

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMAKRS: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked that cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate and directed side conversations to be taken outside.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the September 5, 2011 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with nine in favor and one abstained (Benson).

TREASURERS' REPORT: On behalf of Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided a financial report.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMORIAL DONATION: Ted Cradlebaugh reported a donation has been made to Lifeline of Ohio in memory of Michael Wise who passed away following a karting accident.

2012 SCHEDULE: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed waiting for the Great Lakes Sprint Series and Manufacturers Cup schedules before drafting a 2012 OVKA schedule. Mike Brown reported he heard several concerns from racers about this year's schedule including three races in a row, which is hard financially. Cradlebaugh responded that by having the OVKA schedule out early, racers can start putting money away. Brown said he heard people want more Saturday evening races. Cradlebaugh stated he too likes Saturday evening events but they are difficult for racers who work Saturday but perhaps people can arrange ahead of time to be off. Pat Slattery offered to email the 2012 Manufacturers Cup schedule to Cradlebaugh. Doug Stempfley pointed out it is the incoming President who sets the schedule. Cradlebaugh responded he will have a draft so the President has something to start working with. Following further discussion, it was determined a questionnaire will be developed for the last race of this season to ask racers if they would prefer twelve or fourteen races and if they want to travel. Cradlebaugh discussed options that could include rain dates. Brown suggested having a championship series within the OVKA series that would bring in Circleville and New Castle and get people to run our track.

YAMAHA SBX CLASSES, YAMAHA LITE AND YAMAHA HEAVY: Lynda Coombs read a letter presented by Ron Pierce regarding the transfer of participation from the Yamaha SBX Heavy class to Yamaha Heavy. Pierce's letter pointed out the expectation of the initial request was for points and participation to follow racers throughout the year. At the time the decision was voted on, the motion did not include providing for any drops. Following discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to leave it how it is set up for participation and provide one drop out of ten races for Yamaha Heavy and nine races for Yamaha Lite and keep points already earned and waive the thirty-day waiting period. The motion was seconded by John Horn and passed with ten in favor and two abstained (Brown and Coombs).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2012 RULE BOOK: Josh Wagar reported the Rules Committee will be meeting tomorrow evening, October 5, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Springdale, OH, 45246. Ted Cradlebaugh noted the meeting is open to all members.

BANQUET: Rick Coombs provided meal options that could reduce the cost of banquet tickets. Following discussion, the matter will be included on the questionnaire at race fourteen. Coombs asked for guidance on how much the board wants to appropriate for the banquet and how they want to handle prizes for the new participation policy. Gary Gregg suggested giving more OVKA bucks for prizes. Mike Brown noted that using a \$100 gift certificate results in paying \$30 for shipping charges. Lynda Coombs provided an explanation of how the non-racing/worker participation credits work. Following further discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to allocate \$25,000 towards the 2011 banquet with 10% going to non-racing/working participation prizes. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with seven in favor, four opposed and one abstained (roll call: Coombs-abstained, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Horn-yes, Landes-yes, McKibben-yes, Newberry-no, Stempfley-no, Viney-yes, Wagar-yes, Benson-no, Brown-no).

SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS: Mike Brown discussed the importance of participating in Camden's Black Walnut Festival coming up on Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, 2011 since it is in our backyard. Brown offered to represent the club part of the day on Saturday and also on Sunday. On behalf of Kathy McKibben, Ray McKibben reported his wife will assist on Saturday, which is the last OVKA race of the season. Gary Gregg will check into getting a space for OVKA to participate in the event. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested looking into promotional opportunities in Eaton and Germantown. Brown noted there are two big car shows in Greenville. Lynda Coombs provided printed material about car shows. Dwight Newberry said the Show and Shine Calendar, which comes out in March lists every car show including a big one in Sharonville. Brown discussed having karts available for people from the local campground to try out. Cradlebaugh said he would like rental karts to be available. Virgil Oatts explained how he obtained two older karts and provided youth with the opportunity to try out karting stating, "It has been fabulous for the kids". Cradlebaugh said he will check into some Clone engines. Doug Stempfley offered to provide motor mounts. Cradlebaugh said helmet cam video footage is still needed for putting together a promotional video. Pat Slattery offered to provide video footage. Coombs provided information about other billboard locations. Josh Wagar offered to coordinate OVKA's participation in the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show in January.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Mike Brown reported he has some business owners in Camden who might be interested in becoming sponsors.

