. Gary Gregg agreed to provide ice and sodas. Tim Bell will contact the caterer about a cutoff date to order food. Rick Coombs, Lynda Coombs and Gary Gregg discussed expenses associated with the Champ Race including cost of the meal and trophies. Toshiya Michimi made a motion to increase the entry fee for the Champ Race by \$5.00 to cover costs associated with trophies. The motion was seconded by Doug Stempfley and passed with nine in favor and three opposed. Randy Potter suggested that next year the board consider awarding trophies to the top three rather than top five at the Champ Race.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Hal Thornton explained he will be installing signs indicating pit spots that are available for rent at G & J. Thornton asked Doug Stempfley to put a notice on the OVKA website that pit spot money is due by the next race in order to retain use of the reserved spots. Randy Vermillion provided an update on sponsorship.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Max Viney thanked Paul Krimmer for arranging for OVKA's participation in the Concourse D'Elegance show at no cost this coming Sunday in Cincinnati. Thanks were extended to Gerald Whaling who offered to staff a table at the event since there is an OVKA race on the same day. Lynda Coombs presented information about publicity opportunities in Cincinnati Family Magazine. Max Viney stated the cost for this is high. Doug Stempfley reported he was contacted by Cox Publishing about printing weekly race results in their publications. Stempfley explained they want the hometown of the drivers included along with their finishing positions. Coombs will contact the software provider to inquire about adapting the computer program to include this information. Stempfley offered to provide the information to the newspaper. Coombs discussed opportunities to submit community interest stories to a variety of publications and Stempfley said he is willing to write the articles. Coombs explained promotional material packets are available for anyone who would like to distribute OVKA flyers and brochures. Stempfley reported his place of employment, in collaboration with United Way is having an ice cream social on June 18, 2008 and he will be displaying a kart and distributing OVKA materials. Viney offered to participate in this also. The next meeting of the Shows and Promotions Committee is at 8:00 a.m. this coming Saturday, June 7, 2008, at G & J Kartway. All members are encouraged to attend.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Max Viney reported on the work Gary Gregg had completed; including removal of old hay bales and installation of tile, fencing and pillows. Turtles were also painted.

SWAP MEET: Gary Gregg stated he would like to see the vintage car show grow and to find another type of promotional event to draw people to the Swap Meet. The event will be held Saturday, February 7, 2009, at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield. Flyers are available distribution.

OLD BUSINESS:

RULEBOOK: Rick Coombs explained the committee approach of making recommendations for the rulebook no longer was an effective way to address changes. Coombs asked that members come prepared to start 2009 rulebook discussions starting next month.

VENDOR GUIDELINES: Tabled from last month, establishing vendor guidelines was re-visited. Gary Gregg made a motion that in order to be a vendor at OVKA events, they must be a member in good standing for the current year. The motion was seconded by Don Boles. Following further discussion, Gregg rescinded his motion. Max Viney suggested the matter be included in rulebook discussions for next year.

NEW TRACK VENUE: Max Viney reported at this time no further information is available about a new track in the Springfield area. Toshiya Michimi said he heard a new track is being considered for the southern Columbus area.

KART RETRIEVAL VEHICLE: Randy N. Vermillion expressed concern about another series using the vehicles OVKA on loan from with Jimmy Jammz Motorsports. OVKA signed a contract and is liable for damage, theft and liability. Tim Bell stated OVKA does not have any right to loan them. Gary Gregg agreed to handle the matter.

TRANSPONDERS: Max Viney explained the club has been running short on rental transponders and he has obtained pricing of \$250 each plus shipping for a minimum order of ten. Rick Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$2,500 plus shipping for the purchase of ten transponders. The motion was seconded by Doug Benson and passed with nine in favor, one opposed and two abstained.

I-CARD: Lynda Coombs reported she is continuing to work on the I-card system. It will be necessary to be in contact with the company while hooked into the decoder.

NEW BUSINESS:

LIGHTS FOR EVENING EVENTS: Max Viney pointed out the first evening event is coming up on Saturday, July 19th. Gary Gregg will check into whether rental lights will be needed since new bulbs were installed.

BOARD MEMBERS: Randy N. Vermillion said he sees the need to provide a detailed description of board member duties in the by-laws so current and potential board members understand the expectations of the position. Rick Coombs explained changes to the by-laws requires a two-thirds majority of the board. Vermillion asked the board to review the by-laws and discuss next month.

GREAT LAKSES SPRINT SERIES: Rick Coombs reported arrangements have been made by the president of the Great Lakes Sprint Series for their racers to purchase fuel at G & J Kartway for their event on June 20th and 21st.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

GOLD CUP: Tim Reed reported Steve Willis is looking for workers for the upcoming WKA Gold Cup event at G & J Kartway July 4th through 6th. Willis can be contacted at 513-777-5127. Gary Gregg said he would like OVKA to continue its practice of giving participation credits to those members who work the Gold Cup and do not take financial compensation.

AWAY RACES: Randy N. Vermillion expressed concern about traveling to away races with the high cost of fuel and the decrease in entries that is usually seen at these events. Additionally, Vermillion discussed issues faced with visiting racers who do not want to abide by OVKA rules. Ray McKibben said his opinion about traveling changed once he worked at an event. Tim Reed stated the board needs to represent the membership and suggested another survey be taken this season about traveling for next year. Randy J. Vermillion made a motion to change the 2008 schedule to do away with the two New Castle races, still run the one remaining Circleville race and next year look at running all races at home. The motion was seconded by Mark Lewis and failed with eight opposed, two in favor and two abstained. Issues pertaining to visiting racers challenging OVKA rules at away races was discussed. Don Boles said board members need to be scheduled at registration at New Castle to assist with questions about OVKA rules. Ted Cradlebaugh offered to help with set up and tear down of equipment. Eric Rugh discussed the importance of maintaining the same high safety standards at away races as home events.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 1, 2008, at Ramada Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. was made by Don Boles, seconded by Hal Thornton and passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Bell, D. Benson, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, R. Landes, M. Lewis, T. Michimi, D. Stempfley, H. Thornton, R. Vermillion, and M. Viney.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: L. Coombs, R. McKibben, Randall Potter, Randy Potter, T. Reed, P. Robbins, C. Rugh, R. J. Vermillion, G. Whaling, and B. Williams,
Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 6/25/08.