

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate. Wagar extended thanks to everyone who stepped up and helped at the last race and said it was an awesome day, which was followed by a round of applause.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the April 7, 2015 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Josh Wagar provided bank balances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Lynda Coombs discussed an upcoming car show event hosted by the Renegade Custom Car Club being held at Harbin Park in Fairfield, Ohio on Saturday, June 20, 2015. The space fee is \$25 plus an item or basket for the raffle or silent auction table. Coombs noted the deadline to sign-up is May 10, 2015. Jeff Calvert and Brian Schroeder will check on their availability. Schroeder reported we are good to go for the Rollin' on the River Car Show on July 26, 2015. Ted Cradlebaugh offered to help at this event. Lee McCready will obtain the form for the Lebanon Blues Festival, which is being held Saturday, August 1, 2015. Cradlebaugh, Rick and Lynda Coombs and Ray McKibben offered to help at this event.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported pit spot reservations have been better than anticipated. He extended thanks to everyone who helped with pit spots, including Ray McKibben and Steve Rumsey for helping with the aerial photo, Luke Roberts for helping repaint the aerial photo, Jeff Roberts who helped line up the pit spots and Gary Gregg and Rick Coombs for the terrific job with the pit spot roads. McCready reported Shawn Bayliff will be coming out with a drone to map spots. McCready explained free spots can be reserved for \$100 per season instead of taking a chance the spot will be available. Brent Warren requested an updated list of what is available and what is not. Wagar noted more spots have been reserved this year than ever before. Rick Coombs suggested naming the new roads in memory of people we have lost. Wagar responded that is a wonderful idea and asked that everyone think about coming up with some names. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested naming all of the roads to which Dylan Cradlebaugh added that would make it easier to find pit spots. Jeff Roberts suggested not selling any more spots to have some for visitors and have one area that is completely free. McCready responded unless they want to reserve a spot to which Ted Cradlebaugh stated if they are showing up every week, we should be able to sell to them. McKibben discussed how a big rig caused congestion near the fuel tank.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar extended a huge thank you to Ted Cradlebaugh for organizing the crack filling and sealing project and also thanked the volunteers who helped. Cradlebaugh received a round of applause. Wagar explained we ran out of sealant just shy of finishing, as it was difficult to know how deep some of the cracks were. Cradlebaugh said he will get enough sealant to finish up and noted the little cracks were filled also. Wagar explained Charlie Freeburn highly suggested doing it again in the fall. Brent Warren inquired if this will be a biannual project. Wagar responded Freeburn said in addition to the fall, it should be done again in the spring then probably every other year. Don Boles reported the sealant has a three-month shelf life. Warren said it could be done as part of a fall clean-up day to which Wagar responded it might take two days.

Gary Huber said he was first to put his name on the list to help but didn't know when it was taking place as he does not have Internet. Wagar said he will make sure he knows next time. Ray McKibben explained he, Huber and Warren will be setting three poles to expand the PA system. Cradlebaugh noted the PA system works really well. Warren reported at race one, the FM simulcast wasn't working on 89.1. Dawn Schroeder said it was not working at race two in their pit. Warren asked to be informed if anybody is having issues. McKibben explained there is the need for a big spool of 16/14 gauge cable. Boles offered to check into this. Warren discussed that because we charge admission, we would have to have contracts and pay royalties in order to be able to play background music. He is waiting to hear back from radio stations. Wagar will also contact radio stations. Warren said there was a concern for the equipment in the scoring tower with a temperature of 85 degrees. Lynda Coombs asked what the best temperature is to which Warren responded as long as it is not over 80 degrees. Coombs asked if the equipment will be susceptible to freezing temperatures to which Warren said he does not believe that will be a concern. Warren discussed the slow computer speed of calculating the three heats combined format. He said the operating system does not have much to do with it and the Access database is the problem. He will contact the Lightning software provider to discuss this. Ted Cradlebaugh asked Warren to discuss the race monitor app with her also. Warren reported a dedicated circuit was installed for the Internet as it was missing updates from Blue Sky.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAILER: Rick Coombs reported he and Lynda spoke with Michael Davis about trailer insurance. Lynda read an email reply from Davis that stated, "I have received 3 declinations on a commercial liability/physical damage policy for a trailer without a power unit. I am not going to be able to cover just the trailer. I will need to write it with a vehicle. Let me know if you would like a quote for the coverage on both. Thanks." Gary Gregg said the company he uses insures the truck and trailer and offered to check into it. Wagar tabled the matter until next month.

