

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 July board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed with nine in favor and three abstained. Coombs reported several workers are needed for this coming Saturday's race.

TREASURERS' REPORT: On behalf of the treasurer, Rick Coombs provided a financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAMP RACE: Lynda Coombs thanked everyone who assisted with the Champ Race. Special thanks were extended to the Cradlebaugh and Thornton families for all they did preparing for the event and coordinating activities.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Randy Vermillion reminded the board a chairperson for the Sponsorship Committee will be needed for next year. Vermillion explained the work associated with next season needs to begin in September or October so it is critical someone step up soon. Vermillion can supply details of the duties of this position. Hal Thornton reported pit spots are being rented on a per race basis.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Max Viney reported the Shows and Promotions Committee met July 19, 2008. The committee continues to explore options such as sprucing up the entrance area, sending mass emails from time to time, removal of one of the silos, stickers that can be given as a promotional item, a smaller display for car shows and other types of promotional events, identifying places where OVKA flyers can be posted or literature placed and attempting to get media or radio coverage. Ray McKibben is keeping Kentucky Speedway stocked with OVKA information. Viney said the committee would like to encourage everyone to find some places where OVKA flyers can be posted. Promotional materials are available at the track and from Viney and Lynda Coombs. The next committee meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 20, 2008, at G & J Kartway. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Max Viney thanked Heather Cradlebaugh for the great job she is doing in conducting the 50/50 raffles to raise funds for track improvements. Ray McKibben inquired what the plans are for restroom improvements. Viney responded Jeff Powers offered to take the lead on this. McKibben suggested making known what the material needs are so donations can be sought. Viney agreed and offered to contact some businesses himself. John Horn reported he has been in contact with the person who purchased the large silo and has been researching ways to have it dismantled. Randy Landes noted there are some large gaps in the track to which Viney said they will be sealed this fall.

SWAP MEET: Dennis Queary explained the Swap Meet mailing needs to go out at the end of September. Max Viney suggested locating someone who has a folding machine at their place of business to help with this. Queary said Gary Gregg continues to look for ideas to promote the Swap Meet.

OLD BUSINESS:

GOLD CUP: Max Viney reported he heard positive feedback from some Gold Cup participants about the new track addition, as well as the overall facilities.

LIGHTS FOR EVENING EVENTS: Max Viney asked if there were any visibility issues at the recent night race. John Horn stated the existing lights worked well to which others agreed. Don Boles stated he would like there to be more night races.

BOARD MEMBERS: Randy N. Vermillion stated he has asked for input several times and has not received any emails from board members in regards to establishing responsibility guidelines for board members. Vermillion said not having specific guidelines is an issue because potential and existing board members do not have a clear understanding of what is expected of them. Vermillion said being a board member extends beyond the monthly meetings to race days as well. Vermillion further stated he suspects some people do not know who the board members are so they can talk with them on race days. Lynda Coombs explained how helpful it is when

board members work with new racers and their families in discussing issues and concerns on race day such as Ted Cradlebaugh did recently. Don Boles suggested there be criteria about how many races a board member is required to attend. Ray McKibben suggested it be treated the same as the points by allowing two drops. Following discussion of ways to identify board members, Max Viney said he will purchase some orange bicycle flags for board members to install at their pit spots. Viney will also make a point of introducing the board members at the driver's meeting.

RULEBOOK: Rick Coombs asked that everyone have before them the list of 2009 rules considerations as it stands at this time. He further asked that every attempt be made to get through as much as possible in a thirty-minute window of time. Don Boles suggested all changes be voted on as a group to which Mark Lewis disagreed. Doug Benson asked why not give the Rules Committee the power to discuss and vote the changes into place without the review of the board. Max Viney responded not all of the committee members are board members and it is the board that approves rule changes. Discussion of the process and holding reserved numbers filled the time allotted. JoAnne Hartings will provide a draft of wording at the next board meeting regarding numbers. Coombs said some major issues coming up for discussion include the number of drops, qualifying events and away races.

