

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: President, Ted Cradlebaugh, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate, side conversations be taken outside and allow the person speaking to finish before any rebuttal.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs, seconded by Jean Stafford, made a motion to accept the May 7, 2013 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously. Ray McKibben reported people are questioning full content of emails read at board meetings not being included in the minutes. Coombs asked the board what the expectations are. Ted Cradlebaugh responded not every word can be included and some of it was put in but not the entire email. He further stated the matter was about the urinals and not all of that needs to be in the minutes. Cradlebaugh said he believes the minutes are sufficient to which Ken Kuethe and Josh Wagar agreed. Jean Stafford stated email matters that get voted on or tabled should be included. Cradlebaugh said we will do that.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances. Gary Gregg reported payment for the restroom improvements has been made.

CHAMP RACE: Ted Cradlebaugh asked for one or two people to chair the Champ Race. He explained details can be provided of what needs to be done. Josh Wagar explained the meal, games, entertainment and a few other things need to be organized. He stated it is a fair amount of work. Cradlebaugh made a motion that John Deis be contacted to obtain a cost for the Champ Race meal. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed unanimously. Cradlebaugh explained per the rulebook, the top five receive an award, except Kid Karts and Sportsman Novice who all receive an award. Lynda Coombs will see that trophies are ordered. Cradlebaugh suggested gate fees be the same as last year, \$20.00 for both days which includes the meal and \$10.00 for Sunday, which is available only on Sunday. Coombs noted the Champ Race entry fee has been increased \$5.00 to help defray the cost of the trophies. Cradlebaugh said if the entry fee is not increased, it could be absorbed at the banquet. Wagar suggest sticking with a \$5.00 increase. Mike Brown agreed. Wagar made a motion for the Champ Race gate fee and entry fee to be the same as last year. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe and passed unanimously.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Todd Cradlebaugh thanked Jamaica McCauley and her family who promoted OVKA in a parade in Miamisburg. Jean Stafford reported there was article in the Miamisburg newspaper. Carlson Bogan said he was impressed and thought it was unique to pull the kart with a truck. Don Boles suggested the family be recognized at the next race. Todd Cradlebaugh met a 1971 OVKA class champion at the Smith Park event. Harry Wilson said to say "Hi" to everyone. Lynda Coombs reported the registration has been submitted for the Lebanon Blues Festival being held Saturday, August 3, 2013. She and Rick Coombs are available to coordinate

OVKA's participation at the event. Don Boles, Marlene Cook and Ray McKibben volunteered to assist.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported fourteen reserved pit spots are still available. He said we are close to having enough pit spot income to cover anticipated ambulance expenses. McCready explained two Clone classes do not have sponsors. He reported there are billboards that need advertising changed to the people who are entitled to the space. Mike Brown stated he would like to see the G & J Kartway sign completely redone. Additionally, he said OVKA needs to have a centerpiece up there. Brown reported Ron Gordon can cut signs using ten-year vinyl and has portable equipment he can bring to the track. Ray McKibben responded he has digital images he can provide. Ted Cradlebaugh requested Brown have Gordon call him and McKibben send digital images to him.

SWAP MEET: Ted Cradlebaugh reported Keith Freber will distribute Swap Meet flyers for us and put the information on his website.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

- **RESTROOMS:** Gary Gregg said he will try to lower the urinal. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he and Todd repaired the sinks by installing legs under them.
- **TRACK PATCHING/SEALING:** Gary Gregg said he does not think the cracks in the sealer look that bad. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he would like to see it addressed so they do not get worse. It will be necessary for the track to be closed for a couple of days. Mike Brown suggested contacting Mark Dismore about the sealer they use, as there are two different manufacturers. Cradlebaugh said we will get it done.

RULE BOOK COMMITTEE:

- **RULE BOOK CHANGES:** Lynda Coombs thanked Jean Stafford taking the time to summarize the changes in the 2013 OVKA rulebook. Coombs said she formatted the changes into a one-page document. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he asked Coombs to hold off publishing the document until the Clone 420cc rules have been finalized. Ray McKibben suggested proceeding with publishing the document to which Cradlebaugh disagreed. Cradlebaugh discussed the importance of everyone reading the rulebook. Stafford responded from his perspective after fifty years in the sport, membership typically does not read the rulebook. He discussed how over the past ten years, dates were included when changes were made. Stafford said this year, a choice was made to not tell anyone, which sets them up to fail. Cradlebaugh noted a summary will help. McKibben stated we need to get this together as soon as we can. Cradlebaugh responded as soon as we get the Clone 420cc rules, we will have it finished. Don Boles reported there are two Kid Karters whose parents would like them to go into a faster class. Ken Kuethe asked if it is a WKA age rule that they have to be seven-years-old to which Cradlebaugh replied yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

