

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and side conversations be taken outside.

SECRETARYS' REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the July 3, 2012 board meeting minutes with a correction to the TaG engine reference, which should have been X-30. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously. Josh Wagar made a motion to appropriate \$610.78 for rulebooks, business card schedules and tri-folds. The motion was seconded by Doug Stempfley and passed unanimously.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAMP RACE: Josh Wagar thanked Jamaica Curtis for coordinating the games at the Champ Race. Wagar also thanked everyone who assisted with the event.

SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS: Lynda Coombs reported there was excellent traffic at the Lebanon Blues Festival. Coombs thanked Lee McCready for making arrangements for OVKA's participation in the event. She also thanked Doug Benson, Ray McKibben and Rick Coombs for staffing the site and the Miller family for providing a kid kart. Coombs said feedback received included running more Saturday events and having a separate series for people who do not want to race on Sundays. Coombs discussed shirts that could be worn by people staffing OVKA promotional events. Ted Cradlebaugh suggested displaying an OVKA banner on the canopy at shows where the booth is not used. Ray McKibben will research options. Josh Wagar discussed a joint promotion between OVKA and Full Throttle where some karts will run at G & J Kartway.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported there has been some interest in pit spot rental for the rest of the year. He has also had people inquiring about partial year sponsorships. McCready thanked Doug Benson for coordinating the OVKA signs, which have been spotted in the Dayton area.

SWAP MEET: Doug Benson reported six quarter midget organizations are open to advertising OVKA's Swap Meet on their web sites. Benson reviewed the number of web site hits in the months leading up to the Swap Meet and suggested offering an advertisers page with a link for a \$50 fee. Ted Cradlebaugh said he is all for it. Gary Gregg reported a few payments have come in from past due booth rentals. Cradlebaugh will contact Max Viney to determine if any more are outstanding.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Gary Gregg reported he is obtaining quotes on sealing the track, which needs to take place at the end of the season. Ted Cradlebaugh said if necessary, the club will have to do it. Rick Coombs discussed matting material that can be installed to deal with track erosion. Ray McKibben offered to contact the matting supplier about obtaining two strips. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he visited Cross' Campground to look at their concrete block restroom facilities. He discussed continuing to consider restroom improvements and noted Dwight Newberry thought it possible to obtain a donation of block.

NEW BUSINESS:

WEB SITE: Ray McKibben and Josh Wagar discussed access to the OVKA web site. Ted Cradlebaugh explained when requests are made to the web site administrator, Cradlebaugh is notified for approval. Lynda Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$500 for the yearly web site maintenance fee. The motion was seconded by Jean Stafford and passed unanimously.

RED FLAG: Rick Coombs discussed possible confusion that could occur with the use of simultaneous red and yellow flags. Following discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh said let's continue with the current colors and remind drivers at the races.

NIGHT RACES: Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Herman Tholen, Ray McKibben and Beaver Creek Rental for providing lights at the race on Saturday, July 28, 2012. Cradlebaugh discussed obtaining supplemental lights for the next night race. McKibben offered to make arrangements. Rick Coombs said he found the photographer's flash to be a distraction while racing at the recent night race. He noted it was not direct but rather on the way out of the corner. Doug Stempfley reported he had several racers come to him about it at the event. He stated it was the reflection and not direct flash. Pat Slattery said it is a safety issue. Gary Gregg said Photo Jeff does a great job and he does not want us to run him off. Stempfley said there are other flashes that can be used rather than a studio flash. Cradlebaugh will discuss the matter with Photo Jeff. He asked that persons who do want their picture taken with flash to let him know.

LAPTOP: Lynda Coombs discussed the processing speed of the current laptop used for end of day finishes. Ray McKibben explained we are trying to do more and more with the technology of the older laptop and the new one, which is used for timing, works great. Coombs would like to use the current laptop as a direct feed for the announcer. Jean Stafford made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 for a new laptop. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously.

