

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012**

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS:** President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and side conversations be taken outside. Cradlebaugh explained the meeting needs to end by 9:00 p.m. in order to enter into an executive session.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs, seconded by Josh Wagar, made a motion to accept the April 3, 2012 board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously. Coombs read thank you cards received from the Gregg and Vermillion families both of whom lost loved ones.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** On behalf of Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS:** Lynda Coombs noted that with warmer weather upon us, there are community outreach opportunities, such as car shows, where OVKA can be promoted. She said promotional materials are available and suggested people look for locations where OVKA flyers can be displayed, such as grocery stores. Lee McCready reported he is in receipt of the contract for the Lebanon Blues Festival on Saturday, August 4, 2012. He discussed options for electric and it was decided four plugs would be best. Ted Cradlebaugh approved the expenditure of \$95, which includes booth space and electric. McCready explained the booth location will be the same as last year, which provides for excellent visibility. Ray McKibben and the Coombs family will coordinate volunteers for the event. Ted Cradlebaugh will contact Gary Osterholt to post the need for volunteers on the OVKA web site. Pat Slattery suggested it be announced at driver's meetings. Cradlebaugh said it is important to have a Kid Kart, Sportsman kart and perhaps a pipe kart on display. Gary Gregg discussed offering arrive and drive opportunities as a way to promote karting. He said there were twenty to thirty people who stopped by as a result of the billboard OVKA had last year and it would be a benefit to have karts people can rent. Cradlebaugh responded there has to be someone to maintain the karts. Gregg said a \$150 rental fee plus the entry fee could be charged and back-up karts would be needed. He said people could come practice on Saturday then race on Sunday and someone could be paid to manage this. Cradlebaugh responded he thinks it is a great idea. Following discussion of options for obtaining karts and potential costs, Jean Stafford offered to check into it.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready inquired about having sponsors updated on the OVKA web site. Ted Cradlebaugh asked that he contact Gary Osterholt. Josh Wagar said he will assist Lee McCready with monitoring reserved pit spots. Cradlebaugh reported we are low on sponsorships and reserved pit spots. Gary Gregg responded there has been an increase at the gate. Cradlebaugh suggested posting a sign at the gate that reserved pit spots are available.

**SWAP MEET:** Lynda Coombs asked if there is still a need for invoices to be sent for unpaid Swap Meet booth spaces. Ted Cradlebaugh will check with Max Viney about this.

**BANQUET:** Rick Coombs reported the Wyndham Garden Inn at Dayton Mall has been notified they have been selected to host the 2012 OVKA banquet on January 19, 2013. Lynda Coombs explained a function agreement was received today and will need to be signed then returned to the facility. Rick Coombs said if a deposit is needed before the next board meeting, he will inform the board via email.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ROOKIE CLASSES:** Josh Wagar discussed the confusion that has occurred about the two individual Rookie classes. He said parents are finding it difficult to know when their child's class goes out. Randy Landes responded it has been confusing at the scales and suggested they have their weight on paper attached to the kart. Wagar said this could be done for the Sportsman class and any class that had multiple weights. Lynda Coombs will provide stickers that can be used. Gary Gregg asked what would happen if a four-cycle or Comer came to which Wagar responded they would start at the back.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Lynda Coombs distributed information about how pre-registration could be accomplished. She explained this option would allow for online use of credit cards or PayPal through our software provider. There would be an additional fee of 5% plus 30 cents for each transaction. A cutoff date would need to be established, most likely the Thursday before the race in order to allow time for the software provider to prepare the file and for Coombs to download the pre-registrations. Coombs reported that at the home track of the software provider, the pre-registration line is typically longer than the day of event line. She explained once payments have cleared, the software provider would issue a check for the payments received. Jean Stafford responded you become dependent on another person and you are fixing to repair something that is not broken. Stafford further stated karts still have to go through pre-tech. Ted Cradlebaugh said to let the matter die for now..

