

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
WYNDHAM GARDEN DAYTON SOUTH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2014**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate, allow the person who has the floor to speak and take side conversations outside.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported banquet attendance is up this year. He asked that attendees provide him with feedback about the event. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Rick and Lynda Coombs, Heather and Todd Cradlebaugh, Ken and Cooper Kuethe, Ray McKibben and Josh Wagar who helped with set up last evening and Ken Kuethe and Josh Wagar for picking up the awards. Rick Coombs reported Todd Cradlebaugh set up the OVKA booth in the banquet hall for people to see. Coombs thanked Todd for the wonderful job he has done with the display. Coombs extended thanks to Ted Cradlebaugh for all of the assistance he provided with the banquet.

2014 RULE BOOK: Josh Wagar reported the 2014 rulebook is available today and thanked Heather Cradlebaugh for taking care of the printing. Wagar noted changes are outlined on page three. He discussed the importance of reading the rulebook and knowing what is in it to which Ted Cradlebaugh agreed. Wagar explained changes can be made as the need arises and to let him know if there are any questions or concerns. Cradlebaugh said updates are posted on the OVKA website.

SWAP MEET: Doug Benson reported he has been receiving a lot of phone calls about the Swap Meet and preparations are going as planned. He said booth space reservations are on pace for this time and he expects good attendance. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he hopes there is an increase in attendance with the change in location to Hara Arena. Volunteers will be able to sign up to work at the Swap Meet by seeing Lynda Coombs during the banquet this evening. Cradlebaugh explained the importance of the Swap Meet in funding the banquet and asked that people help promote the Swap Meet through their Facebook page. Mike Brown said WKA has requested to have booth space next to OVKA. Brown will be conducting a WKA 2-cycle/4-cycle tech seminar beginning at noon. Cost for the seminar is \$125 plus a two-year WKA membership.

SHOWS AND PROMOTIONS:

- Todd Cradlebaugh reported the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show was a success and said there was a good turnout. He thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the event. Cradlebaugh said having the Kid Kart on display was awesome. Ted Cradlebaugh explained Full Throttle has asked for additional funds to cover the prime location that OVKA ended up with at the show. Cradlebaugh said the cost is \$962 instead of \$840, which he will go ahead and authorize.
- Lynda Coombs reported Don Boles, Marlene Cook and Rick Coombs, along with herself will staff the show booth at the Indy Circle Track Show on Saturday, January 25, 2014. She explained this provides an excellent opportunity to hand out Swap Meet flyers and the new schedule.
- Mike Brown will coordinate the Race Cars and Future Stars Expo at Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua on Friday, March 28 through Sunday, March 30, 2014. He explained there is a lot of room for people to bring their karts to display and there is security on site to watch over the

equipment. Ron Gordon, Jr. reported there were six karts on display last year. Contact Brown if you would like to bring karts.

- Ron Gordon reported a Kid Kart parent set up a Facebook page called OVKA Kid Kart & Rookie Parents. Gordon suggested people “like” the group through Facebook.
- Ted Cradlebaugh discussed a new canopy, backdrop, flag and table that will be used at promotional events. He anticipates in being available in time for the Swap Meet.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben explained once the weather is warmer, the PA wiring project can be finished and will include a speaker being mounted on the storage garages. He thanked Don Boles, Mike Brown, Rick Coombs, Ted and Todd Cradlebaugh and Gary Huber for their help. Ted Cradlebaugh said with the assistance of Drew Young, we are looking into lighting improvements to make night races more pleasurable for racers and fans. He explained the goal is to light up turns one, two and seven. Ron Gordon, Jr. said lighting companies Hubble or Luthonia have engineers who will design a plan for free. He explained they are representatives and do not sell the products but provide counsel then you go through the distributor. Cradlebaugh said that is something to look at. Shawn Bayliff reported the Motorsports Country Club of Cincinnati is looking at making improvements in 2015 and maybe we could go into together for purchasing power.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported Don Boles will be assisting with monitoring pit spots this year. McCready explained the pit spot income goes toward paying for the ambulance so we need to make sure they all get rented. He asked the people at least get him the pit spot reservation form, which will help with planning. The idea is to have a map with race team names posted. McCready would like to have this in place at the first race so people aren't wandering around. The deadline to hold last year's spot is April 1, 2014. Anyone interested in continued or new sponsorship can contact McCready to give him a heads up. Ray McKibben thanked Steve Rumsey, who is a pilot, for flying McKibben so aerial photos could be taken.

