

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
WYNDHAM GARDEN DAYTON SOUTH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2013**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and to allow the person that has the floor to speak.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs asked that people provide feedback about the new banquet venue. He reported there is a hospitality room available between the meeting and when the banquet room opens at 4:00 p.m. Coombs reported banquet reservations are up this year.

2013 RULE BOOK: Josh Wagar explained 2013 OVKA rulebooks are now available and encouraged everyone to take one so they have an understanding of the rules. Ted Cradlebaugh noted that while the rulebook was reviewed over and over, if anyone finds something that needs to be addressed, please bring this to the attention of Josh, Lynda or himself. Mike Brown reported there are many changes for national drivers, especially the Sportsman classes, and he will get this on the website as soon as he receives them. Ron Gordon, Jr. inquired if open tires can still be used by visitors to which Cradlebaugh replied yes.

SWAP MEET: On behalf of Doug Benson, Ted Cradlebaugh reported booth reservations are going well. He said we hope to have good weather, as this is the backbone event of the club. Cradlebaugh reported there will be a GoPro raffle. Mike Brown noted vendors will be allowed in at noon on Friday. Cradlebaugh explained the plan is to keep Friday sales down as the Swap Meet is on Saturday. Gate workers are needed for afternoon shifts. Ron Gordon, Jr. suggested getting the heat on earlier. Cradlebaugh reported we are looking into different locations for the Swap Meet.

SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS: Todd Cradlebaugh reported the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show was a success. He thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the event. Todd extended appreciation to Ori Cohen for providing a kart and trailer and Paul Krimmer and Jean Stafford for supplying karts. Ted Cradlebaugh said he felt the event was well run and well attended. OVKA received a plaque. A T-shirt raffle was held at the OVKA booth with shirts to be mailed to the winners. Ted would like us to have more booth space as we were crowded tight between Full Throttle and SCCA. Mike Brown made a motion to provide half-off certificates to first time visiting racers. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously. Ron Gordon, Jr. asked if there was approval of three Kid Kart entries to which Ted Cradlebaugh said he authorizes those. Ted Cradlebaugh presented two proposals for providing guest pit passes for persons who signed up for the T-shirt raffle at the Cavalcade Show. Lynda Coombs read the letter noting one proposal is for two full pit passes and the other is for two half-price pit passes. Following discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to provide two free one-time pit passes for the list from the Cavalcade Show. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously. Ray McKibben inquired about doing the same for the show Mike Brown coordinates in the northern area. Brown discussed how he has handled raffles at the event. Lee McCready pointed out there is high traffic at the Lebanon Blues Festival. Josh Wagar suggested making a determination after each show. Ron Gordon, Sr. inquired about getting a kart together for a boy from the Lexington area. Ted Cradlebaugh said this can be arranged. Ted thanked Todd Cradlebaugh, Paul Krimmer, Ray McKibben and all of the people who staffed the OVKA booth at the Cavalcade Show. McKibben extended thanks to everyone who provided video footage and pictures. He explained he will be using

new software to update the video and would appreciate feedback about it once completed. Ted Cradlebaugh said the new pictures for the show booth are very well done. Brown discussed the Race Cars and Future Stars Expo at Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua on Friday through Sunday, March 8-10, 2013. He said this event fills the entire mall with racecars and provides support for DARF. Admission is free. Rick Coombs reported Don Boles, Marlene Cook, Lynda Coombs and himself will be staffing the OVKA booth at the Indy Circle Track Show on Saturday, January 26th. Brown inquired if the second booth has been located to which Ted Cradlebaugh said no.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh explained that last month a decision was made to move forward with improving the existing restrooms. Gary Gregg has agreed to match what the club puts into it. Cradlebaugh said there is a short time period to get this accomplished and he will be checking with a variety of people who may be able to assist with this. Cradlebaugh said Gregg had crack sealing completed which included packing them with sand. Derek Hughes reported he drove the track and it was pretty smooth although there was a lot of gravel on it.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready thanked all of the sponsors from last year. He also extended appreciation to those who rented pit spots explaining the revenue generated goes toward paying for our ambulance and there was a slight shortage last season. McCready explained sponsorship begin Aprils 1st so please see him for information about sponsorship opportunities. Also, if you would like to have the same pit spot from last season, your reservation needs to be turned in by April 1st. After that date, pit spots are assigned on a first come, first served basis. To find out what is available, contact McCready whose information is on the OVKA website.

BUSINESS:

2013 OFFICERS:

Ted Cradlebaugh reported officer nominations at the December 4, 2012 board meeting were:

President - Ted Cradlebaugh

Vice-President - Ray McKibben and Randy Landes

Secretary – Lynda Coombs

Treasurer – Jason Gregg

Ray McKibben and Randy Landes were given an opportunity to speak. A ballot vote followed with Landes voted as 2013 Vice-President.

WKA ELECTIONS: Mike Brown reported WKA ballots are in the mail.

2013 SCHEDULE: Ted Cradlebaugh explained the 2013 OVKA schedule is available and track configurations can be adjusted. He discussed the option of making the oval track part of our race day for some classes. John Horn suggested changing the Champ Race configuration to 1B since the Great Lakes Sprint Series will be there the following week. Gary Gregg agreed as did Cradlebaugh. Ray McKibben responded the A configuration has been run for years at the Champ Race which is the most challenging race and the A configuration makes or breaks you. Rick Wagar said there have been years when the A configuration was not used at the Champ Race. Rick Coombs stated he thinks changing it may bring in more people. Cradlebaugh concluded he will change the configuration for the Champ Race.

BANQUET LOCATION: John Horn extended thanks for moving the banquet to this facility and said it is wonderful.

ADOPT-A-DRIVER PROGRAM: Paul Krimmer suggested members consider an adopt-a-driver program by helping suit up a new driver and send them out on a practice day. He said he thinks this could improve our numbers. Additionally, Krimmer suggested having the new driver pit with you as their first season is the hardest and we lose people in their first year. Ted Cradlebaugh responded we should help people any way we can and will put the matter on the February agenda to work on this proposal.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: Dan Fiehrer inquired about promoting OVKA at Full Throttle as many people go there. Rick Wagar responded Full Throttle does the best they can to promote OVKA. Ray McKibben explained that at the Cavalcade Show there were a lot of reciprocal referrals between Full Throttle and OVKA. Ted Cradlebaugh reported OVKA has a banner at Full Throttle.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 3:05 p.m. by Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Josh Wagar, and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Indy Circle Track Show, Saturday, January 26, 2013, Indianapolis State Fairgrounds
- OVKA Swap Meet – Saturday, February 2, 2012, Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 5, 2013, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH (east side of I-75)
- 10th Annual Race Cars & Future Stars Expo, Friday through Sunday, March 8-10, 2013, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Pique Mall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, R. Landes, L. McCready, R. McKibben, and J. Wagar.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: R. Beaman, C. Bogan, S. Brown, O. Cohen, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer, R. Gordon, Jr., R. Gordon, Sr., R. Harris, J. Horn, D. Hughes, C. Knabe, P. Krimmer, C. Kuethe, K. Kuethe, K. McKibben, R.C. Miller, Randall Potter, Randy Potter, S. Slattery, L. Smiley, R. Wagar, G. Welage

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/27/13.