RADIOS: Max Viney reported he has been researching the cost of radios. Following discussion, Viney made a motion to appropriate up to \$3,000 for six radios and six headsets before the start of next season. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed with six in favor, three opposed and three abstained. Randy N. Vermillion discussed the need for a cabinet for the radios.

BRIGGS RESTRICTORS: Randy N. Vermillion explained in May 2008, WKA changed from a purple restrictor in the Sportsman Briggs class to a turquoise/blue restrictor and from a gold restrictor in the Junior Briggs class to a black restrictor. Vermillion said for those racers who do not have the new restrictors, the old ones are allowed noting it would put the racer at a disadvantage doing so.

NEW BUSINESS:

RACE DAY STAFF: Max Viney reported there have been some changes in race day positions. Viney thanked Randy N. Vermillion and Adam Schaeff for all they did in the positions of Tech Director and Race Director. At the present time, Viney will fill the Tech Director position and Josh Wagar will assist when available with the Race Director position.

KID KARTS: Scott Williams discussed an issue regarding misinformation about the use of restrictors in the Kid Kart class during warm-ups. Following discussion, Rick Coombs made a motion that all Kid Karts be required to have a restrictor in for warm-ups and throughout the race event. The motion was seconded by Max Viney and passed unanimously. Williams explained there are plans for the Kid Kart parents to staff the track during the break so the Kid Karters can extend the length of their third session. They would also like to use some of the break time for photo opportunities. Williams suggested other drivers take some time to mentor a Kid Karter. Randy Potter said this is difficult to do on race days and recommended this occur on off days. JoAnne Hartings pointed out that younger children look up to the older children. Viney said he will talk with some of the older youth to see if something can be arranged.

ROOKIE CLASS: Lynda Coombs reported several parents have asked there be a director for the Rookie Class in the same fashion as the Kid Kart class. Coombs stated it can be difficult for parents to provide the level of instruction needed when they are new to the sport. Ray McKibben offered to provide information to anyone who needs it. Don Boles said he is willing to serve as director for the Rookie Class.

WEBSITE PHOTOS: Lynda Coombs reported she was informed by Toshiya Michimi he is no longer able to oversee publishing photographs linked to the OVKA website. Ray McKibben offered to fill this position.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

TRANSPONDERS: Scott Williams suggested not requiring the Rookie Class to use transponders since it is a non-points class. Randy J. Vermillion said the same issue could be raised for the Senior Novice Yamaha class. John Horn pointed out these classes may still want to see their lap times. JoAnne Hartings reminded everyone this type of rule change would have a thirty-day waiting period. Max Viney said with it so late in the season, there should be no changes made. The matter will be added to the rules consideration list for 2009.

TRACK CONFIGURAITON: Randy N. Vermillion stated there has been some discussion about whether configuration 2C should be run at race twelve. Max Viney said he is open to whatever the board wants. John Horn stated if there is going to be a change, it needs to be decided tonight. A straw poll of the board determined that the 2C configuration will stay for race twelve.

PROTEST PROCEDURES: Herman Tholen brought to the board's attention the difficulties he encountered in the protest process at race eight. Tholen explained he was given two different explanations by two different people following the pipe dropping down and opening up the header on his grandson's kart. Tholen said he did not receive the meatball flag. Tholen stated the thirty-minute requirement to file a protest became difficult due to talking with different race officials and having to track down a protest form as the scale worker did not have any. Tholen said he expected to be told the specific rule he was in violation of. Viney cited the OVKA rule to which the pipe issue pertains and extended his apology. Viney said the workers try to do the best job they can.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, 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 Tim Bell, seconded by Max Viney and passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Bell, D. Benson, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, J. Hartings, R. Landes, M. Lewis, D. Queary, D. Stempfley, H. Thornton, R. Vermillion, and M. Viney.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, L. Coombs, J. Horn, R. McKibben, Randall Potter, Randy Potter, T. Reed, H. Tholen, R. J. Vermillion, G. Whaling, B. Williams and S. Williams,

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 8/19/08.