

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and explained Mike Brown, Rick Coombs, Gary Gregg and Jean Stafford will be unable to attend this evening. He reported Carlson Bogan was admitted to the hospital today.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs, seconded by Josh Wagar, made a motion to accept the December 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:**

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported Rick and Lynda Coombs have been working on banquet preparations. Lynda Coombs explained the annual general membership meeting begins at 2:00 p.m., banquet registration opens at 4:00 p.m. and the program begins at 5:15 p.m.

**RULE BOOK COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar explained there had been email communication about including Karting 101 and the Charity Race in the reserved pit spot fee with consensus to do so. Lynda Coombs asked if everyone had looked over the rulebook draft as it needs to go to print. Ted Cradlebaugh said the plan is to have 2014 rulebooks available at the banquet.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:**

- Todd Cradlebaugh reported everything is ready for the Cavalcade of Customs Show and we will have a 10' by 20' space with electricity. He thanked Jeff Calvert and Ken Kuethe for providing karts to display, Orié Cohen for providing a trailer and Ray McKibben for a video presentation and DVD player. Ted Cradlebaugh explained he and Todd will set up tomorrow which was changed from Thursday.
- In follow up to discussion last month, Ted Cradlebaugh distributed information about canopies, flags and backdrops. Pat Slattery responded they are pricey. Ted Cradlebaugh explained the printing on the canopy increases the cost. Todd Cradlebaugh said this is a wise investment and made a motion to appropriate \$2,500 for a canopy, flags and backdrop. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously.
- Ray McKibben discussed using a plug-in device for show booth video presentations. He will report back once he has obtained more information. McKibben will provide additional video for the Cavalcade Show.
- Todd Cradlebaugh reported Paul Krimmer located carpet for the booth.
- Ted Cradlebaugh discussed keeping track of the show booth and storage of the booth.

**SWAP MEET:** Doug Benson discussed Swap Meet preparations and said things are going as planned. Booth space sales are coming in. Ted Cradlebaugh noted the event should be on the marquee signage at Hara Arena thirty days before the event. Benson discussed coordination of

worker volunteers, which Lynda Coombs is assisting with. He explained a group of volunteers will be needed to assist vendors in locating their space and getting moved in. Paul Krimmer suggested people bring hand trucks. Cradlebaugh will announce the need for volunteers at the banquet, on the OVKA website and on Facebook. Promotional materials, including tri-folds, schedules and business cards should be ready by Friday. Cradlebaugh will follow up with Mike Brown about WKA tech seminars. Randy Landes asked if parking is free to which Cradlebaugh responded yes. Benson explained there is one area for admission which is indoors. Cradlebaugh thanked Benson for everything he is doing.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready expressed appreciation for the pit spot reservation forms having been sent out with the annual mailing. He thanked those who have sent in their reservations and explained the deadline to keep last year's spot is April 1, 2014. People who intend to send in a pit spot reservation should let McCready know as soon as possible as it helps with planning. Don Boles will be assisting with monitoring pit spots this season.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ted Cradlebaugh will check with Gary Gregg to find out if the crack sealing was completed. Ray McKibben reported when the weather warms up, the PA wiring project will be addressed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**OVKA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed this year being the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ohio Valley Karting Association. He said we need to make it a special year and look at having nostalgic T-shirts with the old OVKA logo, koozies, Champ Race festivities, announcements and publicity. Josh Wagar offered to co-chair a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee with Lynda Coombs. Others who will serve on this committee are Orié Cohen, Rick Coombs, Heather and Ted Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh and Paul Krimmer. McKibben will provide Ted Cradlebaugh with a contact who can do artwork and make posters.

**MARCH BOARD MEETING DATE:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained it will be necessary to move the March board meeting date to the second Tuesday of the month, March 11, 2014.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**TIRE CONTRACT:** Ted Cradlebaugh provided an update about the tire contract and explained if WKA changes tires, we will be supplied with the new compound. Consensus of the board was to enter into a two-year contract, which Cradlebaugh will take care of.