BRIGGS WEEKLY RACING SERIES: Lynda Coombs explained the Briggs Weekly Racing Series will be including scratched entries, which OVKA does not include. Josh Wagar reported he received the tech tools that were ordered through the Weekly Racing Series and noted it was a \$200 value for \$100.

TECH SEMINAR: Josh Wagar reported he spoke with Steve Baker regarding the possibility of Baker coming down to provide a tech seminar about the 206's and Briggs Animals. Cost for this would be approximately \$200 depending on Baker's fuel expense. Wagar said consideration could be given to covering the cost of a motel room for Baker due to his four to five hour drive. Wagar provided Baker with our race schedule so a Saturday date prior to one of our Sunday races can be scheduled. Wagar will follow up with Baker. Ray McKibben asked if Briggs banners have been received to which Wagar said they have and will be installed at race three. McKibben asked if Briggs should be put on our Facebook site. Ted Cradlebaugh responded it is \$300 like everybody else pays to get on there.

YAMAHA JUNIOR HEAVY CLASS: Josh Wagar explained six or seven racers expressed interest in a Yamaha Junior Heavy class, which was submitted and approved by WKA. He said the rules will be the same as the Yamaha Junior class except the overall weight and driver weight. Wagar informed the parents who ran this past weekend that the class has been approved by WKA and will require a 4.0 average to qualify for year-end awards. Wagar asked the board if this should be based on fourteen races. Pat Slattery made a motion for the Yamaha Junior Heavy class to count from the time we first made the class, which is thirteen races toward class average for 2015. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Calvert). Ray Brown said he thought the Rules Committee made twelve races 100%. Wagar read from page 28 in the

OVKA rulebook, which explains the three levels with level three being fourteen races. Wagar said he and Lynda Coombs will check the meeting notes to make sure a mistake was not made. Jeff Calvert thanked the board for making the new class happen.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRANSPONDERS: In follow up to an email sent to the board, Josh Wagar explained Aaron Banfield is offering a special price for five or more transponders. Don Boles asked if we have any transponders that can be repaired. Wagar explained we ran out of rental transponders at race one and came close at race two. Lee McCready asked if individuals can purchase these transponders to which Brent Warren said yes. Warren suggested we get away from individual transponders and get a suitcase. Ted Cradlebaugh responded you are talking \$9,000. Gary Gregg asked if we can buy ten transponders and a suitcase charger. Wagar will ask Banfield to check into this and report back. Josh Wagar made a motion to appropriate up to \$3,500 for ten transponders for rental plus two for the banquet and work out billing details with Aaron Banfield. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed unanimously.

ANIMALS AT THE TRACK: Josh Wagar discussed an email from Steve Rumsey who expressed concern about a dog at the track. Wagar talked with the dog's owner who said the dog is very loveable and was tied in the pit. The dog was put in the owner's trailer after barking at children who were playing ball. Wagar will announce at the next driver's meeting to keep animals in your pit area. Ray McKibben reported there is concern about people bringing dogs to the grid area where the yellow line is and karts pull out. Wagar will discuss that as well at the driver's meeting. Jeff Roberts said dogs should not be left completely alone in pit spots for the safety of people and dogs. He feels someone should always be there as he has seen dogs get tied up in guy-wire. He noted some people are afraid of dogs. Pat Slattery said he does not think we should exclude dogs. Wagar responded his dog stays home. Brent Warren said he sees the matter from both sides as a friendly dog could bite somebody. Wagar stated he can make a request to not leave dogs unattended but it will be hard to police. Jim Hendricks, Sr. said you see in the news where a dog bites and people sue. Ted Cradlebaugh stated they rent the pit spot and the dog is their responsibility. Wagar said he will request people leave their dogs inside their camper or trailer if someone is not with the dog and asked if the board agrees. Consensus of the board was in agreement with this.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION: Josh Wagar reported Jean Stafford resigned from the board last month. Wagar thanked Stafford for all of his service to the organization and said he wishes him well. Ray Brown asked if Stafford will still assume the TaG tech. Wagar said no but Stafford may help some but not every race.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

CHAMP RACE: Josh Wagar explained someone is needed to serve as chairperson for the Champ Race. He said this involves organizing the meal, including catering options and pricing, along with getting prizes for the games, and coordinating setup and teardown of tables and chairs. Wagar will ask the Racing4Vets if they will coordinate games like they did last year. Marina Walters asked if we can have a bouncy house again. Wagar responded we will take a look at it, as there are some liability issues. He said we will bring back a regular dunk tank and possibly have the balloon drop as well. Ray McKibben will make arrangements for both. McKibben asked if Wagar contacted the vintage racers to see if they would put on an exhibition. Wagar responded he spoke to them at the Swap Meet and will reach out to them again to see if they would be interested in doing this on the Saturday of the Champ Race.

