

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the new meeting location at the Hampton Inn. He explained there is a lot on the agenda as it is the month before the racing season. Cradlebaugh extended sympathy to the families of Kathy Tholen-Myers and Gary "Rev" Vermillion who passed away recently.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs explained it was necessary to table voting on both sets of minutes from January due to the lack of a quorum at the February board meeting. Coombs made a motion to accept the January 7, January 18 and February 4, 2014 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed with seven in favor and one abstained (Boles).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer, Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances. Cradlebaugh explained he is not sure if payment for the fuel tank delivery has been deducted and will follow up with Gregg.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**OVKA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported the first meeting of the OVKA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee was held on February 20<sup>th</sup> and a lot of great ideas were generated. The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2014, at Danbarry Cinema in Middletown and everyone is invited. Cradlebaugh made a motion to appropriate \$2,500 for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary expenses such as shirts, games and a time capsule. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown and passed unanimously. Cradlebaugh suggested using an old logo design on jackets and awards to commemorate OVKA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Consensus of the board was in favor of doing this. Cradlebaugh discussed having a yearbook that can be distributed at the banquet. Please provide Heather Cradlebaugh with photos and historical information for this project.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:**

- Todd Cradlebaugh reported the DARF show this past weekend was awesome. He thanked Ron Gordon for the excellent job he did wrapping the kid kart with graphics. Todd said there were many positive comments about the appearance of the booth. Ted Cradlebaugh thanked Don Boles, Morgan Birchwell, Angie Calvert, Brandon Calvert, Jeff Calvert, Ori Cohen, Marlene Cook, Dylan Cradlebaugh, Heather Cradlebaugh, Todd Cradlebaugh and Ray McKibben for helping with this event.
- Ted Cradlebaugh noted the Race Cars and Future Stars Expo is coming up Friday, March 28 through Sunday, March 30, 2014, at Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua.
- Randy Landes discussed the upcoming Tim's Motorsports Show at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ted Cradlebaugh will assist with setup and volunteers are needed to staff the booth.

- Mike Brown reported the Sheriff's Show is the same weekend as the Piqua Show and clean-up day.
- Ted Cradlebaugh said the kid kart and new pop-up look great. Todd Cradlebaugh reported the table cover includes the OVKA logo. Ray McKibben discussed how volunteers now have a variety of promotional tools and can use individual pieces or the full display. Ted Cradlebaugh discussed looking into purchasing a small trailer and will talk with Gary Gregg about insurance. He asked that people be on the lookout for a small trailer and let him know.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready thanked those people who have sent in their pit spot reservations. He discussed how pit spot income helps pay for ambulance expenses. McCready reminded everyone that April 1, 2014 is the deadline to keep last years' reserved spot. He discussed sponsorship opportunities and said a racing sponsorship is a savings for someone who is going to race for the year.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ray McKibben reported he will be tying up PA speaker wires and moving a speaker this weekend depending on the weather. He asked for volunteers to help with this. Pat Slattery reported he noticed shingles on the ground when he was at the track recently. Ted Cradlebaugh will check into this. Cradlebaugh asked that people come assist with clean-up day on Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$250 for the deposit for the 2014 OVKA banquet at Wyndham Garden Dayton South in Miamisburg, Ohio on January 17, 2015. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

**SWAP MEET:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported the 2014 Swap Meet was a very successful event. He said there were many compliments about the new location. Cradlebaugh stated he would like to offer more education classes next year. Ray McKibben reported some vendors told him how they liked the wide-open spaces at the Hara Arena.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**WKA AGE RULE:** Ted Cradlebaugh explained WKA policy allows for a driver to petition to move up and have five board members agree to allow this based on driving ability. Mike Brown noted the driver must be observed in order for this to happen. Cradlebaugh further explained there has to be a reason for moving up, such as the driver is heavy for the class. Lynda Coombs read an email from Marie Borsuk with WKA explaining that whatever age a driver is on December 31, 2014 establishes their completion age for 2014. Exception to this is the Kid Kart, Rookie and Master classes. Pat Slattery said if they turn 16-years-old, they can still stay in the Junior class. Cradlebaugh noted all it is doing is moving the date from June 30<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Ray McKibben expressed concern about 14 and 15-year-olds racing with adults. Cradlebaugh responded we have had them in seniors already as long as they met the June 30<sup>th</sup> date. He further stated we do not have to adopt this rule and can email WKA but the problem is we will have people running WKA that this could affect. Brown explained the age advancement is not mandatory. He stated he supports this if it is what WKA is doing and said it is covered under their insurance. Cradlebaugh said it is very simple; the date was