GREAT LAKES SPRINT SERIES: Ted Cradlebaugh explained the Great Lakes Sprint Series is coming to G & J Kartway July 19-21, 2013. Fuel will be needed so we don't run out. Brown stated he thinks our Kid Karts and Vets will be running GLSS and they have local option classes. Cradlebaugh

inquired if our Clone 420 classes could be a part of this. Don Boles responded we will have to see how many we can get.

WKA GOLD CUP DIVISIONAL TRANSFER SERIES: Mike Brown reported he has been approached about the possibility of WKA Gold Cup classes running a transfer series within OVKA's schedule. He said WKA feels it is a little late this year but would definitely like to do this next year. Brown explained the divisional series has no have four-cycle. He stated we would get the revenue and they would get the points. Brown explained they are looking at four to five races and maybe at other tracks also. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if they would run our structure. Brown said they would need to run on our qualifying dates and he informed Jerry Cole they would have to run our configuration.

WKA GOLD CUP / MONEY RACE AT G & J KARTYWAY: Brown reported he was was approached regarding a hospitality event for a Friday evening money race at G & J on July 5, 2013 prior to the Gold Cup. This year, they are having Sportsman, Junior and Animal money races. Brown asked if OVKA would put up money for hot dogs and hamburgers for approximately 125 to 150 people. Gary Gregg reported Steve Baker contacted him last evening about providing \$500 toward this meal. Gregg said Baker explained they are having the money races trying to get the seniors in. Brown said we will put up our booth and hand out flyers to market OVKA. Gregg responded it is hard to market to somebody coming from Michigan and North Carolina. Brown said he will work with Gregg and Shelley Powers if OVKA wants in on this. Ted Cradlebaugh agreed to allocate \$300 toward this event. Brown said he can get the food at IGA.

OVKA EQUIPMENT: Mike Brown explained the WKA Gold Cup and Great Lakes Sprint Series need to borrow OVKA radios and the golf kart for their upcoming events. Gary Gregg responded the Gold Cup never uses our radios as they bring their own. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if they will need transponders and the timing system. Brown responded they may run short on transponders and he will have to get with Gregg about the timing system. Brown explained it is in the GLSS contract to have so many transponders available. Cradlebaugh will work with Brown on this.

FUEL: Ray McKibben discussed a fuel concern brought to him by A.R. Gardner who said he has seen a lot more dirty fuel in carburetors. McKibben said Gardner asked if the tank has been checked for water. Gary Gregg responded a new fuel filter was installed at the beginning of the season. McKibben asked that when the filter is changed next time, it be cut open and inspected. Mike Brown reported he talked with Gardner who is thinking there is water in there. Brown stated up until Sunday, he hadn't seen issues then Sunday two carbs had to be rebuilt and their fuel had been purchased that day. He thinks every kart's fuel was checked on Sunday and all passed. Ted Cradlebaugh responded we will check the fuel.

TaG WEIGHTS: Gary Gregg explained Herm Tholen is concerned about the TaG Senior weights. Gregg told Tholen per Jean Stafford, TaG weights can be changed. Ted Cradlebaugh responded the matter has been discussed with the Tholens, Stafford and Carlson Bogan. He further stated we have gone by times and the driver has been right there. Cradlebaugh said they have been watching this and will continue to keep an eye on it.

OLD BUSINESS:

PA SYSTEM: Ray McKibben thanked Gary Gregg for his assistance in obtaining grounding rods. McKibben asked for help in installing them and would like to see this accomplished this week. He reported OVKA member, Tom Melton, will help set the dials and everything else to address the static issue.

OUTDOOR TELEVISION MONITOR: Ray McKibben said he would like a pole in place near the observation deck for the television monitor. Ted Cradlebaugh asked that a hood be installed to shield the sunlight so people can see lap times. McKibben said he believes this can be done with PVC pipe, gravel and cords. Todd Cradlebaugh offered to provide some PVC pipe.

VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he, Heather Cradlebaugh, Don Boles, Marlene Cook, Lynda Coombs, and Josh Wagar provided the worker support for the Vintage Karting Association May 9-11, 2013. Cradlebaugh said Thursday practice was a great day. On Friday, the event was hit with rain, which resulted in the entire event being held on Saturday. Gary Gregg reported they were happy with the way things ran. Cradlebaugh gave them information about the 2014 OVKA Swap Meet. Lynda Coombs mailed Jeff Brown a photo CD of pictures she took at the event.

CLONE 420cc CLASSES: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed last month's vote to stay with 110 fuel for the Clone 420cc classes. He said he does not think everyone knew they wanted to pursue 93 octane when they first came in. Cradlebaugh explained the engine has gone further the way it is built and is no longer a \$200 engine. He said Jeff Roberts has put together rules and Cradlebaugh suggested a committee be formed to work with Roberts. Jeff Roberts responded what we are finding is that in China all plants bid for parts and you might get differences. He said there doesn't seem to be any consistency. Luke Roberts explained Harbor Freight has two item numbers with one rated in the 12 range and a replacement around 14 but it is really not more powerful. Cradlebaugh asked that committee members include Jeff and Luke Roberts, Mike Brown, Ray Brown, Don Boles, Carlson Bogan, Jean Stafford, A.R. Gardner and himself. Cradlebaugh wants the committee to come up with a set of specifications. Additionally, Cradlebaugh said tech tools will need to be determined. Jean Stafford stated in order for any class to be successful, what is and isn't allowed has to be spelled out and an inspection process that motors can be checked. He said we don't have that right now so others can build them and know what they can and cannot do. Stafford said maybe the board should buy one of these motors to get baseline information. Cradlebaugh responded we are going to sit around and talk about how to make these techable, consistent and fun. Stafford added and non-toxic to those who already have these motors. He inquired who will chair the committee to which Cradlebaugh responded he will. Stafford said he thinks Cradlebaugh has or feels there's too much at stake. Cradlebaugh responded he feels he needs to be there and asked Stafford if he wants to chair the committee. Stafford agreed to do this and hold the meetings at his shop. Cradlebaugh said he will have Randy Landes attend instead of himself. Josh Wagar made a motion to reconsider for all Clone classes 93 pump gas speced from pump #1 at the BP station in Camden. We will get a sample each week. The club will specify a station and pump for away races and announce prior to the

events. This goes into effect after the Gold Cup at G & J Kartway with possible adjustments following Gold Cup. The motion was seconded by Gary Gregg. Cradlebaugh asked Mike Brown how WKA does it. Brown explained they literally put a sign on the pump. Ray Brown asked how wide a window is there going to be on that gas. Mike Brown responded five. Mike Brown stated he wants somebody like Jeff Roberts assigned to bring in the base. Cradlebaugh said he too wants somebody assigned and Ron Gordon could pick it up when he gets the Kid Kart fuel. Mike Brown responded if that is the way Cradlebaugh wants it, he will take care of the base. Wagar explained per the by-laws, this has to be done tonight. Ray McKibben suggested the committee come up with a solution and reported A.R. Gardner mentioned we buy a drum of fuel and dispense it at our existing fuel station. Cradlebaugh stated the committee is for engine techable specs and not fuel. Mike Brown noted there are the Clones too and this is not just the 420s. Lynda Coombs read the motion. Stafford stated the vote tonight will affect every karter whether adversely or non-adversely and it is not just about the 420s, it is about all classes. Cradlebaugh responded we have to look at the future of this club and board members are here to grow this club. Randy Landes said he understands what Cradlebaugh is saying but he has to agree with Stafford too and some of us remember the wars we had to go through about fuel. Landes further stated we're in alignment with other clubs and big clubs and it was not an issue until this moment. He believes this is opening the floodgates for what we have done for years. Wagar said we run WKA tech rules but they do not have 420s so we can spec a fuel like Man Cup does. Carlson Bogan inquired from Jeff Roberts what his compression ratio is which Roberts responded eleven to one. Bogan said and you don't think you need 110? Roberts responded no and said we ran all year last year. He explained he sent drivers and drivers-to-be a petition and an overwhelming majority want this cheap gas. Roberts stated he does not want to threaten but there are going to be people who won't do it if the club doesn't do this. He said there are others who will run pump gas and be disqualified. Roberts stated he has grown this class with 93 fuel. Mike Brown responded that if disqualified more than twice, they won't be allowed to run again and this is not just for the 420s but also for existing classes. McKibben stated he appreciates the time and efforts Roberts is taking. He discussed how it has been heard before that if we don't do this, we are going to leave and that comes across negative. Additionally, McKibben said he found Roberts' previous actions to be inappropriate. Roberts responded that he is just being realistic and apologized to OVKA and the track. Following further discussion the matter was voted on and passed with eight in favor, one opposed and two abstained (roll call: Coombs-abstained, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Stafford-no, Wagar-yes, Boles-abstained, Brown-yes; it should be noted that Landes, McCready and McKibben voted yes with reservation). Brown recommended a big sign be posted at registration regarding the Clone engine fuel pump. Cradlebaugh said it will be posted on the OVKA website. Jeff Roberts just posted it on Facebook.