**DARF BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported three OVKA class champions were recognized at the DARF banquet on Saturday, December 7, 2013: Yamaha Sportsman - Lance Carboy, Yamaha Junior - Cooper Kuethe and Clone Senior - Jeanne Roberts. Cradlebaugh presented a \$1,500 donation to DARF from proceeds raised at the Charity Race. DARF presented a Rookie of the Year Award to Cody Robinson for his late model racing at Kil-Kare Raceway. Robinson told the audience OVKA taught him to drive.

**2014 OFFICERS:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained officer nominations took place last month and the nominees accepted. Nominated for President was Ted Cradlebaugh, Vice President - Randy Landes, Secretary – Lynda Coombs and Treasurer – Jason Gregg.

**TRANSPONDERS:** Lynda Coombs reported she has not received any responses about used transponders. Pat Slattery will try to identify a contact with Callahan Speedway. Coombs asked that anyone who has suggestions of individuals and/or organizations to contact about purchasing used transponders please let her know. Paul Krimmer suggested trying the website Racingjunk.com and Doug Benson said to let people know on E-Karting and Bob's 4-Cycle that we are looking for used transponders. Lynda Coombs asked that people be on the lookout for transponders at the Swap Meet and come to the OVKA booth if they find any.

**TRACK CONTRACT:** No report.

**LIGHTS:** Drew Young discussed what is driving the need for enhanced track lighting and potential options. He explained various ways to improve lighting and said coming up with photometrics for the site needs to be done. Young further stated the infrastructure needs to be looked at. He would like to have a map of the track to determine how many candles are needed. Lynda Coombs will email a diagram to him. Young explained with LED lights we can get by with less as they are more focused but are more costly Ray McKibben suggested seeing options side-by-side. Young discussed looking at the billing structure the track currently has. Ted Cradlebaugh said we need to go out and meet with Gary Gregg. Young will come to the track with a meter when the weather improves. Cradlebaugh extended thanks to Young for his willingness to assist with this.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**BY-LAW QUESTION:** On behalf of Jean Stafford, Ray McKibben asked if a general member can be nominated for an office at the annual general membership meeting. Ted Cradlebaugh responded no but they could have been last month. McKibben confirmed if no board member accepts a nomination then it is open to general members. Josh Wagar read the following from the OVKA by-laws, "At the annual meeting of the general club membership, the general membership shall elect, by ballot, a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, as constituted by these By-laws. Persons nominated for these offices must be then current members of the Board of Directors if there is interest among the Board. If there is not sufficient interest among the members of the Board of Directors, then persons nominated may be from the general membership body. All nominations will close at the board meeting that is at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual general membership meeting." Wagar noted that Stafford was a part of the meetings where these by-laws were written.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Benson at 8:36 p.m., seconded by Josh Wagar, and passed unanimously.

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

- Cavalcade of Customs Show – January, 10-12, 2014, Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati, OH, 45202
- OVKA 2013 Banquet – Saturday, January 18, 2014, Wyndham Garden Dayton South, 31 Prestige Plaza Drive, Miamisburg, OH, 45342; annual membership meeting at 2:00 p.m., banquet registration opens at 4:00 p.m.
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 25, 2014, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA 2014 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 1, 2014, Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road, Dayton, OH, 45415
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2014, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH, 45005 (east side of I-75)
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2014, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH, 45005 (east side of I-75) **NOTE: THIS IS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**
- Race Cars and Future Stars Expo will be held at Piqua Mall on March 28 through 30, 2014

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Lynda Coombs – Assist with volunteer sign-up for the Swap Meet, email track diagram to Drew Young.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Publicize the need for Swap Meet volunteers at the banquet, on the OVKA website and Facebook, follow up with Mike Brown about WKA tech seminars, order canopy, flags and backdrop, check with Gary Gregg about crack sealing, submit tire contract, talk with Gary Gregg about track lighting.
- Ray McKibben – Coordinate completion of PA wiring, provide Ted Cradlebaugh with a contact who can do artwork and make posters.
- Pat Slattery – Try to identify a contact for Callahan Speedway.
- Drew Young – Assist with determining track lighting improvements.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, Todd Cradlebaugh, P. Krimmer, R. May, B. Schroeder, H. Thornton and D. Young.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/21/14.