June 30<sup>th</sup> and it is now December 31<sup>st</sup>. He also discussed that WKA has lowered the Masters age to 30-years-old or 21-years-old with driver weight of 220# with suit and no helmet. Cradlebaugh said WKA Kid Kart age is 5 to 7-years-old and ours is 5 to 8-years-old. Ray McKibben said with other WKA rules, we have waited a year. Cradlebaugh responded we have to do something today. Pat Slattery made a motion to adopt WKA's terms regarding age requirements as written. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown. Cradlebaugh noted the exceptions are Kid Karts, Rookies and Masters. Ray McKibben amended the motion with the exception to leave Master age classes as is to OVKA's current rules. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and failed with five opposed, five in favor and one abstained (roll call: Kuethe-no, Landes-yes, McCreedy-no, McKibben-yes, Slattery-no, Stafford-yes, Wagar-abstained, Boles-yes, Brown-no, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-no). Slattery's motion was then voted on and failed with eight opposed and three in favor (roll call: Landes-yes, McCreedy-no, McKibben-no, Slattery-yes, Stafford-no, Wagar-no, Boles-no, brown-yes, Coombs-no, Cradlebaugh-no, Kuethe-no).

**AGENDA ITEMS:** Mike Brown discussed a proposal he had emailed to the board:

*"1. All items placed on the agenda "MUST" provide documentation.*

*A. Documentation must be distributed in its entirety among all Board Members a minimum of (7) days before being put on the agenda for a first reading and discussion. This can be done in e-mails or at a meeting.*

*If distributed at a meeting however no discussion or reading will take place until the next month's meeting under New Business.*

*B. Item will be discussed with-in the allotted time given on the agenda and then require a motion and a vote to be placed under Old Business for a second reading and discussion at the next monthly meeting.*

*C. Item will be discussed with-in the allotted time given on the agenda under Old Business for a third and final reading only at which time a motion can be made to vote on or table (1) time the item until the next monthly meeting.*

*If no motion is made the item is declared a dead item and will fall under the failed motion guidelines.*

*D. New items not voted on or acted on for 3 consecutive meetings shall be declared a dead item and fall under the failed motion guidelines.*

*Example:*

*Power wash and paint tower: Request item is placed on the January meeting agenda.*

*Request 10 minutes under New Business.*

*12-30-13 Sent documentation to all BoD's that states why the need to paint the tower. Documentation included all materials needed to complete the project including the estimated cost and manpower.*

*January Meeting (First Reading)*

*1-7-14*

*New Business – Power wash and paint the tower. Mike Brown (10 minutes)*

*Discussion:*

*Paint the outside of the tower because it is flaking off.*

*Keep the same colors and design as it is now.*

*When: Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.*

*Need 6 – 8 people to help paint. (Ask for and identify volunteers).*

*Estimated Cost: (Detailed documentation provided in e-mails).*

*5 gallons of Gloss white \$140.00*

2 gallons of Gloss black \$60.00  
2 gallons of Gloss red \$60.00  
4 Rolling pans and rollers \$40.00  
4 Trim brushes \$40.00  
2 Art brushes \$20.00  
10 Rolls of painters tape \$ 50.00  
2 gallons of Paint thinner \$20.00  
Other \$20.00

Estimated cost \$450.00 (Not including lunch).

