

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and side conversations be taken outside. He said we will do our best to keep order and asked that everyone raise their hand to have the floor.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the August 4, 2015 board meeting minutes with the correction of a spelling error for the word adjournment on page four. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Josh Wagar reported he received an email regarding the Great Lakes Expo that will be held at Full Throttle in February of 2016. Full Throttle has made a commitment to provide booth space for OVKA and Wagar will coordinate the event. Wagar explained that show coordinators need to submit the names of volunteers to Lynda Coombs. Lee McCready thanked everyone who helped at the Lebanon Blues Festival. He noted there was a great turnout and food sold out. Wagar said it is a good show and we will be back next year. Wagar explained volunteers who work at the shows need to make sure they interact with people and give out schedules and flyers.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready asked for input and suggestions about pit spots for next year. Ray McKibben suggested if there are going to be any numbers changed, they should be done now. He further stated McCready has done a great job. McCready noted there are some spots that are missing numbers. Wagar said these are in the new area. McKibben asked if new stencils were purchased and offered to help with numbering. McCready reported he purchased some stencils and they need to be laid out. Brian Schroeder asked if blue, red or yellow dots could be put on reserved spots. Jeff Calvert stated a lot of people come the night before. Wagar said we can paint dots pretty quick and he likes the idea. Lynda Coombs suggested using a fluorescent color to which Wagar agreed. Jeff Roberts offered to provide more stencils. Brent Warren asked if any of the new area is reserved to which McCready responded some is and a lot is not.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ted Cradlebaugh said sealing the track needs to be scheduled now. He further stated the track will need to be shut down for 24 hours. Reid Smith said the bags and sealing could be done the same day. Kristen Warren suggested having the children pick up trash around the track. Josh Wagar stated a rain date will need to be scheduled. A determination was made to tentatively schedule for the day after the Charity Race, Sunday, October 11, 2015 and a rain date on Saturday, October 17, 2015. Brent Warren asked if it will be necessary to burn out the cracks to which Cradlebaugh responded no. Ray McKibben offered to get an air compressor. Brent Warren asked if we want to repair any crash bags. Wagar said he can talk with Gary Gregg about this. McKibben reported Gregg has some new crash bags. Wagar explained that after last month's board meeting, Gregg offered to cover the additional cost to purchase the better speakers. Warren reported the order was finalized yesterday and now wire and hardware need to be purchased. He inquired about appropriating funds for sealant and Cradlebaugh responded he can call about it. Cradlebaugh further stated the sealant is good for six months. Warren asked about lead

time to which Wagar stated we have a board meeting before then or there can be an email motion if needed and we will get it done.

**SWAP MEET:** Josh Wagar reported Doug Benson has the Swap Meet under control. Wagar explained somebody needs to shadow Benson and be involved.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar explained the original motion in August of 2011 was the Rules Committee would be three board members, three general members and a chairperson. He stated over the last few years, it has grown and it needs to get back to what it was originally to be. Wagar said anybody can have a voice but voting needs to be what was intended, the committee. He reported Ray Brown, Jeff Roberts and Ken Kuethe will be serving on the committee so one more board member is needed and two more general members. Brian Schroeder offered to fill the third board member opening. Ray McKibben said he thought it was good the way it had been and to let them vote. Wagar responded then do the rules at board meetings. He then explained the scheduling difficulties trying to coordinate fifteen to twenty people. Don Boles asked who will be the chairperson to which Wagar said he will be. Boles stated to go with whatever Wagar wants to which Wagar said we need to go with what the board voted on. Wagar further stated just because people are not voting does not mean they can't be there. Dan Fiehrer offered to serve on the committee as a general member. Wagar will announce about needing one more general member at the driver's meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TECH SEMINAR:** Josh Wagar will contact Steve Baker this week to discuss scheduling a tech seminar.

**TECH TOOLS:** Jeff Roberts reported the engraving of tech tools is almost finished and he is building four-cycle tech tools. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked the tech people for the great job they are doing. Josh Wagar stated he has had no complaints regarding pre-tech, painting or post-tech. Pat Slattery agreed and noted the tech people are fast and efficient. Wagar added they have been very personable with everybody and provide explanations when there is an issue. Ray Brown said he thinks it is going very well and everybody has been cooperative and understanding. Jeff Roberts explained it has been necessary to disqualify a few to which Brown said we explain to them what the issue was.

