

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and said he hopes everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs, seconded by Josh Wagar, made a motion to accept the November 5, 2013 board meeting minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously. Coombs explained board members need to have their membership applications submitted by the January 2014 board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances. He said he is not sure if the fuel tank has been filled yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:

- Mike Brown reported the Race Cars and Future Stars Expo will be held at Piqua Mall on March 28 through 30, 2014. He explained this is a fundraiser for DARF and the entire mall is taken over by cars. Brown made a motion to appropriate \$45 for two spots at this show. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Brown said he would like to have nice, clean karts to display which can be brought in Thursday night at 9:00 p.m. or Friday morning. He noted there is 24-hour security walking the mall. Brown said there are usually enough workers but if anyone wants to help, let him know.
- Randy Landes discussed a Home and Leisure Show typically held in March at Bellefontaine High School. He will provide more information when it comes available.
- Mike Brown said Tim's Motorsports Expo will be in Lima on March 21 and 22, 2014. The event is free and has all different types of racecars on display. The promoter holds simulated races at Eldora on sprint car simulators. Brown has provided information to Ted Cradlebaugh about the simulators for consideration at the Swap Meet.
- Ted Cradlebaugh reported Todd Cradlebaugh has made arrangements with Full Throttle Indoor Karting to share space at the Cavalcade of Customs Show. OVKA will have a 10' by 20' space with electric at a cost of \$775.
- Ted Cradlebaugh reported a kid kart was purchased from Terry Pastor for \$1,600. He said this will be a good kart for shows. Mike Brown suggested checking with Ron Gordon about vinyl graphics. Cradlebaugh will follow up on this.
- Ted Cradlebaugh shared information about canopies. He discussed having the OVKA logo installed on a canopy for use at shows. Mike Brown said a canopy can be purchased for \$100 and Ron Gordon could do the graphics. Cradlebaugh said he purchased his own canopy with side panels at a cost of \$289. Don Boles responded he thinks this is the type the club should buy. Cradlebaugh will move forward with this and discuss graphics with Gordon.
- Mike Brown inquired about the condition of the show booth. Ted Cradlebaugh said he and Todd are going to set it up in the garage and make the necessary repairs.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready thanked Lynda Coombs for including the pit spot application in the annual mailing. He reported he has already had one submitted. Ted Cradlebaugh knows of a couple of people interested in sponsorship. McCready discussed creating a pit spot diagram using an aerial photo and marking the pit spots in the spring. Don Boles will assist with monitoring pit spots next season. McCready noted the deadline to reserve last season's pit spots is April 1, 2014.

SWAP MEET: Ted Cradlebaugh reported Doug Benson is moving along with Swap Meet plans.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh reported bags were put away at the clean-up day. He said crack sealing has not yet been done and Gary Gregg wants to use the hot seal method.

RULE BOOK COMMITTEE:

- Josh Wagar discussed wording he had emailed regarding the weather policy, "OVKA will have two rain dates on the schedule, one near midseason, and one at the end of the season. Once both rain dates have been used, any further weather cancellations will fall under the "weather points" policy. Once past the first rain date it cannot be used. For a race to be rescheduled to one of the rain dates, the race MUST be cancelled prior to any karts taking the track for warm ups. The President can cancel a race the day before with the cancellation posted to the OVKA website and Facebook pages no later than 9:00 p.m." Pat Slattery said the race should be cancelled at 4:00 or 5:00 a.m. the day of the event. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he thinks it should be 9:00 p.m. the night before. Don Boles stated we are changing an awful lot. Mike Brown said he feels the committee overstepped their bounds with this and the class structure, both of which ought to go back to the board, not the rules committee. He stated it should not be a subcommittee's decision. Wagar explained suggestions are collected throughout the season and rules committee meetings are announced. Cradlebaugh noted rain dates have been asked for the last ten years. Brown responded he is not saying he is against it but it should be the board who decides. Cradlebaugh said anyone can state their opinion and we did give authority to the rules committee. Slattery noted it was set up that way but can be brought back to the board and discussed and changed. Dan Fiehrer said he thinks this weather rule should be added quickly as it would have added two races this past season. Following further discussion, Josh Wagar made a motion to adopt the weather policy as provided. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery and passed unanimously.
- Brown discussed use of CIK bodywork and 50mm axles in 4-cycle classes at Daytona.
- Wagar suggested changing the class structure to include a list of "active classes" and "other approved classes" and reviewed each list.
- Brown reported WKA will be allowing the HPV engine to run in the Y pipe class. He suggested including in the rulebook that OVKA will not be running HPVs in Y pipe to which Cradlebaugh responded we do not have to put a rule we are not having it. Slattery explained in WKA this class will be called Senior Piston Port.
- Randy Landes noted the rulebook says it is subject to change.
- Rick Coombs inquired about the addition of the Pro Gas Animal class in WKA and asked if we want to offer it. Brown explained it is a money class in WKA. Cradlebaugh suggested the class be added.