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported he spoke with someone at the last race who is going to provide pricing for fire extinguishers. Todd Cradlebaugh and Ray McKibben had obtained quotes. The matter was tabled pending obtaining another quote.

**YARD SIGNS:** No report.

**VINTAGE KART EVENT:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported the Vintage Kart Association has requested use of the radios, golf kart and kart retrieval vehicle. They will not be using transponders and have not requested use of our tech tools. Equipment use fees will need to be determined. Cradlebaugh is finalizing worker positions. Carlson Bogan said methanol will be needed for the vintage karts. Gary Gregg will see that it is available.

**TaG MASTERS CLASS:** Orie Cohen requested that the new TaG Masters class be listed on the OVKA web site. Ted Cradlebaugh will contact Gary Osterholt about this.

**LIVE TIMING:** Lynda Coombs reported setup for live timing was carried out this past Sunday. At race three, she will conduct a trial run and if all goes well, live timing will be up and running. Coombs explained there will be lag time between what is currently happening on the track and what will be displayed on your electronic device. Printed information how to access live timing will be available at the track.

**OPEN BUSINESS:**

**GREAT LAKES SPRINT SERIES:** Gary Gregg reported the Great Lakes Sprint Series will be having a money race on Friday night for Yamaha Senior Supercan drivers. A dinner will be held Saturday night. The event at G & J Kartway will be May 18, 19 and 20, 2012. Fuel price was set at \$10.00 per gallon.

**BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION:** Ray McKibben, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, nominated Jean Stafford to the OVKA Board of Directors. As per bylaw procedures, the vote will take place at the June board meeting.

**RACEDAY:** Ted Cradlebaugh said he feels moving the cones back has helped with the starts. He will be displaying the green flag at the cones and position Rick and Josh Wagar with the turn one corner worker to monitor the starts. Ken Kuethe responded he thinks it is a tremendous idea because it is hard for one person to see it all. Cradlebaugh explained racers get one attempt on the start then go to the tail. He wants everybody to have a chance to race, not get knocked off and to be competitive and respect each other. Gary Gregg suggested having racers stay two abreast until the start/finish line. Cradlebaugh will be highlighting the starts in driver's meetings.

**TaG MASTER CLASS:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed Don Boles' use of a Biland engine that was grandfathered in stating it has to be Boles that races it and not someone else.

**PIT ELECTRICITY:** Ken Kuethe inquired about the status of electricity for pit spots. Gary Gregg responded it has not been done yet.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn to executive session was made at 8:40 p.m. by Josh Wagar, seconded by Ray McKibben, and passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The board discussed Ted Cradlebaugh's appeal of disciplinary action taken in executive session at the April board meeting. Josh Wagar made a motion to amend the April disciplinary action to a three-race suspension, require Cradlebaugh work his position without reimbursement for three races and reduce back to the original four-month probation. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed with six in favor and one abstained (Cradlebaugh). Gary Gregg inquired if the same will be done for Mike Brown. Wagar responded Brown did not appeal. Gregg asked about use of the tech tools to which Cradlebaugh said there will be a charge when used for other organizations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the executive at 9:30 p.m. was made by Josh Wagar, seconded by Randy Landes and passed unanimously.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2012, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75)
- Lebanon Blues Festival, Saturday, August 4, 2012

#### **SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Lynda Coombs – Coordinate volunteers for the Lebanon Blues Festival, provide stickers for attaching to karts with minimum weight written.
- Rick and Lynda Coombs – Coordinate volunteers for the Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Contact Gary Osterholt to post the need for volunteers at the Lebanon Blues Festival and list the TaG Masters class on the OVKA web site, contact Max Viney regarding Swap Meet booth spaces.
- Gary Gregg – Provide methanol for vintage kart event.
- Ray McKibben – Coordinate volunteers for the Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Josh Wagar – Monitor reserved pit spots.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Coombs, Cradlebaugh, Gregg, Landes, McCready, McKibben and Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, K. Kuethe, G. Lutz, P. Slattery, J. Stafford and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 5/9/12.