

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2011  
KINGS ISLAND RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Tim Reed called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. at Kings Island Resort and Conference Center in Mason, Ohio.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Tim Reed welcomed everyone to the annual general membership meeting and asked that cell phones be kept quiet or on vibrate.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported banquet preparations are complete and ready to go. Coombs thanked the volunteers who helped with set-up last night.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:**

**INDY CIRCLE TRACK SHOW:** Lynda Coombs reported she and Rick will be staffing the OVKA booth next Saturday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. She noted last year was the first time OVKA participated in this event and it was a good opportunity to distribute information about the Swap Meet and the organization. Anyone who would like to help can contact either Coombs.

**CINCINNATI CAVALCADE OF CUSTOMS SHOW:** Josh Wagar reported there was a large turnout at the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show two weekends ago. Rick Coombs thanked Wagar for coordinating OVKA's participation in this event noting it involves a lot of work.

**SWAP MEET:** Max Viney reported booth rentals have been filling up including building four. Six more volunteers are needed to work the gate mostly during the noon to 3:00 p.m. shift. Viney explained a participation credit can be earned for working three hours at the gate. Contact Viney to sign up to help.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Tim Reed reported there are no updates at this time.

**SPONSORSHIP/PIT SPOT COMMITTEE:** Lee McCready thanked those who have sent in their sponsorship and pit spot registrations. McCready said if you are considering racing for a championship to see him to discuss racing sponsorship. He reported there was a deficit in pit spot income last year, which is intended to cover the cost of the ambulance. Tim Reed explained pit spot renewal is due by April 1, 2011 and not the first race which is a little different from in the past. He said failure to submit your pit spot registration by April 1<sup>st</sup> may result in losing your spot.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ELECTION OF 2011 OVKA OFFICERS:**

**PRESIDENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh accepted nomination for President by Doug Benson, seconded by Ray McKibben.

**PRESIDENT ELECTED:** Ted Cradlebaugh.

**VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINEES:**

Mike Brown accepted nomination for Vice President by Max Viney, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh.

Josh Wagar accepted nomination for Vice President by Kathy McKibben, seconded by Rick Coombs.

**VICE PRESIDENT ELECTED:** Josh Wagar.

**SECRETARY:**

Lynda Coombs accepted nomination for Secretary by Max Viney, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh.

**SECRETARY ELECTED:** Lynda Coombs.

**TREASURER:**

Gary Gregg accepted nomination for Jason Gregg as Treasurer, by Max Viney, seconded by Don Boles.

**TREASURER ELECTED:** Jason Gregg.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**TIRES:** Rich Williamson inquired what tire has been determined for the upcoming season. Tim Reed responded SL4s.

**KOMET CLASS:** Pat Slattery asked if there is going to be a Komet class offered that will run the Bridgestone YLC tires. Tim Reed explained there has been no confirmation from Russell as of yet. Ted Cradlebaugh will report on this at the next meeting.