LIFETIME MEMBERS / HALL OF FAME CRITERIA / PLAQUE: Josh Wagar obtained pricing in the amount of \$65.00 to update the plaque on the scoring tower. It will take six to eight weeks for the plates to arrive. Wagar explained there is no requirement how long a person should be a member to be eligible for lifetime membership like there is for the Hall of Fame Award. Wagar made a motion to require ten years of OVKA membership in order to be eligible for Lifetime Membership. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

EXHAUST FANS: Mike Brown suggested four fans be purchased to clear out the exhaust under the pavilion. Ted Cradlebaugh responded they were on sale at Harbor Freight and he will check into this.

REPAIRS / MAINTENANCE: Jean Stafford reported the Grid Marshal informed him light bulbs are broken off under the pavilion. Ted Cradlebaugh will follow up about this. Ray McKibben requested a couple of new push brooms be purchased while Cradlebaugh is at Harbor Freight. Cradlebaugh asked Gary Gregg to address weed control.

NIGHT RACES: Ray Brown discussed the difficulty some mature racers have at night races. He explained it is difficult to see coming out of some of the turns and seeing the Head Flagman. Additionally, after the last event, the facility lights were shut off while people were loading up. Gary Gregg said lights were on for at least ten minutes after the event. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he talked with Herman Tholen about installing the lights that were obtained from Circleville Raceway. Mike Brown noted Ron Gordon is an electrician. Cradlebaugh will follow up.

SECOND ENTRY FEE: Ted Cradlebaugh reported several people would like the second entry to be half price instead of a \$5.00 discount. Gary Gregg stated he does not think it would make any difference to do this, as there are still expenses for tires, motors and engine work. Cradlebaugh proposed making the second entry \$20.00 for anybody who runs a second class to which Josh Wagar agreed. Mike Brown noted this is a small amount and if it is done for the whole club, he doesn't think there would be complaints. Jean Stafford said there is a certain cost associated with classes and we would lose revenue. He further stated look at the day we were talking about \$5.00 for entries in Kid Karts and Sportsman Novice. Cradlebaugh made a motion to charge \$20.00 for individual racers to enter a second class. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with ten in favor and one opposed (Boles).

PRE-TECH: Mike Brown thanked all the members for being patient and very cooperative going through pre-tech.

WARM-UP SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh reported the start of warm-ups will be 9:15 a.m. to allow racers to get registered.

TaG TECH: Jean Stafford extended thanks to Mike and Suzi Brown for their tech assistance for the TaG classes at the last race. Ori Cohen said thank you and that they did a good job.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Jean Stafford at 10:04 p.m., seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 2, 2013, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH (east side of I-75).
- OVKA Champ Race – Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14, 2013.
- Lebanon Blues Festival, Saturday, August 3, 2013

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Don Boles – Assist with Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Mike Brown – Ask Ron Gordon to contact Ted Cradlebaugh regarding vinyl for billboards, work with Gregg/Powers family on Gold Cup hospitality event.
- Marlene Cook – Assist with Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Lynda Coombs – Order trophies for Champ Race, coordinate Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Rick Coombs – Coordinate Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Coordinate crack sealing, work with Mike Brown on equipment for GLSS and WKA events, post Clone fuel information on OVKA website, check into fans for under the pavilion, follow up regarding light bulbs under the pavilion, follow up regarding track lighting.
- Gary Gregg – Try to lower the urinal.
- Ray McKibben – Assist with Lebanon Blues Festival, send digital images to Ted Cradlebaugh for billboard graphics, coordinate installation of grounding rod for PA system, work with Tom Melton to address static, coordinate installation of pole for outdoor television monitor.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, R. Brown, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, R. Harris, G. Lutz, V. Oatts, J. Roberts, L. Roberts, and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 6/24/13.