TECH TOOLS: Josh Wagar explained Ray Brown and Ron Pierce will go through the tech tools and provide a list of what we need. Pat Slattery asked what happened to our tech tools. Wagar said some are outdated and some are missing. Slattery said we have to have a LAD gauge.

KID KARTS: Josh Wagar reported this past weekend Ron Gordon resigned as Kid Kart Director. Wagar said Brian and Dawn Schroeder have agreed to fill this roll for which they received a round of applause.

TRASH CONTAINERS: Brent Warren extended thanks to John Horn for providing barrels for trash containers at the track.

PAINTING: Brent Warren said as it is the karter's responsibility to make sure items get painted, should we publish this. Josh Wagar explained it is up to the Tech Director to determine what items get painted but we could look at that. Ray Brown explained we are trying to make it as easy as we can. Warren said he does not know what is supposed to be painted and he did not realize until recently it is his responsibility. He further stated the painters did a good job but he was not educated on this.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION: Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Pat Slattery, nominated Brian Schroeder to the OVKA Board of Directors. Josh Wagar said the vote will take place next month.

COMBINING CLASSES: Ted Cradlebaugh said he knows Josh Wagar is working on this and it is the beginning of the year, but there is a need to combine some classes where we can. Cradlebaugh suggested putting Yamaha Senior Novice on the tail of Yamaha Masters to which Wagar said this is something to look at and he will talk with the Novice drivers. Pat Slattery stated we need to do whatever we can to shorten race day.

WKA TECH PROCEDURE: Pat Slattery reported he provided a tech sheet from WKA to Josh Wagar. Wagar explained WKA does annual pre-tech then gives you a band for your kart and you sign a sheet every race that your kart meets tech requirements. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested this be limited to racers with three years experience. Ray McKibben asked how tire painting is being handled. Ray Brown responded tires are being marked when they come to grid for the first heat. Wagar noted Gary Gregg suggested an alternate path, which worked well. Ken Kuethe asked if we mark people who run two classes. Slattery responded they should be marked the same way. Wagar agreed and said this is so tires can't be switched from one kart to another. Warren stated the WKA tech sheet is a great double-check. Don Boles asked what if you don't check your kart. Slattery responded you get disqualified if something is found as you signed off on it. Slattery further stated he spoke with Marie Borsuk at WKA who said we could do this. Wagar said we will email her.

LO206 & OVKA 212 CLASSES: Jeff Roberts explained the OVKA 212 engine is making about one horsepower more and has to weigh 360#, which is less than the LO206 at 375#. He reported Amanda in the OVKA 212 class checked out at race one. Josh Wagar said we need to get the drivers together at the next race day, discuss this, see what the consensus is and make a decision.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Josh Wagar, seconded by Rick Coombs, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of changes to some race day worker positions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2015, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, Ohio, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Rollin' on the River Car Show – Sunday, July 26, 2015, Sayler Park, Ohio.
- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 1, 2015, Lebanon, Ohio.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Don Boles – Check into speaker cable.
- Jeff Calvert – Check on availability to participate in an event on June 20, 2015.
- Lynda Coombs – Help at Lebanon Blues Festival event.
- Rick Coombs – Help at Lebanon Blues Festival event.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Help at Rollin' on the River and Lebanon Blues Festival events.
- Gary Gregg – Check into insurance for the OVKA trailer.
- Ray McKibben – Help at Lebanon Blues Festival event, reserve both types of dunk tanks for Champ Race.
- Brian Schroeder - Check on availability to participate in an event on June 20, 2015.
- Josh Wagar – Contact radio stations, follow up with Steve Baker about a date for a tech seminar, along with Lynda Coombs check Rules Committee notes pertaining to 100%, follow up with Aaron Banfield about a transponder suitcase charging unit, announce at driver's meeting about dogs, contact Racing4Vets to ask about them coordinating games at the Champ Race, talk with Yamaha Senior Novice drivers about possibly running on the tail of Yamaha Masters, email Marie Borsuk at WKA regarding annual tech.
- Brent Warren – Follow up about radio stations, contact Lightning software provider.

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: R. Brown, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, J. Hendricks, Sr., G. Huber, R. Jackson, L. Roberts, B. Schroeder, D. Schroeder, M. Walters and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 5/25/15.