SWAP MEET: Max Viney reported booth rental registrations have started coming in. Doug Benson has secured Swap Meet sponsorship through American Power Sports and Comet Kart Sales and Ekarting News is creating an ad.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Gary Gregg reported he will provide the location of leach lines and he continues to work on getting the crack filling done. Ted Cradlebaugh said if Gregg is unable to get the crack filling carried out, a crew of volunteers will address this. Mike Brown reported he received feedback from a female racer about improvements needed in the women's restroom. Brown made a commitment to replace the restroom doors with curtains to provide more space and hang a curtain up for privacy in the shower area. Cradlebaugh said he wants the women's restroom improvements finished by next April and will work with Gary Gregg and John Horn to get this under way. Track maintenance will take place at noon on Sunday, November 13, 2011. Ted and Todd Cradlebaugh, Ray McKibben,

Pat Slattery and Max Viney volunteered to assist with this. Randy Landes suggested the date be publicized on the OVKA web site.

OLD BUSINESS:

LIVE TIMING: Lynda Coombs explained the current timing software has the capability to output laps being run to any device that can access Racelaps through an Internet connection. The software provider will give us a special web site with its own web address at no charge unless technical assistance is needed. In order to output the data, access to a Broadband connection in the tower is needed. The current available Internet connection is unable to be accessed as of this time. Additional features can be provided at a cost including running order, individual heat results and lap times for all heats for all classes. No phone app is needed and the user pays no additional fee. The other provider mentioned last month is not compatible with our system without an agreement with the current software provider. A Facebook app is not available. Ray McKibben reported Gary Osterholt can incorporate a link to the live timing web site. Ted Cradlebaugh asked Coombs to obtain pricing for the additional features.

INSURANCE OPTIONS: No report.

TIRES: Ted Cradlebaugh reported the Gold Cup is discontinuing use of Dunlop tires. Cradlebaugh suggests the club strongly consider Bridgestone tires for next year. He reviewed a sponsorship proposal from Keith Freber, which requires all classes except Kid Karts to run Bridgestones and does not provide for exchange of any Dunlop tires. Cradlebaugh noted that TaG and Shifters have been open tire classes. Max Viney responded TaG had been running Dunlops until an exception was obtained from Russell. Following discussion, Cradlebaugh said he will have further dialog with Freber. John Horn suggested approaching Jim Russell about providing alternative merchandise for the Dunlop sponsorship for the upcoming banquet.

FM TRANSMITTER, PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM, RADIOS, CHARGERS & CABINET:

Gary Gregg said John Horn will be working on the FM system. Doug Stempfley assessed the buzzing from the public address system and will install a 20-amp adapter. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Todd Cradlebaugh for donating a cabinet for the radios and chargers (Todd received a round of applause). Ted Cradlebaugh has determined the issues are with the radio chargers, not the radios themselves.

CONFERENCE CALLS: Pat Slattery reported he spoke with Buddy Long, a WKA official, about conference calls and now needs to follow up with WKA trustee, Steve Rumsey. Slattery will report back.

OPEN BUSINESS:

2012 CLASS STRUCTURE: Josh Wagar asked the Board to start thinking about the 2012 class structure so the matter can be discussed next month. Mike Brown reported on a new Kid Kart 206 motor that will be running for points in Gold Cup next year. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he is against any Kid Kart running for points. Gary Gregg said he thinks Kid Karts need to put restrictors in. Brown suggested Kid Karters have instruction then race the third heat and not run on the big track. Cradlebaugh said he would like a committee formed who would be responsible for working with the Kid Kart class. Pat Slattery reported WKA is going with Cadet karts in all Junior Sportsman classes and adding ten pounds. Cradlebaugh said OVKA does not have to do so to which Slattery responded we're going to be behind the eight

ball if they come to race with us. Brown reported another two-cycle class running an IAME X30 engine is being added to Gold Cup for Sportsman, Junior and Senior drivers.

