

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011**

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMAKRS:** President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 November 1, 2011 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Doug Stempfley and passed with seven in favor and two abstained (Viney and Wagar). Coombs explained that in order to be eligible to vote at the annual general membership meeting prior to the banquet, a 2012 membership form with payment must be submitted. Coombs reported the annual mailing went out last month and included a cover letter, banquet registration form, participation credit and worker/extra participation credit spreadsheets, 2012 membership application, WKA minor release and 2012 pit spot reservation form.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TaG:** Ted Cradlebaugh and Josh Wagar discussed how as of last year, the OVKA rulebook provides for the addition of new TaG engines based on WKA.

**RLV EXHAUST:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported the RLV exhaust is no longer an issue.

**2012 OFFICERS:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained as per the OVKA by-laws, officer nominations need to take place at the meeting that is at least thirty days prior to the annual general membership meeting which is this evening. Nominations taken were President – Ted Cradlebaugh; Vice President – Josh Wagar; Secretary – Lynda Coombs; and Treasurer – Jason Gregg.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**2012 RULE BOOK:** Josh Wagar reviewed each change to the 2012 OVKA rulebook. Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to leave sponsorship at \$1,150. The motion was seconded by Max Viney and passed with nine in favor and five opposed (roll call: Boles-no, Brown-yes, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Horn-no, Landes-no, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Newberry-yes, Stempfley-yes, Viney-no, and Benson-no). Lynda Coombs will make final revisions to the rulebook and Wagar will see that it is printed and available for distribution at the banquet.

**BANQUET:** Rick Coombs asked for clarification about the worker/extra participation credit drawings and inquired if the expectation is that every person is to receive a prize. John Horn responded it is a drawing. Ted Cradlebaugh and Josh Wagar stated they did not think everybody was to receive a prize. Cradlebaugh said that the six people with twelve or more credits should each get a prize. Mike Brown discussed how the whole idea was to take the workers out and provide participation prizes in a level system like racers. Ray McKibben stated worker prizes should not be items like gauges but rather pop-ups, coolers and things like that. Lynda Coombs read the explanation from the 2011 rulebook. Cradlebaugh suggested drawing a disc in the same way as racers do based on the three levels specified in the rulebook. Following further discussion, consensus was to conduct these drawings as Cradlebaugh suggested.

**SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS:** Josh Wagar explained how he is working with Full Throttle and SCCA to have shared booth space at the January 13-15, 2012 Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show.

Cost will be \$200, which will include electric. Wagar noted it will be a large space for the three organizations. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the importance of having a good-looking Kid Kart on display, which children can sit in. Ray McKibben reported A.R. Gardner has a new Toni kart that could be displayed. Pat Slattery offered to provide a new Arrow for this show. Dwight Newberry discussed the importance of this show and said it is important visitors are able to come into the booth. Mike Brown asked how much the show typically costs the club to which Gary Gregg responded \$400-\$500. Brown inquired if there should be a cap on how many people go and said when he did this show, parking was not reimbursed. Cradlebaugh stated no more than four per shift. Wagar will see that materials are ready for this event. Brown discussed providing a membership packet with an OVKA sticker. He also reported he will be obtaining information about a track in Versailles.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready thanked the board for keeping the racing sponsorship the same for 2012 and said he thinks that will help. He asked the sponsorship paperwork be submitted as soon as possible. McCready discussed how this past season, we were shy on filling reserved pit spots, which goes toward ambulance expenses.

**SWAP MEET:** Max Viney reported the Swap Meet mailing went out yesterday. Ted Cradlebaugh said the December 16<sup>th</sup> deadline makes it tight and suggested that be extended. Doug Benson reviewed the changes that were made to the Swap Meet flyer to update the sponsors to include American Powersports and Comet Kart Sales. Benson reported as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, the event is list on eKarting News. Benson discussed feedback he has received from vendors that the event starts too early. Gary Gregg explained when the Swap Meet used to open at 10:00 a.m., people were out in the parking lot selling before the event started. He further stated people come early to get good deals. Benson reported a suggestion was made to have a specified tear down time. Mike Brown responded a designated area could be for people who want to tear down early. Cradlebaugh suggested noon as the earliest tear down time. Gregg discussed advertising options and said he will see that newspaper advertisements are submitted. Benson asked that people take flyers to place them on bulletin boards in their communities. He reported on seminars he is lining up including rebuilding the Walbro carburetor, how to read the methanol spark plug, promoting your track, and clutches. Mike Brown discussed banner advertising with highway visibility. Lynda Coombs will check into radio advertising for community organizations.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT:** John Horn reported he is working on a restroom design. Ted Cradlebaugh explained due to the weather, track sealing could not be carried out and will be done in the spring. Cradlebaugh reported cleanup day went well and thanked everyone who came out to help.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2012 SCHEDULE:** Ted Cradlebaugh presented a draft 2012 schedule. Following discussion, Cradlebaugh will make some adjustments. Cradlebaugh reported a vintage race will be coming to G & J Kartway August 4, 2012.

