

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
CINCINNATI MARRIOTT NORTHEAST, MASON, OH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. He asked that cell phones be turned down or placed on vibrate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported everything is up and running for the banquet. He said hopefully the weather predicted isn't coming in. Coombs asked that anyone who has feedback about the banquet to please let him or Lynda Coombs know.

RULE BOOK COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar explained he will have the rule book finished as soon as the board makes decisions about a couple of matters, perhaps next month.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Brian Schroeder reported the Cavalcade Show was a lot slower and had lower turnout. He noted there was a Bengals game and other things going on. Schroeder said there were people who were interested. Josh Wagar added he thinks the other things going on hurt the show. Schroeder explained on Sunday, the show stopped selling tickets and opened their doors. Lynda Coombs reported everything is in place for the Indy Circle Track Show next Saturday, January 23rd. Don Boles, Marlene Cook and Rick and Lynda Coombs will be staffing the booth. Coombs explained this event provides a great opportunity to spread the word about our Swap Meet and typically Boles and Rick Coombs go to each booth passing out Swap Meet flyers. Coombs reported this show is geared more toward circle track racing but there have been people from the show who have come to our Swap Meet. Wagar is coordinating the Great Lakes Expo on February 20th at Full Throttle Indoor Karting with assistance from Jeff Calvert, Gary Huber and Brian Schroeder. Ted Cradlebaugh and Randy Landes are coordinating Tim's Motorsports Expo, Friday and Saturday, March 25-26, 2016, at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready thanked people who have sent in their pit spot information. He reported of the 140 pit spots, 70 of them are spoken for. He said there is interest in some of the spots from last year that he hasn't heard from and asked that people let him know their intentions. McCready reported he hasn't heard from past sponsors yet. He added if he can help anyone who is seeking sponsorship, let him know.

SWAP MEET: Josh Wagar reported he has talked with Doug Benson numerous times and Brian Schroeder is coordinating gate workers. Schroeder said he will have a paper to sign up at the banquet. Pat Slattery asked if set up will be on Friday to which Wagar said yes. Don Boles explained Friday set up is usually 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wagar said they will be there early to make sure everything gets set up.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Brent Warren explained he is waiting for the weather to turn around and there is a lot to do. Ray McKibben said come spring, help will be appreciated. Josh Wagar will post an advance notice on the OVKA website.

BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Josh Wagar explained all officer positions are unopposed. With a show of hands, the following people were voted into office:

- President – Josh Wagar
- Vice-President – Ken Kuethe
- Secretary – Lynda Coombs
- Treasurer – Jason Gregg

Wagar said we are honored to stay another year.

2016 SCHEDULE: Josh Wagar reported 2016 schedules are available on the table and asked everyone to mark their calendars.

RACING IN THE RAIN: Josh Wagar explained when people register for the banquet today, Brian Schroeder will provide a card to get guidance regarding racing in the rain. Ken Kuethe stated this is not a true vote but rather an opinion poll. Wagar added this will be used for information purposes. Dave Brown said he heard a poll was done and more people would come if we raced in the rain. Wagar responded the only polling being done is tonight. Brown added his concern is the number you will lose and if you lose more than you gain; it could be two-sided. Ray McKibben said your opinion and input does matter and to read your meeting minutes. Ted Cradlebaugh said it might be that the vote does not go that way if board members feel it is best and there are many facets to racing in the rain. Brad Trent asked if we will know before the Swap Meet. Wagar responded the Swap Meet is after the board meeting so we should have decided by then.

MANUFACTURER'S CUP SCHEDULING CONFLICT: Bruce Wyke noted a Man Cup race interferes with race #14 and asked if Josh Wagar sees us changing. Wagar responded when he called Mike at New Castle to schedule our two dates, he was given a different date and if they have changed, he will look at it but doubts it can be changed. Wayne Watson said when your schedule came out, you were off.

CIRCLEVILLE RACE: Rick Beaman said he saw a week ago that Circleville is having a motorcycle the day before our race. Josh Wagar will call Steve and see what's up as we were supposed to have Saturday for practice. Ray McKibben said it is possible the motorcycle's site is from last year.

ANNUAL MEETING: Pat Slattery said we talked last year about moving this meeting closer to the banquet as there is a lot of dead time. Josh Wagar responded he believes Jeff Roberts was going to put a committee together and it did not happen. Lynda Coombs explained the dead time is used to prepare for the banquet as there is a lot to be done that cannot be completed until the last minute.

ADJOURNMENT: Josh Wagar, seconded by Ray McKibben, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 23, 2016, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2016, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- OVKA 2016 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 6, 2016, Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road, Dayton, OH, 45415

- Great Lakes Racing Expo 2016 – Saturday, February 20, 2016, Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Springdale, OH, 45246
- DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Expo – Thursday through Sunday, March 306, 206, Miami Valley Centre Mall, 987 East Ash Street, Piqua, OH, 45356
- Tim's Motorsports Expo – Friday and Saturday, March 25-26, 2016, Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Highway, Lima, OH, 45804

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Banfield, R. Beaman, C. Bogan, J. Bogan, D. Brown, A. Calvert, B. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, R. Creighton, R. Helton, G. Huber, P. Krimmer, G. Lutz, J. Melton, R. Smith, B. Trent, B. Warren, J. Warren, K. Warren, D. Watson, T. Watson, W. Watson, and B. Wyke.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/20/16.