Action: Motion made and passed to place item on February 4<sup>th</sup> agenda under Old Business for second reading and discussion. Request 10 minutes on the February 4<sup>th</sup> agenda under Old Business.

February Meeting (Second Reading).

2-4-14

Old Business: Power wash and paint the tower. Mike Brown (15 minutes)

Item receives a second reading and discussion.

Discussion:

1. Rick Coombs: suggested resealing the cracked blocks should be done before painting and provided documentation of the type sealant and estimated cost being \$50.00 and Rick will provide (2) caulking guns.

Mike Brown: agreed to amend the motion to include sealing blocks bringing the estimated cost to \$500.00. (Not including lunch)

2. The date and time was set to paint the tower. (May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am) rain date TBD.

3. Gary Gregg: Will have the tower power washed by May 5<sup>th</sup> 2014.

4. Ted Cradlebaugh: Stated he will provide lunch.

Action:

Motion made and passed to place item on March 4<sup>th</sup> agenda under Old Business for a third and final reading and vote only.

Request 5 minutes on the March 4<sup>th</sup> agenda under Old Business.

March Meeting (Third Reading and vote only).

3-4-14

Old Business: Power wash and paint the tower. Mike Brown (5 minutes).

Item receives a third reading and a motion to accept as written. Vote (Motion passed).

Motion is now voted on to accept or reject.

Reason:

1. Improve commutation among Board Members and officers.

2. Give Board Members time to process information placed before us.

All too many times an item has been placed on the agenda for discussion and voted on where very few Board Members have any insight to the motion.

3. Items such as safety and finance's may be declared an emergency.

A motion can be made and require a second and voted on to be declared an emergency and receive a second reading and discussion followed by a third reading and a vote at one meeting, however the emergency item must still meet the required minimum (7) day documentation distributed for agenda items guidelines outlined in this proposal."

Brown said too many board members see an agenda item and some know about it and others do not. Ted Cradlebaugh responded he sees Brown's point and sometimes we vote too hastily. He said he agrees there should be a seven-day requirement for the board to know about agenda items but he

thinks three months of readings is too long. Pat Slattery said agenda requests should be in time for Lynda Coombs to get them typed up and the matter that was just voted on would be unmanageable with Brown's proposal. Brown responded his proposal includes an emergency clause. Ray McKibben said he has had members who want to see the agenda before the meeting and suggested the agenda be published on the website. Cradlebaugh said this could be done. Slattery stated the board should be able to undo a decision to which Cradlebaugh responded it can be revisited if brought up by someone on the winning side. Ken Kuethe asked what constitutes an emergency. Brown responded a safety or finance matter would be or if someone can make a case that it is an emergency. Cradlebaugh said this will give people time to digest matter and he thinks items should be voted on the second time they are discussed. Randy Landes said he is worried every minutia could get bogged down and timing might be an issue but overall he thinks it is the way to go. Lynda Coombs asked for clarification as to who provides all of the details associated with the topic. Brown said persons requesting items on the agenda would be responsible for sending out the paperwork so Coombs can have the agenda out seven days before the meeting. Aaron Banfield asked if he brings up a topic in open discussion, could it be voted on that night. Cradlebaugh said the proposal is for only an emergency. Lynda Coombs suggested if this goes forward there be an outline on the website of what information members need to submit in order for items to be on the agenda. Todd Cradlebaugh said some members want to show up and discuss things. Brown responded this would only mandate they have to provide information and there is a clause for safety and finances. Ted Cradlebaugh asked the board to think about this and tabled the matter until next month.