TECH TOOLS: Ted Cradlebaugh asked Mike Brown to provide a list of what is needed for tech tools along with pricing.

SPEC FUEL: Doug Stempfley inquired why we have spec fuel. Ted Cradlebaugh responded it is to keep everybody the same and Gary Gregg said it works.

RACING FORMAT: Doug Stempfley asked why we are qualifying the last two races of the season. Ted Cradlebaugh explained it is to minimize racers getting knocked out with a pea-pick format. Stempfley proposed spec tire racing at the Champ Race and last two races. Cradlebaugh explained the reason tires were opened up was to bring in more racers. Stempfley expressed concern about what can happen in the first turn where a racer can bump or hold up a competitor knowing he is getting disqualified anyway. Mike Brown asked if open tires will be allowed next year if the club goes to Bridgestones. Josh Wagar said this will be added to rules discussion. Brown said they could be required to start on the tail to which Cradlebaugh responded when we opened tires, we said they would start in the mix. Doug Benson stated that because they are running potentially faster tires, they are potentially changing outcomes and detailed a situation that occurred in Yamaha Masters. Pat Slattery responded it's team racing. Ray McKibben noted the Bridgestone tires are giving a distinct advantage. Brown pointed out that for the last two years there has been discussion about why have qualifying at the last race and said at least pea-pick would give you some grace. Doug Benson made a motion that if you are not on the OVKA spec tire for your respective class, you start in the back of the field for the final for the last two races of the year from this point forward and waive the thirty-day waiting period. The motion was seconded by Doug Stempfley and failed with nine opposed, and two in favor (roll call: Cradlebaugh-no, Gregg-no, Landes-no, McKibben-no, Newberry-no, Stempfley-yes, Viney-no, Wagar-no, Benson-yes, Brown-no, Coombs-no, Horn-left prior to motion).

OVKA SIGNS: Doug Benson discussed purchasing yard signs to promote the club. He obtained pricing of \$2.50 each and said wording could be "Kart Racing - OVKA.com". Ted Cradlebaugh responded he thinks this is a great idea and suggested purchasing 150 signs. Benson will forward the link to Cradlebaugh.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 10:32 p.m. was made by Doug Stempfley, seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Rules Committee – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2011, Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Springdale, OH, 45246.
- Camden Black Walnut Festival - Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, 2011.
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 1, 2011, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).
- Springfield Swap Meet Car Show - Saturday & Sunday, November 12 & 13, 2011, Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH.
- Cavalcade of Customs Show - Friday through Sunday, January 13-15, 2011, Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati, OH.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Doug Benson – Provide Ted Cradlebaugh with web site link for yard signs.
- Mike Brown – Represent OVKA at Camden's Black Walnut Festival and provide Ted Cradlebaugh with list of tech tools needed with pricing.
- Lynda Coombs – Obtain pricing for additional live feed Internet timing features.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Follow up about Bridgestone tires, check into Clone engines and assist with track maintenance on Sunday, November 13, 2011.
- Todd Cradlebaugh – Assist with track maintenance on Sunday, November 13, 2011.
- Gary Gregg – Check into getting a space for OVKA to participate in Camden's Black Walnut Festival.
- John Horn – Install FM box with aerial.
- Ray McKibben - Assist with track maintenance on Sunday, November 13, 2011.
- Pat Slattery – Provide Ted Cradlebaugh with Manufacturers Cup 2012 schedule, provide helmet cam video footage, assist with track maintenance on Sunday, November 13, 2011 and provide information about conference calls.
- Doug Stempfley – Provide motor mounts for rental karts and install 20-amp adapter on public address system.
- Max Viney – Assist with track maintenance on Sunday, November 13, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Benson, Brown, Coombs, Cradlebaugh, Gregg, Horn, Landes, McKibben, Newberry, Stempfley, Viney and Wagar.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, Todd Cradlebaugh, D. Frank, V. Oatts, R. Pierce, P. Slattery and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 10/9/11.