**2012 CLASS STRUCTURE:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed removing both SBX classes. Josh Wagar made a motion to waive the minimum driver's weight in the Yamaha Heavy class. The motion was seconded by Max Viney and failed with four opposed, three in favor and seven abstained (roll call: Brown-no, Coombs-abstained, Cradlebaugh-abstained, Gregg-yes, Horn-yes, Landes-abstained, McCready-yes, McKibben-abstained, Newberry-no, Stempfley-no, Viney-abstained, Wagar-abstained, Benson-no and Boles-abstained).

**TIRES:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed negotiations regarding Bridgestone tires and reviewed details of the current proposal. The proposal includes a provision to allow TaG to run open tires the first six

races then they would be required to run any compound of Bridgestones. All other classes would be required to run Bridgestone YLC tires all season including Kid Karts. Cradlebaugh discussed concerns about Dunlop tires that will be part of banquet prizes. He said there are details with respect to that which need to be worked out and he will keep the board informed. Rick Coombs expressed concern about the requirement for the TaG class. Mike Brown reported he knows of two new TaG racers who were planning on participating with OVKA because of us having open tires for that class. Ray McKibben made a motion to accept the Margay Grand Products tire proposal. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously.

**INSURANCE OPTIONS:** No report.

**CONFERENCE CALLS:** No report. Lynda Coombs suggested finding out about Mymeetings.com.

**OPEN BUSINESS:**

**G & J KARTWAY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Lynda Coombs discussed having a workgroup to come up with festivities to honor the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of G & J Kartway in 2012. Rick Coombs, Dylan Cradlebaugh, Ted Cradlebaugh, Gary Gregg, Randy Landes, and Josh Wagar agreed to participate in a workgroup.

**VINTAGE KART ASSOCIATION:** Mike Brown reported the Vintage Kart Association has asked for assistance from OVKA for their race coming to G & J Kartway on August 4, 2012. They have requested support for scoring, radios and equipment.

**WEB SITE PHOTOS:** Missy Brandon inquired about sending pictures for publication on the OVKA web site. Josh Wagar asked that she send them to him and he will see that the web master gets them.

**KID KART DIRECTOR:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported Ron Gordon is interested in serving as Kid Kart Director next season. Cradlebaugh said he will need help in working with the youth. Dylan Cradlebaugh and Josh Wagar agreed to assist.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 10:46 p.m. was made by Don Boles, seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 7, 2012, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122 (east side of I-75), Franklin, OH
- Cavalcade of Customs Show - Friday through Sunday, January 13-15, 2011, Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati, OH (Contact: Josh Wagar)
- OVKA Banquet – Saturday, January 21, 2012, Kings Island Resort and Conference Center, 5691 Kings Island Drive, Mason, OH; annual general membership meeting at 2:00 p.m., banquet registration opens at 4:00 p.m., program begins at 5:15 p.m.
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 29, 2012, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN (Contacts: Rick and Lynda Coombs)
- OVKA Swap Meet – 7:00 a.m., Saturday, February 4, 2012, Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH (Contact: Max Viney)

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Lynda Coombs – Make final revisions to the 2012 OVKA rulebook, check into radio advertising for community organizations for the Swap Meet, obtain information about Mymeetings.com., participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Rick Coombs – Participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Dylan Cradlebaugh - Participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup, assist with Kid Karts next season.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Keep the board informed about tires for the banquet, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Gary Gregg – Submit Swap Meet advertising to newspapers, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup
- John Horn – Email board restroom design plans.
- Randy Landes - Participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Pat Slattery – Provide an Arrow kart for Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show, talk with tire supplier, provide information about conference calls.
- Josh Wagar – Have 2012 OVKA rulebook printed and available at the banquet, prepare materials for Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup, assist with Kid karts next season.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, M. Brandon, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, J. Frommeyer, P. Slattery, G. Welage and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 12/26/11.