**2011 SCHEDULE:** Duane Frank inquired when the 2011 schedule will be available, to which Ted Cradlebaugh responded tonight.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** John Horn presented a written *motion to allow 3 general members in good standing to be nominated and elected by the general membership to the board of directors. The members may verbally, by regular mail, or by email nominate an individual to fill a vacant BOD position. This notification shall be given to the secretary of the club to present to the general membership. The members shall elect by ballot, the 3 individuals to fill vacant BOD positions as they come available, up to 3 openings. These elections may take place at any time throughout the year, and the elected persons will remain on the BOD for a term of up to 1 year. Nominations for the elected BOD members should normally take place at the annual general membership meeting, and a ballot should be mail to each member in good standing within 30 days from nomination. From date of mailing ballot, there should be a 30 day time period allowed for return of ballots, with the announcement of new or returning BOD members to take place within 10 days of end of return date. This announcement may be made at the monthly BOD meeting, or on the OVKA website. All existing rules of conduct shall apply to newly elected BOD members. In the event an elected BOD member resigns, or is removed from the BOD, nominations should begin immediately and a ballot should be mailed to the general membership within 30 days of opening of nominations. All other time frames stated above shall apply. Only one vote per master member should be allowed for this election. This motion will require a change to the by-laws to allow for the nomination of 3 general members. Article IV section 1 should be revised to all for the provision that of the 15 BOD members, 3 should be nominated and elected by the general membership.* Rick Wagar asked for clarification if this would mean a member can be voted to the board who has not attended a board meeting. Ted Cradlebaugh confirmed it would but then they would have to start attending meetings. Cradlebaugh further stated this gives the membership the opportunity to vote in three board members. Doug Stempfley discussed the need to change the by-laws first in order to implement this type of change. Steve Rumsey asked if they can run again and if there are term limits. Horn responded yes, they could run again with no term limit. Ray McKibben discussed previous requests for someone representing specific classes and asked if this is what Horn is trying to do. Horn said that was never part of the issue or his motion. Gary Gregg said we as board members should be representing all the classes. Ron Gordon raised the question what is a member in good standing and if it is someone who pays dues today? Gregg responded it includes not being on probation. Tim Reed said he does not see what the big deal is and in his opinion, the board should be cut to four. Randy Vermillion asked if these three would be eligible to be nominated for offices and what if they are not re-elected as board members. Horn replied they would move to become core board members if elected to an officer position. Reed suggested Horn amend the motion to the first sentence, get it voted and approved then come back in two weeks. Horn amended the motion to be nominated and elected, you must be a member in good standing for one year. Pat Slattery asked what about the guy who used to be involved, left, then came back. Rick Coombs said he wanted to amend Horn's motion and seconded by Don Boles, motioned to table the matter until the next board meeting and add what Ron Gordon said. Reed suggested a board member work with Horn so we know his motion is going to pass. Cradlebaugh noted there are details and lots of things to look at. Maria Horn asked if it can be agreed to vote on three general members and work out the details. Max Viney said while he thinks it's a great thing, the way it is written right now, he would vote no to which Boles concurred. Rick Wagar raised the question how can you pass a resolution that goes against the by-laws and said there needs to be parliamentary procedure. Cradlebaugh responded he is going to do it the common sense way and asked for a straw poll of the board be taken to see if they would agree to three general members elected to the board. Straw poll was unanimous in favor. Horn withdrew the motion and made a new motion to change the by-laws to allow three general members in good standing to be nominated, and elected by the general membership to the Board of Directors with details to be finalized by the February 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Gregg and passed with eight in favor and four opposed (roll call: Boles-no, Brown-yes, Coombs-no, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Landes-yes, McKibben-no, Stempfley-yes, Vermillion-yes, Viney-no, Wagar-yes, Benson-yes).

**REAR BUMPERS:** Pat Slattery noted rear bumpers were discussed at the last meeting and asked what the board's plan is. Mike Brown made a motion we go with full rear tire protection in 2011 as per WKA rules by race #3 as long as permitted by WKA. Doug Stempfley seconded the motion, which passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Viney).

**ENTRY LEVEL CLASS:** Gary Gregg expressed concern about the 15 to 20 things that need to be adjusted on karts and how this may present issues for entry-level karters. He suggested introducing a simplified class with a Clone engine and simplified chassis. Don Boles recommended using the two karts Gregg has to which Gregg said he could do. Mike Brown noted there are rental karts for sale that could be used. Paul Krimmer discussed having someone to help with driver development for the new karters to help them get through the first year.

**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:** Tim Reed reviewed upcoming events and meetings:

- Circle Track Show, Saturday, January 29, 2011, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana (Rick and Lynda Coombs are contacts)
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2011 - Reyton Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).
- OVKA Swap Meet – 7:00 a.m., Saturday, February 5, 2011, Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH.
- Race Cars and Future Stars Show – Thursday through Sunday, March 17-20, 2011, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua, OH (contact is Mike Brown).

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Reed at 3:23 p.m., seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, and passed unanimously.

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Ted Cradlebaugh – Report on status of Komet Class running Bridgestone YLC tires.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Benson, D. Boles, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, R. Landes, R. McKibben, T. Reed, D. Stempfley, R.J. Vermillion, M. Viney and J. Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** S. Benson, C. Bogan, P. Brockert, G. Clark, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, T. Cradlebaugh, M. Evans, D. Frank, B. Frey, C. Frey, R. Gordon, T. Gregg, J. Horn, M. Horn, O. Horn, T. Keith, P. Krimmer, E. McCready, L. McCready, K. McKibben, D. Newberry, Randy Potter, S. Powers, S. Rumsey, K. Schneider, P. Slattery, B. Smiley, L. Smiley, C. Swindling, M. Vermillion, R. Wagar, G. Welage, F. Whaling, B. Williams and R. Williamson.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/26/11.