

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 and to show respect to the person who has the floor.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs, seconded by Ken Kuethe, made a motion to accept the September 3, 2013 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Lynda Coombs reported the application for the January 25, 2013 Indy Circle Track Show has been submitted. She explained promotional materials can be provided to anyone who would like to pass out information or attend a show. Contact Ted Cradlebaugh or Coombs to obtain materials. Cradlebaugh discussed having an easy-up canopy with the OVKA logo for shows. Ray McKibben will provide a contact for Cradlebaugh to check into.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported Full Throttle has become a sponsor and will be providing \$2,500 worth of gift cards for races and the banquet. Cradlebaugh discussed some pit spot requests and will follow up with Lee McCready about this. Doug Benson said reserved pit spots need to be policed next year and offered to help. Cradlebaugh responded more than one person is needed for this. McCready discussed people parking in reserved spots on a daily basis and not paying for them. Cradlebaugh explained Don Boles has been notifying people he sees doing this. Randy Landes discussed having an 11" by 17" diagram in the tower showing pit spot assignments. Lynda Coombs suggested posting it at the track entrance also. Ray McKibben reported he flew with Steve Rumsey at which time aerial photos of the track were taken that can be used to create a pit spot diagram.

**SWAP MEET:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported the Swap Meet flyer is being finalized and will be sent to sponsors for inclusion in orders they ship. Cradlebaugh and Doug Benson will be making a site visit to Hara Arena to design the floor plan. Benson reported Comet Kart Sales has agreed to sponsor the Swap Meet again.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:**

- **TRACK SEALING:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed setting up a time to shut the track down to have it patched and sealed. He said a decision will need to be made which sealant to use. Ray McKibben will provide an air compressor. Cradlebaugh will contact Gary Gregg about having the cracks filled prior to OVKA applying the sealant.
- **CLEAN-UP DAY:** Ken Kuethe said a day needs to be determined for clean-up. Following discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh said we will plan on 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 2, 2013, with a rain date of Sunday, November 3, 2013.

- **PA SYSTEM:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported the PA system worked good until the end of the day when there was some buzzing. Ray McKibben discussed running cable using a bucket truck and moving a speaker. He said he will need someone with him to do this. Gary Huber responded he might be able to help.
- **EXHAUST FANS:** Ted Cradlebaugh asked Ray McKibben to bring an exhaust fan to try this week.
- **RESTROOMS:** Ted Cradlebaugh said the restrooms can not be locked up during the week. Marlene Cook reported the condition of the restrooms was better last time following Cradlebaugh discussing it at the driver's meeting. Doug Benson suggested continuing to talk about it during driver's meetings.

**RULE BOOK COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar reported a committee is forming to address rules for the 2014 season. Ted Cradlebaugh said a meeting date will be determined at the next race. Wagar reported the Danbarry Cinemas near Towne Mall and our board meeting location has a room available until 10:00 p.m. at a cost of \$50. Cradlebaugh responded he thinks it is a good location. Lynda Coombs will make arrangements for the meeting room once a date has been determined.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported fast time awards have been ordered and plaque options are being researched. Pricing will be obtained for jackets and trophies. Coombs asked the board what funds they want to spend on the the banquet. Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to appropriate \$28,000 excluding plaques, which come from another funding category. The motion was seconded by Randy Landes and passed with seven in favor and three abstained (Coombs, Cradlebaugh and Stafford). Lynda Coombs asked if someone can pick up trophies which would defray the cost of shipping. Josh Wagar offered to help with this and Ken Kuethe will serve as backup.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION:** Lynda Coombs reported a letter was sent by certified mail with a return receipt requested. As of this time, no return receipt has been received. Ted Cradlebaugh will attempt to contact the driver by phone.

**END OF SEASON CLEAN UP:** Ted Cradlebaugh reviewed the date for the clean-up day as being 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 2, 2013, with a rain date on Sunday, November 3, 2013. The plan is for track sealing to take place prior to that time.

**EXCESS EQUIPMENT:** Ray McKibben discussed the need to remove excess equipment from the tech barn and tower since space is limited. He would like to have two or three people help with this on clean-up day. McKibben explained there are old speakers, PA equipment and a cassette player, as well as an engine stand. Jean Stafford said the stand can go back to his shop. Lynda Coombs said Gary Gregg needs to look at the excess equipment as some of it may belong to him. Randy Landes discussed creating a partial mezzanine in the tech barn for storage purposes. Ted Cradlebaugh responded a small stairway could be installed and he will discuss this with Gregg. Rick Coombs said the next project could be to add onto the tower and tech barn. Cradlebaugh responded

that is a good idea. Doug Benson said we could build up. Rick Coombs discussed unbolting the roof and raising it up. Cradlebaugh said we can think about this.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**TRANSPONDERS:** Lynda Coombs explained in order to get a quantity discount on standard transponders, a minimum of twenty have to be ordered. Ray McKibben reported he is obtaining information about another brand of transponder that should be compatible with our timing software. He said batteries in this transponder can be replaced. McKibben explained another decoder unit would be needed and a determination made if two decoders can be run at the same time. Ted Cradlebaugh asked McKibben to get the company's contact information so our software provider can talk with them.

