

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and respect be given to the person who is talking.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs, seconded by Jean Stafford, made a motion to accept the July 1, 2014 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously. Coombs reported Articles of Incorporation papers have been received and will be submitted by the Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances. Gary Gregg's portion has not been paid to him yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OVKA 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Josh Wagar reported items are still being collected for the time capsule. He suggested there be a marker to show where the time capsule has been buried. Ray McKibben offered to provide a piece of granite, which can be engraved. Wagar will take a look at it. Rick Coombs said Mike Brown suggested installing an engraved flagpole. Wagar stated he is leaning toward burying the time capsule at the end of the season or at the Charity Race.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:

- Angie Calvert reported the Lebanon Blues Festival went well and said there was a large crowd. She noted what a great spot OVKA had for the display. Jeff Calvert reported there were 125 cars on display. Lynda Coombs read the list of volunteers: Jeff, Angie and Brandon Calvert, Orié Cohen, Barb Loman, Lee McCready, Ray McKibben Brian, Dawn and Wes Schroeder, Reid and Aaron Smith, and Johnnie Walker. The volunteers were given a round of applause. Coombs suggested T-shirts be given to the children who spent many hours at the show.
- Angie Calvert discussed a show opportunity that was presented while at the Blues Festival. Thunder on the River in Franklin will be held on October 4, 2014 and the fee is \$30. Calvert and Dawn Schroeder are willing to coordinate the event. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he has been there and it is a good opportunity.
- Dawn Schroeder offered to promote the club at a Touch-a-Truck event in Monroe on August 15, 2014.
- Lynda Coombs reported registration papers have been received for the Indy Circle Track Show in January 2015. She said this event provides a great way to promote the Swap Meet, which is the following week.
- Angie Calvert reported she and Dawn Schroeder created a checklist of items that are needed when coordinating a show. She suggested there be a check in/checkout procedure in place. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he saw a trailer for sale in Miamisburg and he will check into it.
- Ted Cradlebaugh thanked all of the volunteers for stepping up and said it is good to see new people getting involved in promoting the club. He said a lot of people learn about OVKA at

shows. Cradlebaugh discussed asking drivers how they found out about the club. Doug Benson suggested collecting that information within the first two races of the season and adjust what we're doing based on it. Lynda Coombs explained there is a place on the entry form to write that information. She said there are two years of forms that can be gone through to compile that data.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported some pit spots have been re-numbered and the map will be posted on the OVKA website. Ray McKibben asked Cradlebaugh to make changes then he will update it and submit the map tomorrow.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

- Gary Gregg said we need to be sure the cracks in the track are sealed this year to which Ted Cradlebaugh agreed. Rick Coombs reported there are cracks in the pit area that need sealed as water is getting in them. Ray McKibben will obtain an air compressor to clean out the cracks.
- Don Boles said repair is needed on the grid where there is a patched area.
- Ted Cradlebaugh reported he received information from Tom Melton about eight LED lights that run off 110-volt service. He said we are able to try one of them to see if it puts out enough light.
- Josh Wagar reported the kart retrieval vehicle needs addressed. Don Boles said he thinks the forward/reverse lever may be broken. Gary Gregg will make calls to find someone to repair it. Ted Cradlebaugh said it is needed for the August 16th race. He further stated he is looking for a gator in decent condition. Boles asked about getting a golf kart with a trailer attached to which Cradlebaugh said that would be good as well.
- Mike Brown reported somebody at the Gold Cup event pulled out the end of the cord that attaches to the decoder box. He explained Ron Gordon worked on it. Josh Wagar responded it got us through the Gold Cup and Vintage karting events. Ted Cradlebaugh asked Brent Warren to take a look at it.
- Gary Gregg asked Brent Warren to install a phone line.

