

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMAKRS: Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., welcomed everyone and asked that cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate. Cradlebaugh said he is very impressed with the progress that has been made in the Kid Kart and Rookie classes. He thanked Brad Crutchleo and Josh Wagar for the support they have been providing these drivers. Crutchleo said the children are having fun.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the May 3, 2011 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously.

TREASURERS' REPORT: On behalf of Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided a financial report on as of today.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHAMP RACE: Josh Wagar discussed the need for volunteers to coordinate the upcoming Champ Race being held July 30 and 31. John Horn, Ray McKibben and Wagar agreed to organize the event. Based on feedback he has received, Wagar suggested exploring other options for catering of the meal. Following discussion of meal pricing, Horn committed to make some calls. Cradlebaugh responded prices will need to be compared. Cradlebaugh discussed options for awards at the Champ Race. Jeff Eissing presented the option of providing plaques, which would be different from the ones given at the banquet. Eissing has made a banner for the club, which will be used as a backdrop for taking pictures. Following discussion, Cradlebaugh made a motion to provide plaques for the top five. The motion was seconded by Horn and passed with eight in favor and one opposed (Benson). Cradlebaugh discussed having a group picture taken by Eissing of all the drivers together with their karts on Saturday. Max Viney noted this could be displayed at promotional events. Cradlebaugh offered to check into having a monster truck at the Champ Race. Wagar reported Cradlebaugh and McKibben would like to see a dunk tank at the Champ Race with board members in it. Cradlebaugh will check with the insurance provider about this. Cradlebaugh explained that if we qualify on Saturday then get in just one race on Sunday, we will count only the one race.

RACE #2: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed incidents that occurred between two drivers on June 5, 2011 at G & J Kartway. He noted Marlon Evans was unable to attend this evening. Cradlebaugh explained due to the incidents, Evans was not permitted to race the last heat and Evans and Scott Benson were to finish last. Following input from board members, Josh Wagar made a motion for Marlon Evans to be suspended from racing five events and placed on a one-year probation. Evans will be permitted to attend OVKA events to support his son. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed with six in favor, three opposed and one abstained (roll call: Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-no, Horn-no, Landes-yes, McCready-abstained, McKibben-on, Viney-yes, Wagar-yes, Benson-yes, Boles-yes).

ROOKIE POINTS CLASS PROPOSAL: John Horn discussed the kart count being down and suggested the club offer a Rookie Novice points class. He pointed out that some racers have been lost, as they do not want to change chassis back and forth for local and regional/national events. Josh Wagar asked if the rules for the Cadet class could be changed

to accommodate this to which Pat Slattery explained a four-hole can would be needed and he thinks people running WKA equipment would prefer the three-hole can. Following further discussion, Horn made a motion to add another class to the class structure, Yamaha Rookie Sportsman, as per the WKA rulebook with the exception of tires, which would be OVKA spec tires and waive the 30-day waiting period. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously. Slattery made a motion to make this new class a twelve race season with two drops with participation 100% for twelve races, 75% for nine through eleven races and 50% for six through eight races. The motion was seconded by Horn and failed with five in favor and five opposed (roll call: Horn-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-no, Viney-no, Wagar-no, Benson-yes, Boles-no, Cradlebaugh-no, Gregg-yes). Slattery voiced his concern that now these racers have no drops. Josh Wagar asked to go on record as being willing to donate two participation credits to entrants in this class to assist with their participation levels.

EXHIBITION CLASS: On behalf of Jean Stafford, Ted Cradlebaugh presented a proposal to have a Senior Komet class as an exhibition class at the Champ Race running Bridgestone tires. Ray McKibben read an email to the Board from Stafford, which proposed:

- “1. Komet Senior engine and pipe package;
2. WKA heavy weight group;
3. Bridgestone tires of the present WKA standard (this is not up for debate). Requiring Dunlop tires for one event only would be a deal breaker; and
4. Engine tech is at your discretion. If OVKA does not want to be involved, then I will handle tech.”

In Stafford’s email, he said he is working on obtaining sponsorship to cover the awards should this exhibition class be approved. John Horn asked why we are going with heavy weight to which Cradlebaugh responded that is what has been proposed for the Champ Race only. Cradlebaugh, seconded by McKibben, made a motion to accept the proposal. Josh Wagar amended the motion to allow Bridgestone or Dunlop SL4 tires so anyone with our spec tires does not have to go out and buy tires. The amendment was seconded by Randy Landes and passed with eight in favor and two abstained (Benson and Viney). The original motion was then voted on and passed with eight in favor and two abstained (Benson and Viney).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready said four more sponsors are needed in order to cover anticipated ambulance expenses. Don Boles will be addressing people parked where they should not be. McCready will be following up to confirm sponsorship with American Power Sports which Lynda Coombs will provide contact information.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Gary Gregg reported track sealing will be coming. Ted Cradlebaugh explained damage occurred to our new banners at the recent GLSS event. The banners are being replaced and laminated by Photo Jeff with only lamination cost incurred. Cradlebaugh reported some changes will be made to the newly installed gate at the grid area.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Josh Wagar reported Paul Krimmer is working on locating a volunteer to staff the OVKA booth to pass out information at the Concours d’Elegance Show coming up this Sunday. Please let Wagar or Krimmer know if you can help. Lynda Coombs explained promotional materials are available at the track for anyone who would like to distribute information.

