

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate. Wagar noted that last month's meeting was a little rough. He said he does not want another meeting like it and nobody should be baiting others. He asked Vice President Ken Kuethe to assist with watching for people who have their hands raised to speak.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the February 3, 2015 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar. Ray McKibben asked if there is going to be a change following an email from Jean Stafford. Coombs responded she replied to Stafford's email, which included the entire board, explaining there was an additional statement that could be included but she did not receive a response from Stafford. The minutes were then approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Josh Wagar provided bank balances. Gary Gregg said reconciliation with G & J Kartway can be taken care of.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed taking the OVKA pop-up canopy to shows if you have room. He noted last month Mike Brown stated he did not plan to take it to the Piqua Show and Cradlebaugh said it should be used since the club spent money on it. Cradlebaugh further stated we should look into getting proper insurance so people will take the trailer, as some are afraid of what happens if the trailer comes off their tow vehicle. Gary Gregg discussed potential insurance cost in relation to the cost of the trailer and show items. Randy Landes responded he doesn't know why it would cost that much as his insurance is \$12 per half. Ray McKibben reported he and Gregg had a long conversation about insurance and discussed anybody who is towing the trailer should make sure their insurance will cover them. He said it is different with the contents and we looked at the cost of insurance but putting out \$1,000 per year doesn't make good sense and we could almost be in a position to self-insure. McKibben reported he tows all the time and his insurance covers damage the trailer causes but not the contents. Cradlebaugh noted Rick Coombs has an issue to which Coombs responded he attended a seminar where it was explained a person's insurance might not cover this. Coombs said he plans to check with his insurance company. Cradlebaugh said the trailer needs to go to shows intact so things do not get lost. Josh Wagar reported he represented OVKA at the Great Lakes Expo at Full Throttle Indoor Karting this past Saturday. He said the show went really well and he expects to see five, six or even more people at the track. Wagar thanked Aaron Banfield for providing a kart to display. Cradlebaugh reported he received a call regarding the Lang Show. Wagar said McKibben will be covering the event this weekend with the help of Don Boles. Boles suggested looking into a new booth for next season and using the current one as back up. Wagar explained some of the arms on the booth are broken. McKibben inquired about the type of booth Banfield uses. Banfield responded it cost between \$2,800 and \$3,000, is fragile and he would not recommend it. Wagar said we can look into this. Wagar showed a plaque sample he was given while at the Great Lakes Expo and explained the person can make different types of plaques. Gary Gregg asked if he can put pictures on the plaques. Wagar responded he can but he is not a photographer so we would have to supply the pictures. McKibben asked if he can make banners to which Wagar said they are not on the price sheet but he will ask. Wagar will obtain more information and report back next month. Cradlebaugh noted some of our banners are wearing out. McKibben asked if it would be okay for him to sell OVKA shirts at the Lang Show to which Wagar said he will

leave that up to him and Boles. Lynda Coombs will provide McKibben with a price list. Randy Landes noted that Tim's Motorsports Expo in March might overlap with one of our other events to which Cradlebaugh agreed.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh will provide Josh Wagar with the information from Charlie Freeburn about the track sealing. Cradlebaugh explained Freeburn's charges are based on OVKA providing volunteers to assist over two days. Cradlebaugh will follow up with Freeburn to schedule a date. Rick Coombs asked if the dates will be during the week or over a weekend. Cradlebaugh responded we have to let Freeburn know when we will have the workers. Wagar said a weekend will most likely be when we will have workers. Don Boles suggested finding out how many workers will be needed. Brian Schroeder asked if this will be put on the website to which Wagar said yes and Facebook. Wagar discussed the upcoming clean-up day on Saturday, March 28, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He and Ken Kuethe will check on what items need addressed then materials and supplies will be purchased. Ray McKibben suggested checking if there is a Sherwin Williams paint store that might give a discount. Wagar stated lunch will be provided and a volunteer credit earned for ages ten and above. Lee McCready asked that the stripping machine be checked which Wagar will do. Brent Warren reported quite a few shingles came off the pavilion, which will need patched or reroofed. Wagar will look at this and will address if shingles need replaced. If the roof needs replaced, it will need to be discussed. Ray McKibben thanked Brent Warren and his boys for all of their assistance with the PA rack. McKibben explained the rack swivels out from the wall and reported some wiring needs to be finished up. He stated the PA system will be split in half to cut the load to forty on each amp. McKibben said he and Warren will come back to the board with a plan to put up a couple of poles and speakers since the parking area will be expanding. Rick Coombs asked what height the poles will need to be to which McKibben responded at least twenty-five feet. Coombs will look into this. Warren discussed walking around the facility to figure out where PA dead spots are. Don Boles offered to check at Mendelson's for cable. Wagar thanked McKibben and Warren for all of their help.

