

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS: Max Viney reminded attendees to turn cell phones off or on vibrate and directed sidebar conversations be taken outside. Additionally, he asked that only one person speak at a time by raising their hand.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the December board meeting minutes with the addition of a thank you to Brandon Brown, son of Mike Brown, for donating an American flag flown in Iraq by his Army troop. The flag will be proudly displayed at OVKA events this upcoming season. The motion was seconded by Dennis Queary and passed unanimously.

TREASURERS' REPORT: On behalf of Jason Gregg, Gary Gregg provided a financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Randy N. Vermillion reported Lee McCready is now serving as chairperson of the Sponsorship Committee. Please provide McCready with contact information of potential sponsors so information packets can be sent. Vermillion explained there will be some changes to enlarge pit spots on the grid area which will be published in the OVKA rulebook and on the website and posted at the track.

BANQUET: Rick Coombs reported banquet registrations are coming in. The cut-off date for the lower banquet rate and hotel reservations is this Friday, January 9, 2009. Coombs explained armbands will once again be required for admission into the banquet. Ray McKibben offered to compile a photo CD for viewing at the banquet. Lynda Coombs discussed the need for banquet workers. The banquet will be Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Kings Island Resort and Conference Center.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Max Viney reported volunteers have been lined up for the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show being held January 9th, 10th and 11th. Viney discussed how vitally important this promotional opportunity is to OVKA in promoting the organization. Viney reported Kart Expo has been moved to the DuPage Expo Center in St. Charles, Illinois on February 21 and 22, 2009. Contact is Lynda Coombs.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Max Viney said most of the cracks in the track have been filled. The few remaining areas will be addressed in the spring. Rick Coombs reported there are some low spots on the outside of the track that need to be filled. Hal Thornton suggested lines and numbers be painted on the grid area and in pit spots.

SWAP MEET: Dennis Queary reported Swap Meet booth rentals have been coming in slowly and are down approximately 50% from this time last year. Queary discussed the adverse affect low Swap Meet participation would have on OVKA's financial resources. He explained the importance of locating volunteers to staff the gate so workers do not have to be hired which detracts from the overall income the Swap Meet generates. Queary said thirty people will be needed to work the gate over several shifts. He asked that volunteers contact him at 937-501-3529 or via email at dqueary@netzero.net.

RULEBOOK: Rick Coombs explained the importance of finalizing changes to the 2009 rulebook in order to have it typed and printed in time for the start of the season.

Rules considerations for the 2009 season discussed:

Items with action taken:

- Modifications of names of some classes.
- Page 16, Rule 1002.1 – Wording changed to “The interviews will be conducted promptly”.
- Max Viney made a motion if a karter is on the track for warm-ups without registering and a sticker, they will start the first two heats on the tail or for qualifying events, they will not qualify and will start on the tail for the pre-final. The motion was seconded by Hal Thornton and passed with eight in favor and five opposed.
- Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to give first place trophies at the Champ Race with second through fifth place receiving medallions. The motion was seconded by Doug Stempfley and passed with twelve in favor and one abstained.

- Rick Coombs made a motion to increase the requirement for a plaque from nine to eleven races. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with eleven in favor, one opposed and one abstained.
- Wording regarding color of Briggs restrictors: Briggs Sportsman - flathead w/turquoise restrictor or animal w/blue restrictor; Briggs Junior (flathead & animal) - black restrictor.
- Page 26 – Rookie Class: Add wording cannot compete simultaneously in another class.
- Page 23 – Correction of error: Remove wording regarding two extra participation credits.
- Page 17, Rule 1003 – John Horn made a motion to allow protest of engine legality through the third heat/final, requiring protestor notify Pit Steward and submit written protest with \$50 fee within thirty minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Lewis. Tim Reed amended the motion to require a \$250 fee with \$20 to OVKA and \$230 to entrant protested if found legal; if found illegal, OVKA retains \$20 and \$230 returned to person who filed the protest. Reed's amendment failed with eight opposed and five in favor. Horn's motion was then voted on and passed with eight in favor and five opposed.

Items discussed and dismissed:

- Consider no transponders for Rookie Class and Senior Novice Yamaha.
- Establish vendor guidelines (Precedent already established September 2008 to require \$300 sponsorship).

Items tabled:

- Implementation of WKA rear bumper rule – Still waiting for response from WKA; Lynda Coombs to follow up and report back.
- Protest committee wording - Josh Wagar will provide next month.

Coombs explained a draft 2009 rulebook will be presented at next month's board meeting for review until the March board meeting at which time the rulebook needs to be voted on.

OLD BUSINESS:

GREAT LAKES SPRINT SERIES: Lynda Coombs reported she was contacted by Jerry Cole, President of the Great Lakes Sprint Series, who informed her the GLSS will not be including G & J Kartway on their 2009 schedule as previously planned. Toshiya Michimi explained the GLSS board is continuing to discuss the matter.

2009 OFFICERS: Max Viney asked if there is any interest by others in filling officer positions for the 2009 season. Current interest has been expressed by Max Viney - President; Tim Reed - Vice-President; Lynda Coombs – Secretary and Jason Gregg – Treasurer. Officers will be vote on at the annual meeting prior to the banquet.

NEW BUSINESS:

DARF DAY: Lynda Coombs asked the board if they would like to continue to offer a DARF Day which provides for half-price or free admission for DARF members. DARF is also afforded the opportunity to set up a booth and distribute information. Following discussion, consensus was to offer half-price admission to DARF members on Sunday, July 19, 2009 which is the Champ Race.

CONDOLENCES: Max Viney reported long-time racing friend and former OVKA board member, Steve Smith, passed away December 13, 2008. Viney extended condolences to his family and friends. Viney explained a donation has been made to the Courtney Hannah Education Fund in memory of Steve.

MEMBER UPDATES: Max Viney reported Heather Cradlebaugh is home from the hospital. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked everyone for their cards, calls and visits and said Heather is doing much better. Viney said Steve Rumsey is also home from the hospital. Heather Rumsey thanked everyone for their well wishes and said her dad is doing good. Viney said the club will continue to keep them in thoughts and prayers.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

BOARD MEMBER: Mark Lewis said he would like to nominate Randy J. Vermillion to the OVKA Board of Directors. Max Viney explained the most recent vacancy is in the process of being filled this evening during executive session and will keep Vermillion in mind if that position is not confirmed or when a vacancy occurs.

WEBSITE: Doug Stempfley reported Ray McKibben will be assisting with maintaining the OVKA website and is currently being trained in updating the site. Stempfley thanked McKibben for helping with this and said he is a big asset to the organization.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 9:50 p.m. Mike Brown was unanimously voted to the OVKA Board of Directors. The board briefly discussed family/household members serving as board members.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at Ramada Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Dennis Queary – Coordinate Swap Meet workers and booth spaces.
- Josh Wagar – Provide wording regarding Protest Committee at next board meeting.
- Max Viney – Coordinate volunteers for Cavalcade, update TaG information for rulebook; add wording regarding two/four brakes in TaG class.
- Lynda Coombs – Coordinate volunteers for Kart Expo, follow up with WKA regarding rear bumper rule, present 2009 OVKA rulebook draft at February board meeting, submit DARF form.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: S. Benson, M. Brown, L. Coombs, R. Etter, J. Frommeyer, J. Horn, L. McCready, R. McKibben, T. Michimi, P. Robbins, H. Rumsey, L. Vermillion, R.J. Vermillion, J. Wagar, G. Whaling and W. Whaling.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/25/09.