SWAP MEET: No report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

RADIO BATTERIES: Gary Gregg provided pricing he obtained for radio batteries and offered to place an order once he is provided the quantity needed. Cradlebaugh noted radio frequencies will change in 2013.

2011 FORMS: Lynda Coombs explained preliminary legal response is minors can be required to sign minor release forms. The attorney is waiting for final determination from the insurance division of their legal firm.

QUALIFYING GRID: Lynda Coombs reported on the method used at the recent GLSS event where the qualifying grid is set based on times in the warm-up session. She noted if OVKA would like to use this method, registration time would need to be adjusted in order for timing to begin. No action was taken.

GOLF KART: Ted Cradlebaugh explained the amount allocated for the golf kart needs to be increased by \$100 for a 2008 model. Consensus of the board was for Cradlebaugh to move forward with this purchase.

REPAIR OF CRASH BAGS: John Horn is working on getting some of the crash bags repaired.

CIGARETTE CONTAINERS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported cigarette containers will be positioned at the track and thanked Dwight Newberry for providing these. Cradlebaugh said no smoking is permitted in the grid area and anyone doing so will be asked to leave the area.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

RACES 1 & 2: Gary Gregg discussed concerns about revenues and expenses for the first two events. He said he prefers using levels for worker reimbursement and anticipates the new system will increase expenses. Ted Cradlebaugh said he disagrees and the new method provides half reimbursement for rainouts. Ray McKibben stated the drastic reduction in kart count is having an effect. Lynda Coombs will review worker reimbursement for the first two events and forward to Cradlebaugh. John Horn discussed the importance of having an open mind and said it is simple economics. He stated the way you run a business is to not start chopping off your head but to sell and sell even it takes running Bridgestone tires. Cradlebaugh responded then you are saying it is okay to have no Russell contract. Doug Benson discussed the need to do more promotional events, such as Quaker Steak's biker night and consider what Lynda is looking into with having a billboard. Benson further stated promoting the club should be brought up at driver's meetings and there needs to be an organized effort to do something different. Horn suggested the club check into having rental karts. Pat Slattery responded he thinks some of it is resentment and some of it is the economy. Scott Benson suggested advertising at Lawrenceburg to which Slattery offered to take information there. Slattery also offered to try to arrange a radio opportunity with WLW. Coombs suggested forming a workgroup to move forward with promoting the organization to which Horn responded it needs to be done right now. Benson, Coombs, Cradlebaugh and Horn agreed to meet at 8:00 a.m. at the track this Saturday, June 11th. Jeff Eissing offered to distribute OVKA flyers and make a banner to display at Competition Karting. Gregg said he asks all present board members to look in the mirror and ask what I have done to hurt the club and see what I can do to improve that. Max Viney suggested everyone try to bring one

potential racer to the track. Cradlebaugh stated we can't just advertise and not give something, such as restrooms.

TAG: Carlson Bogan reported some of the TaG kart's starters won't work. He said the class voted to remove the batteries. He explained they were taking the backs off and there is acid in there so it is a matter of safety. Bogan said they still need to make weight. Pat Slattery responded it is because they do not want to work on them. Max Viney said he has never had a battery not work. Bogan said it was not safe for them to be carrying around a battery when they cannot start them. Viney responded they are taking the flywheel off and that increases performance. John Horn said he has never heard of a battery leaking and asked how we make sure they are not taking the flywheel off.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 10:46 p.m. was made by Ray McKibben, seconded by Max Viney and passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2011, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).
- Concours d'Elegance Show, Sunday, June 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Ault Park, Cincinnati; admission \$20 per person; four tickets for \$60 presale through June 11th; \$25 per adult / \$15 per student 13-18 w/ID day of show; children 12 and under free.
- Lebanon Blues Festival, Saturday, August 6, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; admission is free.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Doug Benson – Attend promotions workgroup, 8:00 a.m., Saturday, June 11, 2011, at G & J Kartway.
- Lynda Coombs – Obtain contact for American Power Sports, follow up with attorney regarding minor release, review worker reimbursement for first two events and forward to Cradlebaugh, attend promotions workgroup, 8:00 a.m., Saturday, June 11, 2011, at G & J Kartway.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Check into having a monster truck at the Champ Race, check with insurance agent regarding having a dunk tank at the Champ Race, coordinate completion of work on grid gate, provide quantity of radio batteries to Gary Gregg, purchase golf kart, attend promotions workgroup, 8:00 a.m., Saturday, June 11, 2011, at G & J Kartway.
- Jeff Eissing – Distribute OVKA flyers and make a banner to display at Competition Karting,
- Gary Gregg – Order radio batteries upon receipt of quantity needed.
- John Horn – Organize Champ Race with McKibben and Wagar, check into catering options for the Champ Race, attend promotions workgroup, 8:00 a.m., Saturday, June 11, 2011, at G & J Kartway.
- Ray McKibben – Organize Champ Race with Horn and Wagar.
- Pat Slattery – Take OVKA promotional information to Lawrenceburg, try to arrange a radio opportunity with WLW.
- Josh Wagar – Organize Champ Race with Horn and McKibben.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Benson, Boles, Coombs (late), Cradlebaugh, Gregg, Horn, Landes, McCready, McKibben, Viney, and Wagar.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: S. Benson, C. Bogan, L. Coombs, B. Crutchleo, D. Cradlebaugh, J. Eissing, E. Frank, P. Slattery and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 6/28/11.