**KID KART PURCHASE:** Ted Cradlebaugh suggested seeing if anyone is selling a kid kart at the end of this season. Ray McKibben said the Swap Meet will be another good place to look. Lee McCready suggested checking with Terry Pastor. Cradlebaugh will follow up.

**TIRE CONTRACT:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported he is waiting to hear back from Keith Freber regarding the tire contract. He said he thinks the goal is to stay with YLC tires. Ray Brown responded for TaG, these don't fall off as bad. Pat Slattery said TaG in not a budget racer class. Cradlebaugh will keep working on this.

**CHARITY RACE:** Ted Cradlebaugh noted the charity race is only three weeks. He is hoping the EMS will donate their services. Monetary donations are starting to come in. Cradlebaugh and Don Boles will visit Camden businesses next week to seek donations. Pat Slattery suggested doing a standing start to see if people like it.

**TRACK CONTRACT:** Doug Benson said the point of discussing a track contract with the Greggs is to see what is acceptable. Don Boles discussed the importance of knowing what happens in the future.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**DRIVING LINE:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported he has had a couple of people ask that a line be put down the middle of the front straight to a certain point. Ken Kuethe responded where it is important is for inexperienced drivers who slide out and this would provide a visual line. Cradlebaugh stated the line could be for the first three-fourths going into the corner. Randy Landes said with every other racing association, you cross the start/finish line and you're racing to which Don Boles agreed. Josh Wagar stated he does not agree with putting a line down. Cradlebaugh said this would help the sportsman-age drivers. Pat Slattery stated it is worse at pea-pick races and he would like to see extra corner workers on the start. Cradlebaugh responded there are two corner workers and the head flagman to which Slattery said they are not calling it. Cradlebaugh asked Slattery to come out to turn one to assist to which Slattery initially agreed to do then later said he can't. Slattery suggested putting a Go-Pro out on the track. Wagar responded video testimony is not allowed. Cradlebaugh concluded the matter can be looked into.

**BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported Dwight Newberry will no longer be serving on the board and thanked him for his service to the organization.

**INSURANCE:** Doug Benson said last year the board talked about looking at other insurance options and if we are going to do it for next year, it needs to be checked into. Ted Cradlebaugh said we would need to look at if it is cheaper and gives us the same coverage.

**OVKA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Doug Benson noted that next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OVKA. Josh Wagar asked that we get through Rules Committee meetings then we can form a committee to work on this. Lynda Coombs discussed finding opportunities to have articles in publications. Randy Landes said National Kart News print copy is gone and all they have is online.

**RACING VENUES:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported he has been invited to check out the Motorsports Country Club of Cincinnati to see if there is enough room for us to race. He will also be checking out the track in Wilmington.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Don Boles at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Charity Race – Saturday, October 19, 2013, G & J Kartway.
- Clean-Up Day – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 2, 2013; rain date Sunday, November 3, 2013.
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 5, 2013, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH (east side of I-75).

#### **SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Doug Benson – Assist with pit spots next year, make site visit to Hara Arena.
- Don Boles – Seek donations from Camden businesses for the Charity Race.
- Lynda Coombs – Reserve the meeting room at Danbarry Cinemas for the Rules Committee.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Check into easy-up canopy with OVKA logo, follow up with Lee McCready about pit spot requests, make site visit to Hara Arena, contact Gary Gregg about having cracks in the track filled, attempt to contact driver regarding disciplinary matter, discuss creating a partial mezzanine in the tech barn with Gary Gregg, check with Terry Pastor regarding a kid kart, seek donations from Camden businesses for the Charity Race.
- Gary Huber – Assist with running speaker cable (tentative).
- Ken Kuethe – Pick up awards for the banquet if needed.
- Ray McKibben – Provide easy-up canopy contact to Ted Cradlebaugh, provide air compressor when track sealing is done, run speaker cable, obtain exhaust fan, and provide contact information for transponder company.
- Josh Wagar – Pick up banquet awards.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Benson, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, L. McCready, R. McKibben, P. Slattery, J. Stafford and J. Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, R. Brown, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, G. Huber, G. Lutz and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 10/27/13.