**2014 TECH UPDATES:** Via email on February 17, 2014, Mike Brown notified the board to be aware of WKA changes as follows:

*"103.2.1 - 103.2.2 is undergoing a wordage cleanup as we speak.  
115.1  
209.3  
212.10.5  
214.19  
214.31 undergoing update as we speak.  
253.4  
260.1.3 Gold cup only. wrong figure for man cup, man cup is 13 inches.  
Tag engine notes  
Tag header and pipe length  
706.2.5  
above are some of the highlights.  
I have provided each Board member the most up to date changes.  
There may be a WKA update before our meeting, I encourage everyone to visit the WKA website for any updates and print a copy off to bring to the meeting."*

Additionally, Brown provided the board via email with WKA tech updates which can be found on the WKA website. Brown said some areas that need to be addressed are tire changes, some helmets have been extended another year and bumper width. Jean Stafford noted replacement tires have to be similar in wear. Brown explained you have to ask first before changing a tire and the driver will start on the tail. Ted Cradlebaugh explained the exception is if it is a catastrophic failure. Brown said catastrophic would be if due to a tire manufacturer's defect. Brown said some helmets, not all, are allowed for another year and this information is in the tech update. He discussed changes to the tech procedures for the TaG combustion chamber. Stafford said TaG drivers absolutely have to bring homologation papers, as there is information that is specific to every engine. Brown responded he has those papers. Cradlebaugh said he wants to be sure tech updates get online.

**FLAGS:** Ted Cradlebaugh said new flags are needed which he will purchase.

**DIRECTOR'S & OFFICERS INSURANCE:** On behalf of Jason Gregg, Rick Coombs reported the premium of \$3,162 is due for the D & O policy.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TRANSPONDERS:** Lynda Coombs reported two transponders were purchased at the Swap Meet and it would be helpful to have several more. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if anyone becomes aware of transponders for sale to please let us know.

**LIGHTS:** Ted Cradlebaugh is working with Drew Young to assess the lighting needs at the track. Cradlebaugh and Young will be going to the track once the weather clears.

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Ted Cradlebaugh has a couple of potential photographers and will continue to work on this.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**RACE FORMAT:** Pat Slattery proposed having a five-minute qualifying session. He said this would provide eight to ten laps to get the fastest lap. Slattery stated he thinks this will be a faster way to qualify and would be a win-win. Ted Cradlebaugh responded the drivers will have to learn how to do that, not be pushing and understand how it works. Todd Cradlebaugh said he thinks it would be neat. Slattery said he would not want to use this format on the short track. Ted Cradlebaugh will determine which race we will try this.

**420 PIPE LENGTH:** Jeff Roberts proposed changing the pipe length on the 420 engines from the current 18" to 25" to a maximum length to 28". He explained there are some pipes on the market that are that long. Pat Slattery asked why there has to be a maximum as long as they are within the safety area. Jean Stafford said he disagrees with this change and discussed harmonics and backpressure. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if the length is going to help it to which Stafford responded the length is going to change it. Luke Roberts said he does not want to change his pipe. Kerin Banfield asked if we're an out-of-the-box class and 28" pipes are available on the internet, could we go with it. Cradlebaugh said it needs to be decided as long as it is not a safety hazard. Jeff Roberts stated WKA has silencer requirements but no pipe length. Stafford said the more you open it up, the more people will be disadvantaged. Stafford provided an explanation of the speed of sound and how it relates to pipe length. Carlson Bogan said he does not see why we can't let them do it. Jeff Roberts made a motion to change the current pipe on the 420 classes from 18"-25" to 18"-28". The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar. Jean Stafford, seconded by Josh Wagar, amended the motion to include a provision to wait until after the balance of karters in that class are talked to at the first race of the season. Cradlebaugh noted there are six of them here. Brown said there is a 30-day wait for a rule change. Stafford's amendment failed with seven opposed and four in favor (roll call: McCready-no, McKibben-yes, Slattery-no, Stafford-yes, Wagar-yes, Boles-no, Brown-no, Coombs-yes, Cradlebaugh-no, Kuethe-no, Landis-no). Roberts' motion was then voted on and passed with

nine in favor, one opposed and one abstained (McKibben-yes, Slattery-yes, Stafford-no, Wagar-yes, Boles-yes, Brown-yes, Coombs-abstained, Cradlebaugh-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes).

