

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
CINCINNATI MARRIOTT NORTHEAST, MASON, OH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. He asked that cell phones be turned down or placed on vibrate and side conversations be taken outside.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported everything is up and running for the banquet. He said it looks like the weather is going to cooperate for a while. Coombs said there are great prizes and we have two new sponsors, US Racegear and USA Kart Parts, who provided some prizes. Rick Coombs extended thanks to Lynda Coombs and said she does the bulk of the work for the banquet.

RULE BOOK COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar reported the 2017 rulebook is available today. He said he was just informed of an error. Brian Schroeder explained the rulebook has a green slide listed for Kid Karts and it should be a black slide. He said there are also some errors with some weights. Wagar said we will get it straightened out and put it on the website.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Brian Schroeder reported the Cavalcade Show was busier than last year but not as busy as the prior two or three years. He said today he talked with a person who was at the show and is planning to come to the Swap Meet to look for karts. Schroeder stated one show booth needs some repair work. Josh Wagar reported he received registration paperwork for the DARF Show. Don Boles offered to coordinate the event and send in the paperwork. Ted Cradlebaugh asked what others thought about attendance at the Cavalcade Show. Pat Slattery replied he thought it was about average but he does not like our booth location. Cradlebaugh replied he thought attendance was down. Rick Wagar reported Friday was slow which it always is. He agreed the location is not in a great place. Cradlebaugh said he thinks they are pricing out the family at this show. Rick Wagar stated when we were located next to Full Throttle we had a little more business and Full Throttle is now in a better location. Josh Wagar suggested we ask about a different location for next year. Cradlebaugh asked if it is worth paying the money for this show. Wagar said let's see if we can get a better location and if the traffic is not better, we scrap it. Brent Warren said it takes away from the motocross show. Ray McKibben suggested looking into whether the motocross show would let us participate. Josh Wagar replied this would have to be looked into. Lynda Coombs reported plans and volunteers are in place for the Indy Circle Track Show. She explained this event provides an excellent opportunity to hand out our Swap Meet flyers. Coombs asked about the feasibility of participating in the Sports and Travel Show. Josh Wagar replied that is typically the same weekend as our banquet. Rick Wagar explained boats are on the first floor and the travel and sports displays are on the third floor. Coombs said in the past when we were on the third floor at the Cavalcade Show, there was not high traffic.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready thanked Rick and Lynda Coombs for including the pit spot registration form and map in the annual mailing. McCready extended thanks to Mr. Roberts and Mr. Miller for making our big pit spot maps. He reported there have been a lot of pit spot registrations coming in. If you are interested in reserving a pit spot or have questions, please see McCready tonight after the meal.

SWAP MEET: Brian Schroeder explained there will be a Swap Meet volunteer sign-in sheet at banquet registration. Josh Wagar reported Doug Benson has been working on getting some new vendors to the Swap Meet. Wagar explained if you volunteer to work at the event, you get in for free. Ray McKibben thanked Doug Benson, Brian Schroeder and Josh Wagar for all of their work with the Swap Meet. He noted that Briggs and Stratton will be attending. Brent Warren asked if anyone had heard if the hotel is sold out. Lynda Coombs said it is her understanding there is another event going on that day. Jeff Calvert agreed to check into this.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: No report.

BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Josh Wagar said if you did not get a ballot when you signed in, please see Heather Cradlebaugh or Jenny Bogan. He explained there are two candidates for President, Don Boles and Pat Slattery, and the other positions are running unopposed. Wagar said as Vice-President, Ken Kuethe will oversee the counting of the ballots and two general members are needed to do the counting. Dave Brown and Rick Wagar volunteered. Rick Wagar posed a question to the Presidential candidates asking what their intentions are with the schedule, specifically dates and formats. Don Boles replied the only date he plans to change is moving a June 24th race date to June 17th because of the 206 Nationals. He explained he would change Saturday races to start everything an hour later which he has cleared with Gary Gregg. Rick Wagar asked what happens if we run late due to delays. Gregg replied we would go to having a heat and a feature. Boles added we can go past 11:00 p.m. but not past midnight. Pat Slattery said he would keep pretty much the same with qualifying and pea-pick. He said he would drop a few Saturday races to have three Saturdays and one double weekend. Slattery added he would keep the format pretty much the same. Ted Cradlebaugh raised a question about not travelling in the future. Slattery replied he wishes we would have included one New Castle. Josh Wagar explained he talked with Mike at New Castle and it is too late to add this year but we may be able to next year. Boles said we made the schedule and he is not against having two travelling dates on the schedule. Rick Wagar said he likes the idea of not travelling this year but he does like Circleville. He said the membership may like not travelling by the end of the year. Cradlebaugh said the members need to let us know. Lynda Coombs asked that whoever is elected President goes over their schedule with her before it is taken to Staples for printing. Slattery said he was not aware of the 206 dates. Brian Schroeder reported they are June 23, 24 and 25. Lynda Coombs noted Slattery's schedule includes an OVKA race on June 25th. Josh Wagar said he questions how they had those dates when they had not confirmed with Gary Gregg. Ballots for President were collected and counted with Don Boles being elected. Ken Kuethe was confirmed as Vice-President, Lynda Coombs as Secretary and Jason Gregg as Treasurer. Lynda Coombs explained the Presidential transfer of office takes place at the February board meeting.

RACING IN THE RAIN: Josh Wagar reminded everyone we will be racing in the rain this upcoming season. He said the policy is in the purple rulebook and asked that people read the rulebook.

YAMAHA ROOKIE SPORTSMAN WEIGHT: Bruce Wyke pointed out an error regarding the weights being listed at 245# for both Rookie Sportsman and Yamaha Sportsman. Josh Wagar replied that is a typo. Correct weight for Yamaha Rookie Sportsman is 225#. Wagar will see this is corrected for the website.

REGISTRATION TIME: Jeff Roberts asked to define the latest a person can show up and asked if they have to take a warm-up lap. Josh Wagar explained that warm-ups are typically finished prior to sign-in closing and we will let them take a stragglers warm-up. He said they need to be there by the time sign-in closes and if not, they start on the tail. Wagar stated we did not change that.

SECURITY CAMERAS: lee McCready said a couple of people talked about having cameras for the pit areas. Josh Wagar replied we can look into that and see what pricing would be. Brent Warren stated we can spend a lot or a little and with low lighting it will be more challenging. He said he would estimate the cost around \$3,000. Wagar suggested looking into this.

PAINTING TIRES: Brad Trent asked about the painting of rain tires. Josh Wagar explained there will be painters at the grid just like we do now.

ADJOURNMENT: Josh Wagar, seconded by Ray McKibben, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 28, 2017, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA 2017 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 4, 2017, The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2017, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Great Lakes Racing Expo – Saturday, February 18, 2017, Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45246
- DARF Race Cars & Future Starts Expo – Thursday through Saturday, March 17-19, 2017, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua, OH 45356

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Don Boles – Coordinate the DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Show.
- Jeff Calvert – Check if the motel at The Roberts Centre is sold out on our Swap Meet weekend.
- Josh Wagar – See that correct weights are published on the website for the Yamaha Rookie Sportsman class.

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, R. Smith, J. Wagar and B. Warren.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: D. Balasuriya, R. Beaman, Z. Beavan, C. Bogan, B. Brown, D. Brown, R. Brown, C. Byrd, C. Carty, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, B. Crutchleo, D. Fiehrer, J. Grimes, J. Hawk, R. Helton, S. Housley, J. Johnson, P. Krimmer, R. Krimmer, C. Kuethe, M. Lewis, E. McCauley, E. McCready, B. McIntosh, M. McIntosh, T. Miller, C. Moore, T. Nay, M. Overbeck, N. Patterson, L. Roberts, R. Schrage, B. Trent, F. Tvrdy, R. Wagar, B. Warren, J. Warren, K. Warren, D. Watson, T. Watson, W. Watson, B. Wyke

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/23/17.