

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012  
KINGS ISLAND RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER**

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMAKRS:** President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the annual general membership meeting. He asked that cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Rick Coombs stated everything is up and running for today's banquet. Coombs thanked Lynda Coombs and everyone who helped with banquet preparations.

**2012 RULE BOOK:** Josh Wagar reported the 2012 has been printed and is now available for distribution. Ted Cradlebaugh asked that everyone read the rulebook, as there have been some changes.

**SWAP MEET:** On behalf of Max Viney, Ted Cradlebaugh reported Swap Meet booth rentals are on par or slightly ahead of last year. Mike Brown explained Doug Benson has made arrangements for seminars on a variety of topics including How to Read a Methanol Spark Plug, How to Rebuild a Walbro Carburetor and How to Promote Your Kart Track. Lee McCready noted Mike Unger will be presenting Chassis Setup. Cradlebaugh said there will also be WKA 2-cycle and 4-cycle tech training and two raffles held. Ray McKibben extended appreciation to Doug Benson for arranging the seminars and exploring new ways to advertise the event. Rick Coombs reported gate workers are still needed.

**SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS:** Ray McKibben reported the first edition of a video he created was displayed at the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show. Some adjustments will be made and the video will be shown at the Swap Meet. McKibben said he would like to obtain some high definition footage this season from both trackside and helmet cameras. Lynda Coombs reported there was a good turnout at the OVKA booth at the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show. She and Rick will be staffing the booth next Saturday at the Indy Circle Track Show. Josh Wagar thanked A.R. Gardner and Pat Slattery for providing karts for the Cavalcade Show and thanked everyone who worked in the booth. Rick Wagar said he thought it was great the OVKA booth was in line with Full Throttle and SCCA. Mike Brown will be coordinating the Race Cars and Future Stars Show at the Piqua Mall March 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. Brown explained proceeds raised benefit DARF's injured driver's fund. Ted Cradlebaugh reported that class champions Matthew Newberry, Samantha Welage and Dylan Cradlebaugh were recognized at the DARF banquet. Cradlebaugh noted the DARF Race Cars for Kids Show at Lang Chevrolet will be held March 10-11, 2012. Dwight Newberry discussed the Kids on Wheels program, which raises funds for St. Jude's Hospital. Cradlebaugh explained he included a charity race on OVKA's 2012 schedule and will request workers donate their time to put on the event. A determination of where the proceeds will be distributed will need to be made. John Horn discussed the recent International Motorsports Industry Show held in Indianapolis. He said he understands why the board decided not to participate but having attended it himself; he feels the board should consider participating next time, as there is a huge turnout.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed moving forward with restroom improvements with renovations starting this spring. John Horn committed to having drawings by the next board meeting. Doug Stempfley thanked Heather Cradlebaugh for all of her efforts in raising funds for restroom improvements through 50/50 drawings. Cradlebaugh reported repair of cracks in the track will need to be addressed in the early spring.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready extended appreciation to all of the sponsors who have provided support to OVKA. McCready asked that people think about potential businesses who might be interested in becoming sponsors and direct leads his way. He noted that OVKA sponsorship provides a good opportunity for businesses to advertise. McCready reported pit spot reservations have started coming in and the deadline to reserve last year's spot is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**BUSINESS:**

**2012 OFFICER ELECTIONS:** Having been nominated at the December 6, 2011 board meeting, the following officers were elected:

President – Ted Cradlebaugh

Vice President – Josh Wagar

Secretary – Lynda Coombs

Treasurer – Jason Gregg

Mike Brown thanked the officers for the countless hours they have put in and for their continued service to the organization.

**2012 SCHEDULE:** Ted Cradlebaugh reviewed the 2012 race schedule and explained he did the best he could to avoid conflicting with WKA and Great Lakes Sprint Series events. Josh Wagar explained the driving school and Karting 101 are going to be combined the day before the first points race. The plan is to loan transponders at no cost to test the timing system and have instructional time followed by one heat. Cost will be \$15.00. Ray McKibben discussed plans for obtaining additional light towers for the night races. Dan Fiehrer noted the dates on page 26 and page 33 of the new rulebook do not match. Lynda Coombs will make replacement stickers.

**G & J KARTWAY 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WORK GROUP:** A work group will meet at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2012, at Full Throttle Indoor Karting, 11725 Commons Drive, Springdale, Ohio, 45246, to discuss plans for commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of G & J Kartway. Rick and Lynda Coombs, Dylan and Ted Cradlebaugh, Gary Gregg and Josh Wagar have agreed to serve along with any other interested persons.

**TIRES:** Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Margay Racing / Grand Products for being the 2012 and 2013 series sponsors. Cradlebaugh explained the new spec tire will be the Bridgestone YLC for all classes. The first four races, all classes except TaG Senior, will be able to run Dunlop SL4s or Bridgestone YLCs. Beginning at race five, these classes, including Kid Karts, will be required to run Bridgestone YLCs. TaG Senior will have until the seventh race to start using a Bridgestone compound. Ray McKibben thanked Cradlebaugh for working out the details of the tire contract.

**KID KART DIRECTOR:** Mike Brown thanked Ron Gordon for his willingness to serve as Kid Kart Director this upcoming season. Gordon has been working hard to bring more Kid Karts into OVKA. Brown also thanked Dylan Cradlebaugh and Olivia Horn who will be assisting with the class. Ron Gordon expressed his appreciation to the board for allocating three entries to be awarded at three different events. Plans are to have coloring contests with judging done by specific classes. Gordon reported Delloroto Carburetors has donated two new carburetors, which will be awarded through random drawings. Ted Cradlebaugh said the Kid Karts will no longer run the third heat during intermission but wait until the start of the third heat. Gordon received a round of applause.

**BOARD MEETINGS:** Ted Cradlebaugh encouraged the membership to participate in the monthly board meetings. He explained this is where business of the club is conducted and the board welcomes input from the membership.

**KART ACCESS:** Dan Fiehrer stated there are people who might like to get into kart racing but do not have access to a kart. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the challenges of the club trying to purchase and maintain karts to have and arrive-and-drive program. Josh Wagar said a mechanics race could be added at the end of the season as is done at the Champ Race. Cradlebaugh suggested the board consider setting up more mechanics races so interested persons could try it out.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 3:01 p.m. was made by Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- 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)
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2012, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122 (east side of I-75), Franklin, OH
- DARF Race Cars for Kids Show – Saturday & Sunday, March 10 & 11, 2012, Lang Chevrolet, Beavercreek, OH (Contact: Ted Cradlebaugh)
- Race Cars and Futures Stars Show – Thursday through Sunday, March 15 through 18, 2012, Piqua Mall, Piqua, OH (Contact: Mike Brown)

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Mike Brown – Coordinate Race Cars and Future Stars Show.
- Lynda Coombs – Staff OVKA booth at Indy Circle Track Show, make replacement stickers for page 33 of the 2012 rule book, participate in G & J Kartway 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary workgroup.
- Rick Coombs – Staff OVKA booth at Indy Circle Track Show, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Dylan Cradlebaugh – Participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Coordinate DARF Race Cars for Kids Show, participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- Gary Gregg - Participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.
- John Horn – Present restroom drawings at the next board meeting.
- Ray McKibben – Make adjustments to promotional video, make arrangements for lights for night races.
- Josh Wagar – Participate in G & J Kartway 50th anniversary workgroup.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** M. Brandon, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer, J. Frommeyer, R. Gordon, Sr., R. Gordon, Jr., K. Kuethe, B. Smiley, L. Smiley, and R. Wagar.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 2/1/12.