BUSINESS:

2014 OFFICERS:

Ted Cradlebaugh reported officer nominations at the December 3, 2013 board meeting were:

President - Ted Cradlebaugh

Vice-President - Randy Landes

Secretary – Lynda Coombs

Treasurer – Jason Gregg

Cradlebaugh explained with nominees being unopposed, no vote is needed and thanked the officers for their willingness to serve in 2014.

2014 SCHEDULE: Ted Cradlebaugh explained compared to last year's schedule, one night race was moved to a Sunday event. There will be two traveling races, one at Circleville and one at New Castle, on consecutive weekends. Cradlebaugh reported Circleville is working on making some improvements. He said there are five qualifying points races and four winner-take-all formats. Cradlebaugh discussed the new weather policy, which will provide for him to cancel the race by 9:00 p.m. the night before. He explained there will be two rain dates and once past the first date, it is gone if not used. He said we will give this a try and see how it works. Derek Hughes noted there are a lot of 1B configurations and said we usually run at least two 2A races. Cradlebaugh responded he hears a lot of people like 1B but this can be changed. He said the Champ Race will remain the original track configuration since it is the 50th anniversary.

OVKA 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed this year being the 50th anniversary for OVKA and asked for input how to make it a special year. Josh Wagar, who is co-chairing a newly formed committee with Lynda Coombs, explained after the banquet, a meeting date will be set up. Shawn Bayliff stated his father did the artwork on the old sign. Cradlebaugh said we are trying to locate an old OVKA logo. Wagar said this is a really big milestone for the club and asked anyone who has old pictures to let him know.

MARCH MEETING DATE: Ted Cradlebaugh explained the March board meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, March 11, 2014. He said he would like people to get involved and come to board meetings.

OPEN DISCUSSION

PHOTOGRAPHER: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the need to locate someone to take photos at the track. He explained how fortunate we had been to have Jeff Eissing for several years and who passed away asked. Cradlebaugh asked that people let him know of anyone who would be interested in this. Shawn Bayliff and Luke Roberts will check with people they know.

THANK YOU: Mike Brown said he would like to extend a big thank you to all of the volunteers and workers who helped during 2013. Ray McKibben thanked Ron Gordon, Jr. for his work with the kid kart class and said Gordon has really stepped up the program.

HEAD FLAGMAN/RACE DIRECTOR: Jeff Roberts inquired who will be Head Flagman this year. Ted Cradlebaugh responded we are looking for a Head Flagman and Race Director.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 2:53 p.m. by Mike Brown, seconded by Josh Wagar, and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- 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
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2014, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH, 45005 (east side of I-75)
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2014, Reyton Inn, 6147 West State Route 122, Franklin, OH, 45005 (east side of I-75) **NOTE: THIS IS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**
- Race Cars and Future Stars Expo, Friday, March 28 through Sunday, March 30, 2014, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua, OH, 45356

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Benson, M. Brown, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, L. McCready, R. McKibben, and J. Wagar.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: S. Bayliff, R. Beaman, C. Bogan, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer, R. Gordon, Jr., R. Gordon, Sr., R. Harris, G. Huber, D. Hughes, P. Krimmer, Jeanne Roberts, Jeff Roberts, L. Roberts, L. Smiley, B. Trent and F. Tvrdy.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/21/14.