SWAP MEET: Doug Benson said the Swap Meet went really well. He reported booth turnout was better this year and expenses were smaller. Benson thanked all of the workers, especially Marlene Cook who sold raffle tickets. He reported Hara Arena is reserved for our Swap Meet for next year. Josh Wagar noted there was an issue with tables being set up which Benson said will not happen again next year. Don Boles discussed how a couple of vendors asked about a Wi-Fi connection so they could take credit card payments. Ray McKibben responded the club could think about buying a mobile hot spot for the weekend and charging a fee for people to use it. Wagar said we would have to take the responsibility if there were issues with it and he does not think we should do this. Pat Slattery responded that if you are a vendor, you want to be able to take credit cards. Aaron Banfield said he and Jeff Roberts have readers. Wagar and Gary Gregg discussed gate sales. McKibben said Benson did more to help keep money in our pocket. Ted Cradlebaugh added we need to thank Benson for all of his work on this event to which Wagar agreed. Benson said he will coordinate the Swap Meet next year and asked that the board put someone with him. Cradlebaugh noted it is a big job. Wagar said he would like to keep Benson as long as we can and thanked him again.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported there are twelve reserved pit spots left and the ambulance expenses should be covered. He said help will be needed with marking pit spots with the stripping machine and he will have some nametags. McCready stated he has not heard from many sponsors from last year. He would like the aerial map to be on the OVKA website. Wagar responded it should be on there per an email he received from Gary Osterholt. McCready said he is open to suggestions on re-vamping pit spots for next year. He noted there are changes coming with the addition of a new road through the pits and people have been warned. Rick Coombs explained

wherever a road is put in, you lose that spot and Gary Gregg will be laying it out. Don Boles discussed how some people have much bigger trailers. McCready explained the spots are set for 20' by 40' but some are longer as we try to work with the individuals and if we need to rearrange some, we can do that. He said he does not want to see anybody get shortchanged. Wagar said we need to figure out what is going on with the road, which Gregg and Coombs will work on. Wagar thanked McCready for all of his help.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported OVKA's banquet reservation confirmation was received today from the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast. The 2015 banquet will be Saturday, January 16, 2016. Josh Wagar explained it was brought up to look at potentially altering the officer voting process and Jeff Roberts committed to chair a committee. Roberts responded the committee is him. Rick Coombs said he and Lynda will participate on the committee. Lynda Coombs stated she thinks Wagar should be a part of the committee to which Wagar agreed. Ken Kuethe will also serve on the committee. Ray McKibben reported people have been asking about this. Wagar said the committee will bring recommendations to the board and the board will make the final decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

RACING4VETS: Adam Meyer thanked OVKA for all of their help last year and requested the same support for the upcoming season. Aaron Banfield noted they will be pitting with him. Jeff Roberts asked if they will still be racing 420 to which Meyer said it will be the 420 Lite Class. Wagar noted the fuel will be from the BP station and made a motion to provide two race entries, four gate passes, three gallons of fuel and have the points attached to the karts, not the driver. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed with twelve in favor and one absent at time of the vote (Coombs). Meyer extended thanks to the board. Wagar said they are welcome and this is a great program and he hopes it keeps growing. McKibben suggested they follow our meeting minutes and come participate in some of the shows. Wagar noted that last year the Racing4Vets handled all of the kid's games at the Champ Race.

NEW BUSINESS ITEM AGENDA REQUESTS & SEVEN-DAY REQUIREMENT: Josh Wagar discussed past changes to the by-laws requiring documentation for agenda items seven days ahead of the board meeting. He explained Mike Brown submitted a request to put a form on the website for people to fill out. This form was provided via email to board members and a printed copy this evening. Wagar said at first he was a proponent of this process but it seems people want to use it against us so that if it wasn't on the agenda, it can't be talked about and it gets shut down. Jeff Roberts said he noticed it started a big email fight and should be discussed next month. Wagar responded all board members do not need to reply and we don't need board members having arguments. Ray McKibben said he thinks the seven-day rule is good intentioned but if the membership comes, they need to be allowed to speak and it not be voted on that month and this form is too difficult. Ken Kuethe responded the form is not difficult and members would need to know it's out there. He stated we come in here and we all have ideas; the problem is how to deal with it. Wagar said he does not think we need a form. Aaron Banfield explained he likes waiting a month because it gives him time to read the minutes, come to the next meeting and talk about it. Kuethe said we need to make it mandatory and if we don't follow the by-laws, we're all in trouble. He further stated if it is a big enough deal, maybe we need the form. Don Boles said he does not agree with using the form but we should give it a fair try. Ted Cradlebaugh stated going on experiences, he does not think this board has passed motions that had negative effect. He noted the two men who wanted it are not here and they need to be. Cradlebaugh said the seven-day rule makes sense. Pat Slattery said certain people have used the seven-day rule against us and if we adopt this form, they will use that against us again. Wagar stated his personal opinion is we do not need to use the form. He said we accept emails and if you don't send an email, there is still open discussion where it can