**TIRE CONTRACTS:** Josh Wagar reported he received two sets of Burris, Vega and MG tires for testing purposes. He explained Shawn Bayliff will be assisting with testing at his facility and Derek Hughes will be doing some testing. Ray McKibben said he is curious about the asphalt at Bayliff's track verses our track. Wagar responded he would call it similar and thinks this testing will give us a pretty good idea how long the tires will last. Wagar reported when he talked with Vega, they explained their tires are natural rubber verses synthetic and can run all season. Ted Cradlebaugh inquired about the two big series running Bridgestone tires and MG tires to which Pat Slattery responded that is correct. Wagar stated the board wanted him to check other options. Ray McKibben reported A.R. Gardner was contacted by Jim Russell who said we haven't called him. Kuethe will call Russell tomorrow.

**RADIOS/HEADSETS:** Josh Wagar reported the new radios and headsets are awesome and worked with no issues. He asked McKibben about his commitment to look into selling the old radios. McKibben reported he could not find anything on eBay. He offered to check with local ham radio clubs and asked if the board would consider donating them. Wagar asked that McKibben first check into selling them.

**OVKA212 / LO206 WEIGHTS:** Josh Wagar reported the 206s had five pounds taken off and the 212s stayed the same. Ted Cradlebaugh stated Gary Gregg received a call from Circleville that there are some 206s coming to race with us. Wagar said it is a fun class and he would like to see it grow. Ray McKibben said he would like to try to acquire more banquet prizes from the Briggs Weekly Racing Series.

**LEGAL FEES:** Josh Wagar made a motion to appropriate \$459 for legal fees. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed unanimously.

**LIGHT TOWERS:** Josh Wagar extended thanks to Beaver Creek Rental for providing lights for the last race and the next two races. Additionally, Wagar thanked everyone who helped set up the light towers Friday evening and took them down on Sunday. Ray McKibben spoke with Beaver Creek Rentals and they agreed to allow us to keep the light towers in between races. McKibben provided a light tower diagram as a reference map. Brent Warren discussed positioning of the light towers and said he heard from a few drivers there was glare exiting turn three and entering turn four. Wagar responded it was the brightest spot but it did not impact his driving. He further stated we can work with making adjustments. Ray Brown said in turn three you want to look up into the light and have to tell yourself not to. Marina Walters discussed glare in old turn two in the back kink and asked if she can wear a tinted visor to which Wagar responded no, it has to be clear or amber. McKibben suggesting cleaning visors because there can be oil on them. Don Boles stated they make tape for visors. Ted Cradlebaugh said you will get different opinions from different drivers. Pat Slattery stated it could have to do with the height of the drivers. Kristen Warren discussed what her boys reported as being like a shadow. McKibben asked if three light towers are enough. Wagar responded we use three towers for the short track and five for the long track. Josh Warren reported seeing a reflection of his face. Wagar said he wonders if it could be the kids being shorter.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION:** Josh Wagar reported on an incident that occurred at New Castle on August 9, 2015 between Aaron Smith and Josh Warren and explained his investigation of the situation. Following discussion, Josh Wagar made a motion to put Aaron Smith on probation until the end of the year. There are to be no issues and the two children and parents are to get together and shake hands. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe. Jeff Roberts, seconded by Jeff Calvert, amended the motion to put both boys on probation, make them shake and make up. The amendment failed with seven opposed, five in favor and one abstained (roll call: Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-no, Kuethe-no, Landes-yes, McCready-no, McKibben-no, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-yes, Slattery-no, Warren-abstained, Boles-no, Calvert-yes, Coombs-no). The original motion was then voted on and failed with ten opposed, two in favor and one abstained (roll call: Gregg-no, Kuethe-yes, Landes-no, McCready-no, McKibben-no, Roberts-no, Schroeder-no, Slattery-yes, Warren-abstained, Boles-no, Calvert-no, Coombs-no, Cradlebaugh-no). Gary Gregg made a motion for both parents and both kids to get together and shake hands with no problems in the future. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed with eleven in favor, one opposed and one abstained (roll call: Kuethe-no, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-yes, Slattery-yes, Warren-abstained, Boles-yes, Calvert-yes, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes). Wagar reported on a situation that occurred at the night race at G & J Kartway on August 15, 2015 involving Chuck Carty and Jasmine Melton and discussed his investigation of the matter. Following discussion, Jeff Roberts made a motion to put both parties on probation until the end of the season. Due to the

lack of a second, the motion died. Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion that Chuck Carty be put on probation for the rest of the season and still be allowed to come to the track. If there are any further incidents, further disciplinary action will be taken. Carty is to apologize at the driver's meeting. The motion was seconded by Brian Schroeder and passed with eleven in favor and two abstained (roll call: Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-abstained, Roberts-yes, Schroeder-yes, Slattery-yes, Warren-abstained, Boles-yes, Calvert-yes, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes).