- Ray Brown discussed the use of 212cc engines in the Clone Senior class and said WKA ran 196cc engines. He said there was one racer in OVKA who ran a 196cc engine and it blew up. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he did not know people were running different motors. Mike Brown stated all year he, Carlson Bogan and Jean Stafford had been saying nothing was legal from the muffler back. Bogan discussed cutting then clamping the mufflers so they can be checked. Ray Brown said the 212s need to be addressed. Cradlebaugh stated he thought it was a regular clone class. Mike Brown responded the problem started when the class was made a points class. Pat Slattery suggested making it a money class. Cradlebaugh asked if the 212s passed tech to which Mike Brown said yes. Cradlebaugh inquired if we are going to allow the 196 engine in this class. Josh Wagar stated he thought the engines were WKA clones. Ray Brown said there needs to be some rules. Cradlebaugh will follow up with Jeff Roberts who is building 212 engines and address the matter next month. He further stated Mike Brown will be on the committee if one is formed. Mike Brown suggested changing the name of the classes to OVKA 420 Heavy, OVKA 420 Lite and OVKA 212. Randy Landes discussed a Local Option 206 Class that is going good in a lot of places. Mike Brown explained with the 206, you can actually start with a kid kart on it in WKA.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs discussed an email he sent to the board asking if awards would be considered for the Clone Heavy and Clone Senior classes who did not meet the minimum averages. Coombs explained he had forgotten to ask about this at last month's board meeting. Mike Brown responded to his knowledge it hasn't been done in the past and special rules should not be made. Ted Cradlebaugh said exceptions have been made in the past. Pat Slattery said he agrees with Brown. Mike Brown and Randy Landes discussed the averages being affected by the drivers having gone on strike due to fuel. Orie Cohen said he does not think two people who deserve jackets shouldn't get them because of others. Cradlebaugh noted the board pushed to grow these classes. Lynda Coombs reported the class average for Clone Senior was 3.71 and for Clone 420 Heavy was 3.36. Following further discussion, Ted Cradlebaugh made a motion to allow for this year Clone Senior and Clone 420 Heavy to be under the 4.0 average and receive jackets and eagles for first place. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed with five in favor, two opposed and one abstained (roll call: Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, Slattery-no, Wagar-yes, boles-abstained, Brown-no). Rick Coombs explained the Racing4Vets 1 group of three drivers finished in first place and asked how the jacket and trophy should be handled. He asked if there should be three separate awards for each driver, such as an award cup instead of an eagle. Ted Cradlebaugh responded to give the jacket and eagle. .

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCIPLINARY ACTION: Ted Cradlebaugh reported was sent back and he is not going to pursue the matter at this time.

2014 OFFICERS: Ted Cradlebaugh explained per the by-laws, 2014 officer nominations need to take place this evening.

- President – Ted Cradlebaugh nominated by Rick Coombs, seconded by Josh Wagar.
- Vice-President – Randy Landes, nominated by Josh Wagar, seconded by Rick Coombs.
- Secretary – Lynda Coombs nominated by Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Josh Wagar.
- Treasurer – Jason Gregg nominated by Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Josh Wagar.

Rick Coombs, seconded by Josh Wagar, moved to close nominations.

DARF BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported three OVKA class champions will be recognized at the DARF banquet this coming Saturday: Yamaha Sportsman - Lance Carboy, Yamaha Junior - Cooper Kuethe and Clone Senior - Jeanne Roberts. Cradlebaugh will present a \$1,500 donation to DARF from proceeds raised at the Charity Race. Cradlebaugh reported Cody Robinson will be receiving a special award for his late model racing at Kil-Kare Raceway.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRANSPONDERS: Lynda Coombs reported she contacted Whiteland Raceway about whether they have any used transponders available for sale and has not heard back. Pat Slattery suggested checking with Callahan Speedway in Muncie, Indiana.