still be talked about. Slattery said we are all big boys and he sees this hamstringing us. McKibben stated the biggest thing brought up by members is wanting to read about it. He agreed this hamstringing us and he thinks it is a personality matter. Cradlebaugh said board members should vote what they feel is best for the club and not call everybody and ask what they think. He further stated he thinks we got buffaloed on that rule and it was a bad by-law change. Wagar explained the seven-day requirement and waiting a month is all spelled out and Mike Brown wants the form. He further stated anything you want added to new business, you're supposed to email the board, which enables it to be on the agenda. Wagar explained for anything other than financial and emergency, it has to wait a month. Slattery responded while he knows Banfield wants to read about it, people need to be here. McKibben responded by waiting a month, we can hear back from the membership. Banfield said the whole complexity of it has gotten tied up in knots. He gave the example if Dylan Cradlebaugh wanted all drivers to wear pink helmets, people should be able to read about it. Kuethe stated the key is open discussion and explained this is a board meeting, not a membership meeting and we are charged with the responsibility of decision-making, otherwise the board becomes extended to include the same twelve people who show up to meetings. Slattery said most of the time we vote on things right and can't we change back if we make a mistake? Jeff Roberts inquired about posting the agenda on the website to which McKibben responded that has been discussed in the past. Lynda Coombs explained the process includes agenda items being due one week before the meeting, a draft of the agenda is typed and emailed to the President for review prior to the agenda being emailed to the board. The timeframe for this depends on work schedules. Wagar added we need to consider Gary Osterholt's availability to have time to publish on the website. Roberts asked if it were to be posted by the Tuesday morning of the board meeting, does anyone see a reason it should not be public? Coombs said in her opinion no, to which Cradlebaugh agreed. Cradlebaugh stated it is the same people who come to board meetings until they have an item and the rest depend on us to make the club happen and we do a good job. Brent Warren asked if one, two or three people can have access to the website. McKibben said it is not hard to update the website and can be done quickly. Coombs said she could do this at the same time she emails the agenda to the board if directed to do so and she had access to the website. Cradlebaugh suggested keeping it to two or three people having website access. McKibben said he agrees with the membership having a chance to see the agenda. Wagar will contact Osterholt tomorrow. Wagar explained ten out of fifteen board members are needed to change the by-laws and there are thirteen here this evening. He asked if anyone wants to make a motion regarding the by-laws at this time or table the matter until next month to think about wording. McKibben responded he thinks we should table this and have the proper wording. Rick Coombs asked if this wording is to include publishing to which Wagar said publishing wouldn't be in there and his guess is the wording would be around seven-day and thirty-day requirements. Rick Coombs noted the thirty-day requirement was removed to which Slattery said he thinks a thirty-day rule is silly. Slattery further stated if we go with that, we have to rescind the vote on the Vets. Wagar responded we do not because it is financial. Cradlebaugh made a motion to eliminate the by-law change in August 2014 and go back to the original way we had been doing our board meetings. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery. Rick Coombs asked if this is going to run over any other by-laws we have. Wagar responded the by-law we are talking about says we can't do it and we need to table this for one more month from last month. He further stated the part we want to change will be voted on next month. Cradlebaugh said to strike his motion. Rick Coombs responded you can make the motion but just can't vote on it. Dylan Cradlebaugh said next month this shouldn't be discussed to which Wagar disagreed. Wagar said next month he will ask if anybody wants to make a motion regarding dropping the seven-day requirement. He further stated posting the agenda does not need to be a part of the by-laws.