RULEBOOK COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar said we need to start thinking about working on the 2015 rulebook and forming the committee. Announcements will be made at the driver's meetings asking for input. Wagar said he would like there to be a deadline for items to be submitted. Jean Stafford volunteered to serve on the committee. Cradlebaugh explained serving on the Rules Committee is a big job.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs discussed the need to move the banquet location with the closing of the Wyndham Garden Dayton South. He explained he had informed the board and provided them with other options while at New Castle on July 20th. Another brief board meeting was held at Circleville on July 27th at which time a determination was made to schedule the banquet at the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast in Mason where it has been held in the past. Gary Gregg said the food was good at that facility in the past. Coombs reported meal prices are \$33 for adults and \$18 for children ages four through twelve. He further explained soda throughout the evening is a flat \$500 or

\$3.00 person. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested the club absorb the soda fee. Gary Gregg reported in the past the club paid the cost of the hall rental when it was held at banquet halls. Cradlebaugh said consensus was to hold the event at a motel facility. Ken Kuethe offered to obtain information about other motels nearby. Coombs asked if the board wants him to move forward with submitting the deposit to which consensus was to do so. Cradlebaugh thanked Coombs for researching banquet facility options.

NEW BUSINESS:

CAN FAILURE: Pat Slattery discussed a situation that occurred at Circleville where an entrant lost a can and received an event disqualification in post-tech. Slattery said he would understand this if it was a winner-take-all or qualifying format instead of pea-pick and pea-pick is not about just the last race. Ted Cradlebaugh responded that whenever you go to post-tech, you have to pass tech inspection. Jean Stafford discussed how WKA specifies the loss of a can as a performance enhancement. He further stated this happened to a driver whose can was lost when the bolts fell off. Slattery inquired what if the racer had finished in sixth to which Cradlebaugh said it is the top five who go to post-tech. Mike Brown said we have disqualified sixth place for a can issue and tech can occur on anybody. Following further discussion, Cradlebaugh said this matter can be brought up in Rules Committee.

2015 AGES OVKA & WKA: Pat Slattery reported people are asking him what the ages are going to be next year and noted we have made exceptions. Ted Cradlebaugh explained there is the option to petition our board for approval then seek approval from WKA. Slattery asked if this would apply for juniors wanting to move to seniors. Josh Wagar responded this is a topic for Rules Committee. Ronnie Creighton discussed his grandson's situation in the sportsman class. Cradlebaugh said the junior novice class could be a consideration and Wagar explained he can petition the board next year. Cradlebaugh said we would have to see him drive in a junior kart, which Creighton explained he plans to get this winter. Ray McKibben responded the challenges can be overcome with practice. Creighton noted his grandson has been racing for five years. Cradlebaugh said Junior Novice is a great non-points class. Slattery stated there is a remedy one way or the other.

AWAY RACES SUPPORT: Lynda Coombs explained she submitted an agenda item to the board on July 28th with a proposal to establish a policy that two board members be assigned for each away race to assist with move in at 7:00 a.m. and move out when all tower duties are completed. The proposal includes the development of a schedule prior to the start of the season. In the event an assigned board member is unable to fulfill his/her date, it would be the board member's responsibility to find a replacement with the exception of personal or family illness or a crisis. Pat Slattery said he would be happy to volunteer. Dylan Cradlebaugh stated this should be for all races, not just away races. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested two board members be assigned for every race. Ray McKibben suggested commitments be made at the board meeting prior to the start of the season. Mike Brown asked if he would be excluded from this. Cradlebaugh explained Brown's day at the track begins at 7:30 a.m. Coombs reported this is an issue at away races and a system is needed that can be counted on.

OLD BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEMS/BY-LAW CHANGE: Lynda Coombs explained at last month's board meeting, Josh Wagar committed to provide wording for a by-law change regarding submitting agenda items and motion procedures. The changes emailed to members were:

" 1) All items placed on the agenda "MUST" provide documentation. Documentation must be distributed in its entirety among all Board Members a minimum of (7) days before being put on the agenda for a first reading and discussion. This can be done in e-mails or at a meeting. If distributed at a meeting however no discussion or reading will take place until the next month's meeting under Old Business.

5) Motions will be discussed within the allotted time given and then to be placed under Old Business for a second reading, discussion, and vote at the next monthly meeting. Items such as safety and finance's may be declared an emergency.

A motion can be made and require a second and voted on to be declared an emergency. These items can then be voted on at the meeting at which they were introduced."

Coombs explained all board members except Pat Slattery voted in favor of the changes.

VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION EVENT: Josh Wagar reported the Vintage Karting Association event at G & J Kartway went very well and many positive comments were received.

KID KART NATIONALS & PEAK CHALLENGE: Ted Cradlebaugh reported Nick Snell won the Kid Kart Nationals two weeks ago in the unrestricted class and Rylie Myers finished sixth in the restricted Kid Kart class. Cradlebaugh also reported Christian Pahud won the Peak Challenge.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

SONIC ENGINE: Ted Cradlebaugh explained he was contacted by Alexander Albrecht regarding OVKA's weight requirement for the Sonic engine being 395 pounds when WKA's weight is 385 pounds. Jean Stafford reported there are two different weights depending on if it is the TX or VX. Randy Landes read from the WKA tech manual the weight for the TX125cc is 395 pounds. Mike Brown said he would see if there has been a tech update about this. Cradlebaugh will let the driver know there will be no change unless there has been an update.

TRACK CONFIGURATION: Ted Cradlebaugh reported Derek Hughes requested to not run another 1B configuration. Cradlebaugh discussed whether to change it to 2A. Mike Brown said Cradlebaugh is the President and suggested not changing it.

CHARITY RACE: Rick Coombs noted the Charity Race will be coming up and plans need to be discussed, especially if we are having a chili supper. Ted Cradlebaugh responded we could look at having a fish fry. Don Boles asked how many came through the gate last year for this event to which Gary Gregg said about 300.

PASSING OF A KARTING FRIEND: Mike Brown reported the passing of the wife of WKA's Vice-President, Dan Stowell. Brown told how Mrs. Stowell was actively involved in karting behind the scenes. The OVKA Board of Directors extends their sympathy to Mr. Stowell and his family. Lynda Coombs will send a card.

2015 SCHEDULE: Ted Cradlebaugh reported Mark Dismore would like OVKA to schedule a second race at New Castle where his racers would run with us. Further discussion is anticipated. Josh Wagar asked if we race twice at New Castle, would we race twice at Circleville. Randy Landes suggested making it mandatory to run an away race in order to be in the points.

HALL OF FAME: Jean Stafford suggested recognizing karting supporters from the past, such as Bill and Mildred Gregg and Mark Dismore, Sr. Ted Cradlebaugh responded this is something to look at along with the criteria to which Josh Wagar agreed.

NEW BUSINESS (continued): Randy Landes discussed a situation that occurred at Circleville Raceway explaining it was a safety issue and said cutting the track cannot be tolerated. Mike Brown, seconded by Pat Slattery, motioned to move the matter to executive session with consensus of the board was to do so.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mike Brown, seconded by Rick Coombs, made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:55 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Following discussion, due to unsportsmanlike conduct that occurred on July 27, 2014 at Circleville Raceway Park, Todd Cradlebaugh was suspended one race, is required to work an on-track position and placed on probation for the remainder of the year. He is to extend an apology to Circleville and OVKA for his actions.

ADJOURNMENT: Jean Stafford, seconded by Josh Wagar, made a motion to adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Touch-a-Truck Event – Friday, August 15, 2014, Monroe, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2014, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Thunder on the River – Saturday, October 4, 2014, Franklin, OH
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 24, 2015, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Mike Brown – See if there is a tech update regarding the Sonic engine.
- Angie Calvert – Coordinate Thunder on the River event on October 4, 2014.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Check into a trailer for shows, contact TaG driver regarding Sonic matter.
- Gary Gregg – Make calls to locate someone to repair the kart retrieval vehicle.
- Ken Kuethe – Obtain information about motels in the vicinity of the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast.
- Ray McKibben – Provide piece of granite to mark location of time capsule, update pit spot map, obtain air compressor to clean out cracks.
- Dawn Schroeder – Promote the club at a Touch-a-Truck event on August 15, 2014, coordinate Thunder on the River event on October 4, 2014.

- Brent Warren – Look at decoder box cord, install phone line.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: S. Benson, A. Calvert, B. Calvert, J. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, R. Creighton, A. Fields, L. Roberts, B. Schroeder, D. Schroeder, B. Warren and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 8/25/14.