KID KART PURCHASE: Ted Cradlebaugh reported the kid kart, which is on display this evening was purchased from Terry Pastor. Cradlebaugh will contact Ron Gordon about having graphics made for the kart. Pat Slattery suggested allowing children to drive it. Cradlebaugh said he would like to keep it new for right now as it has only three laps on it. Randy Landes asked if it would help to install pedal risers. Slattery explained the kart is set up so the pedals can be moved back.

TIRE CONTRACT: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he thought he would have the tire contract today, which is for one year. He noted the contract is the same as last year. Cradlebaugh said if WKA changes tires for 2015, the contract can be adjusted.

CHARITY RACE: Ted Cradlebaugh explained the club rounded the Charity Race proceeds to \$3,000. A donation of \$1,500 will be made to DARF and the Camden Food Bank, which also received food donations.

TRACK CONTRACT: Ted Cradlebaugh explained Gary Gregg has asked that we bring a proposal to him for discussion.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

CIRCLEVILLE RACEWAY PARK: Ted Cradlebaugh reported Eric Fagin will be running Circleville Raceway this upcoming year. Cradlebaugh confirmed a date with him for OVKA to race there next season. The trailer at Circleville is going to be removed.

2014 SCHEDULE: Ted Cradlebaugh distributed a schedule for the 2014 race season. He explained the schedule includes two rain dates, one at mid-season and one at the end of the season prior to the Charity Race. Mike Brown asked if the Great Lakes Sprint Series sent their schedule to Cradlebaugh, which they did not. Cradlebaugh said one evening race can be changed to a day race so we don't have to rent lights as much. Pat Slattery said he objects to six Saturday races. Cradlebaugh responded it is the same as last year but he can move one Saturday race to Sunday. Dan Fiehrer said night races are harder on the eyes. Cradlebaugh explained we are trying to put in some new lights. Josh Wagar said he likes running all the configurations. Cradlebaugh explained the

Champ Race will come up quick this upcoming season as it will be on June 21st and 22nd. Cradlebaugh will have the schedule posted on the OVKA website.

VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION: Ted Cradlebaugh reported the VKA will be holding two days of racing at G & J Kartway on Friday and Saturday, August 1 and 2, 2014. They have asked that Lynda Coombs assist with the event. Coombs said she is happy to do so and noted the event is on the same Saturday as the Lebanon Blues Festival.

FAST TIME AWARDS: Mike Brown said it was asked of him why fast time is not given in the Sportsman Novice class. Lynda Coombs read from page 28 in the rulebook, which states, "Fast Time is awarded in each class (excluding Kid Karts and Sportsman Novice) for Saturday qualifiers only." Josh Wagar said he is not opposed to giving it to that class to which Rick Coombs agreed. Brown explained the driver was recognized at the Champ Race and why would he not be at the banquet. He noted they do run transponders, which we require for that class. Wagar suggested changing this in the rulebook for next year. Consensus of the board was to provide a Fast Time award for the driver.

LIGHTS: Pat Slattery reported he and Drew Young looked at the lights and Young thinks it will cost \$900 to \$1,000 per pole. Cradlebaugh suggested doing some of the turns this year and the straight-aways next year. Slattery will firm up pricing and report back.

PA SYSTEM: Mike Brown asked if the sound system is working. Ted Cradlebaugh explained some rewiring was done. Gary Huber reported they are still working on it.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Randy Landes at 9:56 p.m., seconded by Josh Wagar, and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2014, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH (east side of I-75)
- Cavalcade of Customs Show – January, 10-12, 2014, Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati, OH, 45202
- OVKA 2013 Banquet – Saturday, January 18, 2014, Wyndham Garden Dayton South, 31 Prestige Plaza Drive, Miamisburg, OH, 45342; annual membership meeting at 2:00 p.m., banquet registration opens at 4:00 p.m.
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 25, 2014, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, 46205
- OVKA 2014 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 1, 2014, Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road, Dayton, OH, 45415
- Race Cars and Future Stars Expo will be held at Piqua Mall on March 28 through 30, 2014

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Lynda Coombs – Attempt to contact Callahan Speedway regarding transponders.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Contact Ron Gordon about vinyl graphics for the kid kart and for a canopy, purchase a canopy for shows, contact Jeff Roberts regarding 212 engines, have 2014 OVKA schedule posted on website.
- Randy Landes – Provide information about the Home and Garden Show.
- Pat Slattery – Firm up pricing for track lighting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Boles, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, R. Landes, L. McCready, P. Slattery and J. Wagar.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: C. Bogan, R. Brown, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Fiehrer, G. Huber, G. Lutz, and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 12/23/13.