

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS:** President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and side conversation be taken outside. Cradlebaugh thanked Josh Wagar for his service as OVKA Vice-President the past two years and welcomed Randy Landes as 2013 OVKA Vice-President. Both men received a round of applause.

**SECRETARYS' REPORT:** Lynda Coombs thanked the Board of Directors for the Hall of Fame recognition presented to her at the banquet. Coombs made a motion to accept the January 8, 2013 regular board meeting minutes and the January 19, 2013 annual general membership meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Jean Stafford and passed unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS:** Lynda Coombs thanked Don Boles, Marlene Cook and Rick Coombs who along with herself staffed the OVKA booth at the Indy Circle Track Show on January 26, 2013. Lynda noted this was the third year OVKA has participated in this show and there was a lot of traffic at the OVKA booth, which she attributed in part to having the video presentation on display. She explained this show provides a great opportunity to hand out Swap Meet flyers which quite a few people said they would be attending. Doug Benson said three people signed up for Swap Meet booth spaces from information they received at the Indy Show. Lynda suggested participating in this show next year. Ray McKibben responded this would provide a way to inform people about the Swap Meet's new location. Ted Cradlebaugh said he wants to find out how new people found out about OVKA to see where advertising is working. McKibben reported he has been told Internet links have directed some people to the club. He asked for video footage, as he will be updating the DVD presentation. McKibben explained anyone can use the video presentation on a computer with HDMI input when doing a show. Pat Slattery said he would like to add old footage. Don Boles will provide McKibben with an old VCR tape that was put together years ago. Cradlebaugh reported one show booth still needs to be located. He explained board members will be expected to identify three places to put OVKA materials and keep them stocked. Mike Brown said he thinks it is a good idea to put packets together with a rulebook, other materials and a vinyl OVKA sticker people can put on their vehicle. Brown will obtain pricing for stickers from Ron Gordon. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Heather Cradlebaugh for assisting with updating forms on the OVKA website.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** No report.

**SWAP MEET:** Doug Benson thanked all of the people, especially the outside workers including Todd and Dylan Cradlebaugh, Randy Landes, Jeff Powless, Robert Schrage and Linda Smiley, for providing assistance with the Swap Meet. Thanks also go to Marlene Cook and Heather Cradlebaugh who sold raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets. Benson discussed site visits he and Ted Cradlebaugh conducted to look at other locations for the Swap Meet. He reported the Ohio Exposition Center in Columbus was a higher cost and too far. Benson explained Hara Arena in Dayton will provide two buildings all under one roof. Cradlebaugh noted there is paved parking, indoor ticket sales and rooms for seminars. He explained email communication among the board this

past week had an 80% response with consensus to relocate the Swap Meet to Hara Arena. Following discussion of hours and security, Cradlebaugh made a motion to move the Swap Meet to Hara Arena next year. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed with eleven in favor and one opposed (Gregg). Cradlebaugh suggested entering into a two-year agreement if possible. Don Boles discussed radio advertising opportunities. Cradlebaugh thanked Benson for the excellent job he did with the Swap Meet and thanked all of the people who helped.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed a quote for renovating the existing restroom facilities. Another quote is scheduled to be obtained this Saturday. Cradlebaugh explained it may become necessary to form a committee to carry out renovations ourselves.

**RULE BOOK COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar made a motion to appropriate \$323.54 for (200) rulebooks and (500) business card schedules. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed unanimously.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs thanked those who assisted in locating the new banquet location, Lynda Coombs, Ted Cradlebaugh and Dwight Newberry. He also thanked everyone who helped with the event. Coombs said the feedback he received was positive and asked if the board would like to go to the same facility next year. Consensus was to return to the Wyndham Garden Inn. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed an issue with the Margay gift certificates having learned they can only be used toward the purchase of Bridgestone tires and are valid for only six months. He discussed the matter with Keith Freber who confirmed this is the case. Review of the contract found that while gift certificates are included, the specifics were not spelled out. Cradlebaugh will have further discussion with Freber. Mike Brown inquired why checks were lower for recipients of the extra participation credits. Coombs explained there were more in the upper level this year so amounts had to be adjusted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADOPT-A-DRIVER PROGRAM:** In follow up to a suggestion by Paul Krimmer at the January 19, 2013 annual membership meeting, Ted Cradlebaugh said offering an Adopt-A-Driver Program could work. The matter was tabled pending details from Krimmer.