**SENIOR CLONE RULES:** Jeff Roberts discussed proposed Senior Clone rules and said he would like to add a couple of specifications for the 212 engines. He provided a handout that included WKA rules blended with his proposals. Roberts provided samples of three mufflers and discussed hole size. He said it does not specify if it has to be clamped or welded. Mike Brown responded it says no welding to which Roberts said he is fine with clamping. Roberts explained everything is the same with the three pipes except for where it clamps on. Brown said every four-cycle out there runs the 91L, which WKA mandates. Randy Landes noted this is a local option class within OVKA and run what they want. Don Boles responded you want to run 202 and 196 engines and it needs to be fair to both. Aaron Banfield asked if there are written rules for the 212 engine to which Cradlebaugh responded no, we were going off WKA. Brown said there is no specification for the 212, which he would like to see. Banfield asked if the matter can be tabled to allow time to look into it and get with his engine builder. Cradlebaugh agreed. Brown said the only thing he would be opposed to is if the muffler is welded on. Bogan reported drivers had been told the pipes would be cut off if they thought something was wrong with them. Cradlebaugh stated we need to get to a point where we write it down and go with it. Brown said he would like to know why they waited all year and wait until now to bring it up. He further stated we have been waiting three years for specifications. Aaron Banfield said he can't go to a local shop and purchase a hemi; that it has to be ordered from California. He further stated if the hemi head is allowed in a 420 or 220, it gets into a spending competition. Banfield also said you can't get a hemi head at any Harbor Freight. Jeff Roberts responded there are three or four different SKUs and the hemi head can be identified by the SKU. Banfield stated he does not feel they are readily available. Brown recommended deciding which rules they want from the WKA tech manual. Cradlebaugh said he is to the point he is ready to go with WKA rules since every race there is something new. Brown explained the 212 rules are basically already written in WKA. He said it needs to be figured out if they want builder prepared specs or open rules. Aaron Banfield said you ran more people off by not having rules. Pat Slattery stated you need one motor and one set of specs. Cradlebaugh asked that a meeting be held to discuss this further and asked that Clone racers attend. Persons identified to participate or obtain input from are Carlson Bogan, Mike Brown, Rick Coombs, Ted Cradlebaugh, A.R. Gardner, Jeff and Luke Roberts, Jean Stafford and any Clone racers. Cradlebaugh will make arrangements for the meeting.

**RACING4VETS:** On behalf of the Racing4Vets organization, Jon Stone presented OVKA with a plaque in appreciation of their support. He explained five veterans got to race last season and asked for continued support for two entrants this year. Ray McKibben asked if a donation to the organization would be more helpful than an end-of-year jacket to which Stone said yes. Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Rick Coombs, motioned to provide two entries, two gate passes and three gallons of fuel per event for the Racing4Vets organization. The motion passed unanimously. Aaron Banfield noted points from Clone Heavy do not carry over to Clone Lite. Cradlebaugh explained there is no substituting the kart.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Slattery at 10:36 p.m., seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, and passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 20, 2014, Danbarry Cinema, 3479 South Dixie Highway, Middletown, OH 45044
- Tim's Motorsports Show – Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22, 2014, Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima, OH
- Race Cars and Future Stars Expo – Friday, March 28 through Sunday, March 30, 2014, Miami Valley Centre Mall, Piqua, OH
- OVKA Track Clean-Up Day – Saturday, March 29, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., G & J Kartway, Camden, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2014, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Ted Cradlebaugh – Follow up with Jason Gregg regarding fuel tank payment, talk with Gary Gregg regarding insurance for a small trailer, check on need for shingle repair, order new flags, work with Drew Young to assess the lighting needs at the track, locate a photographer.
- Ray McKibben – Tie up PA speaker wires and move a speaker.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** A. Banfield, K. Banfield, C. Bogan, A. Calvert, B. Calvert, J. Calvert, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, Todd Cradlebaugh, R. May, V. Oatts, J. Roberts, L. Roberts, D. Schroeder, J. Stone and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/23/14.