LO206 CLASS CARBURETOR RESTRICTIONS: Jeff Roberts reported there are seven different carburetor slides with different performance levels. He said Kid Karts have a black slide, Stock

Senior has a silver aluminum slide and there are red, blue, green, purple and yellow slides all with different performance levels. Roberts said that somehow we have to figure out which slides we will require. Josh Wagar asked what the WKA tech manual says. Roberts responded it is not listed because they are all local option classes and he thought we were going with WKA but it isn't there. Wagar responded he thought WKA ran 206 at the Gold Cup last year to which McKibben agreed. Roberts said the only one is Senior and they have Animal but not LO206 in the 2014 book. Wagar responded we need to get a 2015 book. Brent Warren reported there is not going to be one for 2015. Wagar suggested obtaining WKA tech updates or call Baker Racing Engines. He said the slide can be changed in no time. Roberts noted the cost is roughly \$15 and said the list from Briggs is very confusing. He said he was hoping our WKA tech guy would be here tonight. Randy Landes suggested checking with Gateway Motorsports. Wagar stated when we said we would take the 206's and run them with the 212's, we thought it would be easy. Landes discussed how the carb slide can be adjusted which would benefit youngsters who are a little overweight. Roberts reported he is going to do some dyno testing as we are going to have to figure out something. Ray McKibben asked what the cost is for a 206 engine package. Roberts responded \$800 give or take some and discussed the components. He said if someone is already running a Clone motor, the cost would be more around \$500 or \$600 as they can use some of the parts. Rick Coombs suggested checking with New Castle about the slides as they have some Seniors racing there. Wagar responded we follow WKA for Seniors and Roberts stated we want to stick right with WKA for Seniors. Coombs reported there was interest in the 206 class at the Swap Meet.

PRESIDENT'S VOTE: Josh Wagar explained a printed copy of an email from Jean Stafford is in their board member packets. Gary Gregg said we need to have it so we don't have a tie vote as there have been two in the past few years. He noted Robert's Rules suggests the President not vote unless there is a tie. Wagar acknowledged what Robert's Rules says and stated we as a club adopted our own procedure. Pat Slattery asked for Wagar's opinion about this to which Wagar responded he does not care one way or the other and if there is a motion with a second, he plans to abstain. Pat Slattery, seconded by Gary Gregg, made a motion to vote on it. Wagar read Stafford's email, which the motion referred to, "Article VI President: Add into section 4) Presidents shall vote only to break a tie vote of the Directors. Also necessary if previous is approved: Article III Meeting of the Board of Directors: remove from Section 7): "For clarity a tie vote means that a motion fails." Changing the president's vote in this manner means there will be no ties." Wagar explained this motion requires two-thirds board approval to pass and if there would be a tie, the motion fails. He further stated Gregg has been bringing up the matter for five years after it had been changed. The motion was then voted on and passed with eleven in favor, one opposed and one abstained (roll call: Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-no, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Slattery-yes, Wagar-abstained, Warren-yes, Boles-yes, Calvert-yes).

OPEN DISCUSSION:

EMAIL VOTING: Josh Wagar explained Jean Stafford's email included not allowing email votes. Ted Cradlebaugh said he sees no problem with it as long as the President brings it up and it does not come from board members who already made ten calls. He further stated an email vote would be an emergency. Wagar explained he and Ray McKibben discussed the PA rack and McKibben expressed time concerns in order to get it finished before the season starts. Cradlebaugh responded you set the precedent. McKibben said Cradlebaugh is right and he should have sent an email to Wagar asking him to make the motion. Wagar stated as a general rule, he does not like to make email votes. Gary Gregg responded email votes are for only emergencies. Wagar said there are times when a decision needs to be made and if it is during the season, a meeting at the track would be called. Ken Kuethe asked if there are rules about email voting to which Wagar responded no. Wagar explained the by-laws say if at any time there is a quorum, a vote can take place but he

doesn't want to get into doing that. Cradlebaugh said he never saw the vote count to which McKibben responded read your emails. Brent Warren discussed how some people do not have access to email or can't read them and maybe some guidelines are needed. He further stated he works in the telecommunication field and receives two to four hundred emails a day and asked that his name be removed from any political emails. Warren said communications from us to us should be kept official then if there is an emergency, it will get the proper attention. Wagar asked Lynda Coombs to add this matter to the April agenda under old business.

WKA TECH PROTESTS: Josh Wagar explained some erroneous information was stated last month and clarification has been obtained from WKA about having WKA inspect protested parts and engines. Per email communication with WKA, we do not have to have a WKA certified tech inspector in order to submit protested parts and engines to WKA for review. The email explained we can do so as long as we are a WKA approved track.

REQUEST TO MOVE UP: Josh Wagar reported last month six of us agreed to allow Alec Fields to move up to the Yamaha Junior Novice Class. A request to WKA has been approved based on the judgment of those six board members.