**CLEAN-UP DAY:** Ted Cradlebaugh said he expects to see everybody at Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 6, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He reviewed some of the items that need to be addressed including installation of crash bags and sealing the walkway observation deck. Gary Gregg said pressure washing needs to be done the week before. Lunch will be provided.

**TECHNICAL UPDATES:** Mike Brown explained the standard BSI helmets are no longer legal; see the 2013 WKA tech manual for further information. He reported the seat height requirement for Man Cup senior classes has been changed to 13 inches instead of 14 inches. Brown said a lower intrusion bar in Gold Cup four-cycle classes is required

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**HARRIS REQUEST:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained WKA rules allow a driver who turns 16-years-old in March to can compete in a junior class. Lynda Coombs read sections 103.2 through 103.2.4 from the 2013 WKA tech manual. Mike Brown said it is strongly recommended that we adhere as closely as possible to the WKA rulebook. He explained we already use one section regarding age and didn't put the rest in our rulebook. Cradlebaugh discussed the start of WKA's season being in December and the start of our race season is April. Following further discussion, Gary Gregg made a motion to adopt WKA rules 103.2 through 103.2.4 for OVKA. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery and

passed with six in favor, five opposed and one abstained (roll call: Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-no, Gregg-yes, Landes-no, McCready-yes, McKibben-abstained, Slattery-yes, Stafford-no, Wagar-no, Benson-no, Boles-yes, Brown-yes). Cradlebaugh pointed out this vote applies to all classes.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**RACE DIRECTOR:** Gary Gregg inquired who will be serving as Race Director this upcoming season. Ted Cradlebaugh stated he and Randy Landes will fill that position. Cradlebaugh said there is a need for a Head Flagman.

**CLASS STRUCTURE:** Pat Slattery said he would like the club to adopt the senior Y pipe instead of the SSX can. Mike Brown responded the senior can class is a local option and if four karts show up with a Y pipe, it is already in the rulebook they can run. Slattery said he knows of two racers who would run a Y pipe class and Brown stated he heard of five or six. Ted Cradlebaugh stated they can get four karts together and petition to run. Slattery said there are already 25 classes and he would like one more added. Jean Stafford discussed how TaG drivers brought four karts and grew the class. Brown suggested posting on the web site that Y pipe racers can come run with us to which Cradlebaugh agreed. Slattery explained the Y pipe is better, runs more quietly and runs lower RPMs. Brown said WKA is looking at getting rid of the can. He asked Slattery to bring a Y pipe kart to the Piqua show on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**TRACK HISTORY AUTHOR:** Lynda Coombs shared information about author, Bill Holder, who wrote books about the history of Eldora and Winchester Speedways. Coombs explained Holder was in attendance at the Swap Meet and she would like to see what it would take to write the history of G & J Kartway and OVKA. Josh Wagar said it might be worth exploring. Coombs will contact Holder.

**OVKA SHIRTS:** Mike Brown said he thinks the new shirt design looks good. Ted Cradlebaugh agreed stating it is jazzier and brings it up to date.

**DISABLED VETERANS:** Ted Cradlebaugh discussed being approached about a group of veterans with disabilities who are interested in racing in the 420 class. Mike Brown explained hand controls are allowed. More information will be forthcoming.

**CHAMP KARTS:** Lynda Coombs reported a man at the Indy Show expressed interest in bringing some champ karts to race with OVKA. He said the champ karts are WKA legal. Coombs asked that he contact Ted Cradlebaugh to discuss this.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Tom Swindling announced the birth of a grandson two days ago who has been named Camden. Ted Cradlebaugh extended congratulations to the family.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion to adjourn was made at 9:32 p.m. by Mike Brown, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, and passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Having been nominated last month to the OVKA Board of Directors, Ken Kuethe received a unanimous vote to the position.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2013, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH (east side of I-75).
- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Race Cars & Future Stars Expo, Friday through Sunday, March 8-10, 2013, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua, OH.
- OVKA Clean-Up Day, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 2013.

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Don Boles – Provide Ray McKibben with an old VCR tape.
- Mike Brown – Obtain pricing for vinyl stickers from Ron Gordon.
- Lynda Coombs – Contact Bill Holder regarding writing the history of G & J Kartway and OVKA.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Have further conversation with Keith Freber about gift certificates.
- Ray McKibben – Update video presentation.
- Pat Slattery – Bring Y pipe kart to Piqua Show.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Benson, D. Boles, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, R. Landes, L. McCready, R. McKibben, P. Slattery, J. Stafford and J. Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** C. Bogan, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, R. Harris, K. Kuethe, G. Lutz, T. Swindling and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 2/17/13.