

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: President Max Viney called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS: Max Viney reminded attendees to turn cell phones off or on vibrate and directed sidebar conversations be taken outside.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the August board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously. Coombs reported several workers are needed for this coming Saturday's race.

TREASURERS' REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Randy Vermillion reported no one has stepped up to chair the Sponsorship Committee. He explained the importance of this position and said sponsorship activities for next year need to begin now. Vermillion said it will hurt the organization if this position is not filled. The position is open to any OVKA member. Contact Vermillion for information about the duties involved.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Larry and Brian Rogers with Apogee Imaging presented services they can provide OVKA both as an organization and for individual racers. Some options include traditional photos, magazine-type photos, shirts, coffee cups, mugs, tote bags and mouse pads. They would like to put together a tabletop-type hardbound book of approximately fifty pages which would chronicle an OVKA race day from sunup to sundown. Anticipated cost would be approximately \$75. Larry said they would like to work out something that would be mutually beneficial to the club. They are willing to provide photos for the OVKA website, show booth, banquet and other promotional opportunities. John Horn asked about producing a soft cover book. Tim Bell suggested offering two different type of books, one showing OVKA as an organization and what we do and another with a yearbook-type format with individual racer photos. Steve Rumsey suggested a calendar with racer photos. Larry said he will look into these options. Ray McKibben discussed having a dedicated OVKA photographer to which Larry responded they are not expecting exclusivity. Mike Brown reminded the board of previous conversation whether sponsorship should be required. Larry said they plan to take out an OVKA sponsorship. McKibben stated this company sounds like a good marketing partner and would help meet some of OVKA's promotional needs to which Max Viney and Randy N. Vermillion agreed. Larry asked for a list of club contact email addresses which Doug Stempfley explained is still being compiled. Viney made a motion to make Apogee Imagining OVKA's official photographer and require they take out a \$300 sponsorship which would cover the remainder of the 2008 season and all of the 2009 season. Dennis Queary seconded the motion which passed with ten in favor and one abstained. Viney reminded everyone that the next meeting of the Shows and promotions Committee meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 20, 2008, at G & J Kartway.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Hal Thornton reported two silos have been removed from the pit area.

SWAP MEET: Dennis Queary reported Swap Meet flyers will be mailed out soon. Many gate workers will be needed. Interested persons should contact Queary. Randy Potter inquired about having a two day swap meet. Don Boles discussed the expenses this would involve in addition to the need for double the staff. Max Viney said a Saturday event allows out-of-town vendors to have Sunday as a travel day and suggested leaving the event as is.

RULEBOOK: Rules considerations for the 2009 season discussed:

Items with action taken:

- Page 5, Rule #103 – New language regarding maintaining same kart number;
- Page 5, Rule 101 & page 23 – Change to allow a participation credit if withdraw after sign-in closes and no green flag taken; will not count toward extra grand prize ticket at banquet.

Items with no action to be taken:

- Consider one-day membership fee; increase non-member fee.

Items to be followed up on:

- Registration required to participate in warm-ups.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOARD MEMBERS: Randy N. Vermillion said so far no suggestions have been offered about developing guidelines for the duties of board members. Vermillion stated board members need to be responsible for much more than showing up at monthly meetings. He further stated they need to help on race days, be involved in committee work and be available to help in any way necessary. No action was taken.

WEBSITE PHOTOS: Ray McKibben thanked Toshiya Michimi for all of the work he did in managing the photos for the OVKA website. McKibben said he plans to continue using the same format and asked that people submit photos to him via email or on CDs. Michimi said there is a fee for the photo link and he will obtain the information.

ROOKIE CLASS: Max Viney discussed Don Boles serving as Rookie Class Director. Rick Coombs said Boles' actions at race nine were addressed with disciplinary action. Following discussion, no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

2009 SCHEDULE: Tim Bell raised the question how the 2009 schedule will be decided, by the membership or the board. Max Viney said it needs to be left to the board to decide. Steve Rumsey pointed out the board represents the membership and he thinks a survey is not a bad idea. Bell said if a survey is done, each board member needs to survey a class to include 100% of the racers. Dennis Queary suggested informing the members at the track and ask them to give their input directly to board members. Gerald Whaling said the board needs to do what is best for the club, stay at Camden and not give the money to other tracks. A straw poll of the board was taken with seven board members indicating the board should decide the schedule and three board members said it should be the membership. Viney said it is his responsibility to prepare a schedule to present to the board. Doug Stempfley encouraged board members to talk with the membership. Lynda Coombs will contact WKA to see when their 2009 schedule will be available.

2009 CLASS STRUCTURE: Max Viney asked the board to be thinking about how next year's class structure should look. Randy N. Vermillion suggested dropping some of the small classes and suggested looking at TaG using senior weight rather than master weight. Randy Landes pointed out some of the classes are feeder classes. The matter was tabled.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

RACE DAY CONCERNS: Randy Landes reported a member expressed concern at the last Circleville race about the number of laps being reduced from eight to six. Landes explained to the driver this was done due to weather conditions. Ray McKibben inquired about the 90-second rule when at New Castle. Max Viney said it is in place and the driver must get back to the grid apron in order to restart. Gerald Whaling discussed the dissatisfaction of a racer in the Master Can Yamaha class who packed up and went home. Max Viney explained the issue was the result of the start and Mike Brown provided details of the situation. Brown discussed some of the issues associated with having new workers. Hal Thornton pointed out some racers did not know how to handle a full course yellow flag. Rick Coombs agreed some racers may have been confused as to what to do. Dennis Queary asked what board members are expected to do when they are called to observe classes and see aggressive driving. Viney responded board members are race officials and need to report to the Race Director or find a race day worker with a radio. Randy Potter stated it is tough to make calls when standing in front of the fence or on the cat walk. Toshiya Michimi asked if board members can go out on the track to which Viney said they can and need to position themselves on the inside of the track. John Horn inquired about technical disqualifications being allowed to be used as a dropped race. Randy N. Vermillion explained the rulebook was changed for this year to allow some disqualifications to be used as a dropped race. Vermillion discussed red flag situations and whether a driver can continue to race.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, 2008, at Ramada Inn Middletown, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. was made by Tim Bell, seconded by Max Viney and passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Bell, D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, R. Landes, M. Lewis, T. Michimi, D. Queary, D. Stempfley, H. Thornton, R. Vermillion, and M. Viney.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: M. Brown, L. Coombs, G. Kaeser, J. Horn, R. McKibben, Randall Potter, Randy Potter, P. Robbins, S. Rumsey, R. J. Vermillion, G. Whaling and B. Williams,

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 9/26/08.