**WARM-UPS:** Brent Warren explained a member suggested to him to discuss whether warm-ups should be in the same order as we race. Josh Wagar responded the reason warm-ups are different is because first thing in the morning the track is slick so we tend to put adult classes out first so they won't be as likely to spin on a slick track. He further explained the race order is based on workers who race, people racing multiple classes and kids and parents racing. Wagar said as soon as he changes for one person, there are seven others who come up that have been affected. He has talked with Shawn Bayliff about this as did Ted Cradlebaugh last year. Warren said the warm-ups and races were the same last year. Wagar responded they were not and nobody has asked him to change warm-ups. He further explained the first two or three races of the season were a different race order and we have to split classes when parents and kids race back-to-back. Wagar said he tries to keep the race order the same unless there are low entries and some classes have to be combined. Pat Slattery suggested once the order is tweaked, rotate one class each race. Wagar explained that would impact our post-tech worker, Ray Brown. Dan Fiehrer added that would also affect Rick Beaman. Wagar said as President, one of the hardest things is the race order. Marina Walters asked why warm-ups have gotten shorter and said she got three laps. Wagar will talk with the flagman about this. Walters asked why not have the driver's meeting sooner when there might be rain. Wagar explained the last time he wanted to wait to have the driver's meeting until he knew which configuration we were going to drive as he did not want people warming up on a different configuration. Ray McKibben asked if it is possible to have a four-minute driver's meeting. Wagar asked if giving out Kid Kart awards and stickers is still wanted. Warren reported Bayliff suggested lining up for warm-ups based on points like qualifying. Wagar responded he gets where Bayliff is coming from but registration is still going on. Warren added someone would be needed to police it. Lynda Coombs said she can post the points sheets that could be used for warm-up lineups. Rick Coombs extended thanks to Bayliff for his recommendations and suggested they be discussed by the Rules Committee.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**CHARITY RACE:** Josh Wagar reported donations are needed for the Charity Race. So far donations have been provided by Aaron Banfield, A.R. Gardner, Ray McKibben and Rick Wagar. He said he would like to pay out the top three in bigger classes and the top one in smaller classes. Wagar explained whatever the donation total is gets divided up for drivers. Gate and entry fees are donated to charities. Tom Melton noted there are about 100 racers and suggested everybody throw in \$25 which he will do. Wagar explained donor names will be announced.

**RACE DAYS:** Josh Wagar discussed the work involved at the beginning and end of race days. He said it is a lot of work and typically Rick and Lynda Coombs, Ray McKibben, Brent Warren and himself do it. Wagar said next year we should make a schedule to include all board members with assigned race dates to help set up and tear down. Warren responded he thought this was voted on last year. Lynda Coombs said she recalls it being discussed but does not think there was a vote. Wagar asked that the matter be placed on the agenda for next month. Coombs detailed some of the set up and close down procedures. Marlene Cook offered to clean the tower counters the day before

race day. Warren said while you are at home at 10:00 p.m. getting your dinner, the group mentioned are packing up.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jeff Roberts, seconded by Josh Wagar, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 2015, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Ray Brown – Serve as a general member on the Rules Committee.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Call about sealant pricing.
- Dan Fiehrer – Serve as a general member on the Rules Committee.
- Ken Kuethe – Serve as a board member on the Rules Committee, call Jim Russell about tires.
- Ray McKibben – Obtain air compressor for track repair day, check with local ham clubs about selling old radios.
- Jeff Roberts – Serve as a board member on the Rules Committee.
- Briand Schroeder – Serve as board member on the Rules Committee.
- Josh Wagar – Coordinate Great Lakes Expo, talk with Gary Gregg about possible repair of crash bags, serve as chairperson for the Rules Committee, announce about needing one more general member for the Rules Committee at the driver's meeting, contact Steve Baker about scheduling a tech seminar, talk with warm-up flagman about the number of laps.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** R. Brown, M. Cook, L. Coombs, H. Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer, J. Melton, T. Melton, V. Oatts, R. Smith, M. Walters, B. Warren, J. Warren, K. Warren, and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 9/26/15.