JACKET CONCERN: Josh Wagar reported he received a text message from Jason Woerl and he is happy with the jacket and wants to put the matter behind us. Brent Warren said we need to rethink the Rookie Novice Class. Wagar asked Warren to put together some wording and send it to the board. Wagar explained a number of years ago the club created the Novice Sportsman Class to give a step between Kid Karts. A couple of years ago, WKA created Sportsman Novice and we left our class on the books and adopted the WKA class so there became two stepping-stones. Pat Slattery noted one is a Yamaha motor and the other has different motors. He explained WKA now has a K80 Rookie Class that has restrictors and maybe we could put these two together and eliminate the Novice Class. Wagar responded he is going to stick with his statement to email wording to the board. Ted Cradlebaugh said Novice was created for someone not ready to move up and they should not get an award every week, as they are now a big boy. He further stated novice should be novice and he let it get way out of hand. Slattery said next month we should talk about awards and if the class does not meet the minimum, there is no jacket, otherwise don't have a rule. Cradlebaugh responded there have been times when they were at 3.89. Slattery said somebody gets their feelings hurt. Wagar said it comes back to bite us. Warren stated it is hard to get the numbers up when the class is on the track at the same time as the class getting awards every week. Cradlebaugh reported he had talked with them and they wanted to get the trophies. Wagar explained at this time he does not plan to put the points and non-points classes on the track at the same time.

SPIRIT FOR RACING: Virgil Oatts reported the Spirit for Racing Program has grown bigger than expected from seventeen to twenty-nine youth and he had to cut it off. He explained he will be registering this month as a non-profit. Oatts said he is asking for a group membership for the organization and it does not necessarily need to be \$35. Josh Wagar responded he understands the likelihood of parents taking out memberships is low and they will be signing all of the necessary paperwork. Oatts confirmed they will sign paperwork and he will be meeting with them tomorrow. He explained how this program will provide for children to race who otherwise would not be able to. Oatts anticipates four to five karts using the LO206 engine. Gary Gregg suggested providing memberships for these children. Wagar discussed providing a membership with all of the children covered under the charitable organization and asked Oatts if that would cover what he needs which Oatts said it would for the most part. Rick Coombs asked if they would have to have a membership to which Wagar responded in order to run for points, they have to be a member. Wagar suggested making it an organizational membership. Jeff Roberts asked if the Vets are members to which Wagar

responded yes. Cradlebaugh explained OVKA covers the entries for the Vets. Gregg said we need to give Oatts' organization some entries and gate passes too. Ray McKibben asked if the parents are going to be there to which Oatts said they will. Lynda Coombs reported she discussed the forms that will be needed with Oatts. Don Boles suggested providing two entries, six pit passes and fuel. Gregg recommended providing a membership for the organization. Ted Cradlebaugh asked Oatts to determine what is needed and said we will help out. Gregg said it is a win-win because when the child races there are others who come out to watch them. Wagar stated he is all for supporting this program and asked Oatts to let us know what he needs.

ADJOURNMENT: Josh Wagar, seconded by Pat Slattery, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- DARF Toys for Kids Race Car Show – Saturday, March 7, 2015, Lang Chevrolet, Beavercreek, OH.
- DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Show – Friday through Sunday, March 13-15, 2015, Centre City Mall, Piqua, OH.
- OVKA Clean-Up Day – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2015.
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2015, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Rollin' on the River Car Show – Sunday, July 26, 2015, Saylor Park, Ohio.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Don Boles – Check with Mendelson's regarding cable.
- Lynda Coombs – Provide Ray McKibben with a price list for OVKA shirts, serve on officer voting procedures committee.
- Rick Coombs – Look into speaker poles, serve on officer voting procedures committee.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Follow up with Charlie Freeburn to schedule track sealing.
- Ken Kuethe – Serve on officer voting procedures committee.
- Virgil Oatts – Provide the board with what is needed to help support Spirit for Racing.
- Jeff Roberts – Serve as chairperson for officer voting procedures committee.
- Josh Wagar – Check on banners through plaque provider, have published on OVKA website and Facebook that volunteers are needed to assist with track sealing, check stripping machine, check pavilion roof, serve on officer voting procedures committee, contact Gary Osterholt about website access.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Boles, J. Calvert, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, L. McCready, R. McKibben, J. Roberts, P. Slattery, J. Wagar and B. Warren.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Banfield, D. Benson, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, B. McIntosh, M. McIntosh, A. Meyer, R. Mueller, V. Oatts, B. Schroeder, D. Schroeder, M. Walters and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/22/15.