CHARITY RACE: Ted Cradlebaugh explained proceeds from the Charity Race will be donated to the Camden Food Bank and DARF. He would like a committee formed to coordinate the event. Cradlebaugh reported he has encouraged Circleville to attend. There is interest among the 80cc shifters and clones. Pat Slattery pointed out the event is scheduled on the same day as Robopong. Cradlebaugh made a motion to change the date to Saturday, October 20, 2012. The motion was seconded by Dwight Newberry and passed unanimously. Cradlebaugh discussed seeking donations to cover potential monetary payouts for six classes and gift cards for Kid Karts. Jean Stafford discussed how in the Olympics, athletes cannot accept this type of award. Mike Brown stated kids get paid every weekend to race dirt. Rick Coombs said his company will donate \$700 toward this. Cradlebaugh asked that ideas for the Charity Race be sent to him. Lynda Coombs will print a flyer and submit a press release. Slattery suggested having the chili dinner at this event instead of race fourteen. Wagar noted the Charity Race will be a Saturday race on a Sunday schedule.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he accepted John Horn's resignation from the OVKA Board of Directors. Cradlebaugh thanked Horn for his service to the organization.

NEW BOARD MEMBER: Ted Cradlebaugh welcomed Jean Stafford, who was voted to the OVKA Board of Directors last month.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: Gary Gregg continues to work on obtaining six fire extinguishers.

YARD SIGNS: Doug Benson reported he and Ray McKibben installed about 35 promotional yard signs in the southern Dayton area, Miamisburg, Germantown, Carlisle, northern Cincinnati, Monroe and Blue Ash. Benson asked that other people take signs to install. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Benson and McKibben for taking the signs into communities.

VINTAGE KART EVENT: Ted Cradlebaugh reviewed details of the Vintage Karting Association event being held at G & J Kartway August 17 through 19, 2012.

TECH TOOLS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported tech tools have been inventoried and are to be stamped by Jean Stafford. Cradlebaugh explained Mike Brown also uses many of his own tech tools.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

TaG: Gary Gregg inquired how the specification on the clutch was determined. Jean Stafford responded the specification is in the WKA tech manual.

PENALTIES: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the issuance of penalties at the last race and explained he had been telling the drivers to calm down. Gary Gregg said the Race Director needs to be someone nobody knows. Cradlebaugh responded that for years there has been a finish behind penalty if you knock someone off the track. Gregg explained when somebody is beside you on the track you have to give. Ray McKibben said the Race Director is the toughest position to have.

TOWER: Ted Cradlebaugh directed that other than tower workers, no one should be in the tower except for persons needing air conditioning due to medical reasons.

TRACK RECORDS: Doug Stempfley offered to research track records looking at every race, configuration and year.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to adjourn to executive session was made at 9:39 p.m. by Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Josh Wagar, and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pre-tech and appeal of disciplinary action were discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the executive session at 10:18 p.m. was made by Josh Wagar, seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Vintage Kart Association, Friday through Sunday, August 17-19, 2012, at G & J Kartway.
- OVKA monthly board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2012 (second Tuesday of the month), Reytan Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, Ohio (east side of I-75).

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Lynda Coombs – Print flyer for the Charity Race, submit a press release for the Charity Race.
- Rick Coombs – Donate \$700 for Charity Race.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Contact Max Viney about past due booth rental invoices, discuss flash at night races with Photo Jeff.
- Gary Gregg – Obtain price quotes for track sealing, obtain six fire extinguishers.
- Ray McKibben – Arrange for supplemental lights for race ten, research banner options for display at shows, contact matting supplier.
- Doug Stempfley – Research track records.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Benson, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, L. McCready, R. McKibben, D. Newberry, J. Stafford, D. Stempfley, and J. Wagar.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, O. Cohen, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, G. Lutz, V. Oatts, P. Slattery, and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 8/27/12.