

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate. Cradlebaugh extended sympathy to the family of Carlson Bogan who passed away May 10th. Sympathy was also extended to Amy Werner upon the passing of her father, to Jim Randolph whose brother passed away recently and the Withrow family upon the passing of Doug Withrow.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the May 6, 2014 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Coombs reported appreciation was expressed by the Cradlebaugh and Werner families for honoring their loved ones. Coombs read a letter of thanks from the FISH Party at Camden United Methodist Church for the monetary donation and food items provided from the Charity Race. A congratulations card was read from the Withrow family upon the 50th anniversary of OVKA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances. Gary Gregg discussed gate income being lower at New Castle and Circleville. Josh Wagar responded New Castle has a free spectator area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OVKA 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Josh Wagar reported plans are proceeding to recognize the 50th anniversary of OVKA. Commemorative thermal cups are available for sale and hats are in the works. Heather Cradlebaugh is 99% finished with a commemorative booklet, which will be sold at the Champ Race. Each booklet will be numbered which will be a chance for the prize drawings. Ray McKibben suggested taking pre-orders for the booklets to which Heather responded that would require someone to do the accounting. Wagar said the booklets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Following discussion, it was determined to order 300 booklets. Wagar explained a time capsule will be buried on Saturday at the Champ Race.

CHAMP RACE COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh reported no one has stepped up to chair the Champ Race but a number of people have offered to help the day of the event. He reported food will be provided by Luigi's Catering. Ray McKibben discussed pricing for a dunk tank verses a balloon drop. Cradlebaugh said he thinks the balloon drop will attract more people. The Racing4Vets group will take care of games. Cradlebaugh noted the gate fees will remain the same as last year with Saturday at \$20, which covers both days. Sunday gate fee will be \$10 and will only be available on Sunday. He explained the timeframe on Saturday will be moved up by one hour to get the event going earlier.

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:

- Don Boles and Ray McKibben will assist with set up at the Lebanon Blues Festival on Saturday, August 2, 2014. Boles said it is best to have four people working the booth so there is coverage to take a break.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported sponsorship is in good shape and there are just enough sponsors to cover the classes. He thanked everyone who reserved pit spots, which goes toward ambulance expenses. McCready explained he walked the pit spot map, which will be updated, then go to press. He said non-reserved spots can be held for \$50 for the season. Heather Cradlebaugh reported she sold some billboard space. Ted Cradlebaugh stated John Horn will be providing stickers in memory of Carlson Bogan. Ted Cradlebaugh said pit spots need to be painted this season.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed making sure the track is sealed when the season is over. Gary Gregg reported the person who was going to do it last year never showed up. Cradlebaugh said the gate shack was painted but is in need of repair. He thanked the volunteers who helped with this project. Ray McKibben suggested checking into a pre-built structure with windows at Home Depot or Lowes to which Cradlebaugh agreed.

SWAP MEET: Ted Cradlebaugh said Doug Benson did a great job coordinating the Swap Meet earlier this year and Benson has agreed to oversee it next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

WORKER SAFETY: Ted Cradlebaugh discussed the recent incident involving one of the track workers and reported he is doing well. He reminded everyone that when there is a red flag, do not enter the track until karts have come to a stop. He further stated that drivers are to raise their hand and come to a slow stop, not slam on their brakes. Cradlebaugh reported red lights have been installed and were tested with the Senior Y Pipe drivers. The drivers found them difficult to see during the day. Cradlebaugh said the location of the lights is fine but they don't catch the driver's eyes in daylight but he thinks they will be great at night. Ray McKibben thanked John Powers and John Twin for their assistance installing the lights and suggested putting something reflective behind them. Cradlebaugh reported Rick Harris has offered red lights from old ambulances he has and will help with installation. Randy Landes discussed the size of lights on ambulances and said rectangular lights are very bright and conspicuous. He noted the ones we have now are a single point of light. Ken Kuethe asked if the current lights can be flipped on and off to which Cradlebaugh responded yes and we will be getting a flasher. Randy Landes discussed an incident involving a kart that had flipped and said people need to remain calm. Aaron Banfield suggested painting a line and the word "stop" at the exit near his pit area. Gary Gregg responded you need to enforce there is no exiting in that location to which Cradlebaugh agreed. McKibben discussed people not wearing appropriate race wear on non-race days. Lynda Coombs said Gary Gregg has told her he wants us to take responsibility to say something to them. She further stated all of us, whether race officials, general members or board members need to take ownership of making sure safety is addressed at all times.

PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE: Ted Cradlebaugh explained he will be working in Chicago, which will make it difficult to be President and not be at board meetings. Jeff Roberts suggested using Skype as a way for Cradlebaugh to participate. Cradlebaugh said he would be able to meet every other month on Friday evenings or he can step down. He explained he does not want to make people change every meeting to Friday night. Gary Gregg stated meetings used to be on Sunday mornings.

Lynda Coombs asked if for the sake of consistency, could all monthly meetings be moved to Friday. Gregg responded he sees no problem with that. Cradlebaugh will keep the board informed as more details about his job situation become available.

OLD BUSINESS:

LIGHTS: Ted Cradlebaugh reported he talked with Drew Young and with the cost of lighting, we are better off to continue renting lights. Cradlebaugh and Ray McKibben met with the owner of Beavercreek Rental and they are willing to assist us and we will provide sponsorship benefits. Cradlebaugh explained when we run the small track three lights will be needed and five lights for the long track. There will be a delivery fee for three lights and when we use five lights, we might have to pick up two of them.

BOARD MEETING ROOM: Ted Cradlebaugh said he plans to keep the board meetings at the current location.

OVKA 420 RULES: Jeff Roberts reported the 420 class will get together on June 14th to tear down motors and get some specifications.

FLAGS & CONES: Ted Cradlebaugh reported six new yellow flags have been purchased and he will be replacing other flags. He said cones have been replaced and the new ones are taller and very visible. Ray McKibben thanked Pat Slattery for picking up the cones.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

CLUB BUSINESS: Gary Gregg said we are actually running the club as a business and we should not have fifteen egos and do things out of spite. He further stated OVKA is in the entertainment business and we need to look at each other and flip chips off our shoulders. Ted Cradlebaugh said matters have been addressed. Gregg discussed our kart count compared to other racing venues and said he thinks we are doing well. Doug Benson asked if we know where new people are coming from. Ray McKibben responded he knows some learned about the club through the local newspaper, the Cavalcade Show and yard signs. Cradlebaugh said he there are people who came to our Swap Meet then started racing with us. McKibben suggested looking at ways to market the Swap Meet more since it is centrally located in the Dayton area. Benson replied he plans to advertise in Auto Trader and he wished we could get a well-known racer to come. Heather Cradlebaugh suggested instead of offering any date for DARF members, have a specific DARF date.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION: Ted Cradlebaugh nominated Jeff Roberts to the OVKA Board of Directors. Randy Landes seconded the nomination. Lynda Coombs explained the by-laws specify nominees be present the month before they are nominated which Roberts was, the month of their nomination and then voted on in executive session the following month.

GREAT LAKES SPRINT SERIES: Ted Cradlebaugh reported the Great Lakes Sprint Series will be racing at G & J Kartway in two weeks. GLSS will extend the OVKA entry fee of \$35 to our members and offer half off on camping and gate fee. They run the same tires as OVKA but run the can instead of the pipe.

CIRCLEVILLE: Ray McKibben reported Bill Davis with Circleville is making a lot of changes and working hard to improve their club. McKibben said they would like us to have our race schedule out sooner and have a stronger relationship with us. Ted Cradlebaugh noted their classes are a lot different from ours and they offer 80cc shifters, four-hole can and the old style pipe. Cradlebaugh said they are having a Saturday night race the evening before our Sunday event there.

2015 RACE SCHEDULE: Ted Cradlebaugh said to keep in mind as next year's race schedule is designed that Trinity Racing would like us to run a race at Motorsports Country Club of Cincinnati.

VINTAGE KARTING ASSOCIATION: Ted Cradlebaugh reported the Vintage Karting Association will be at G & J Kartway July 31 through August 2, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: Ted Cradlebaugh, seconded by Rick Coombs, made a motion to adjourn at 9:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- Great Lakes Sprint Series – June 13 - 15, 2014, G & J Kartway, Camden, OH
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 1, 2014, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- WKA Gold Cup – July 11-13, G & J Kartway, Camden, OH
- Vintage Karting Association – July 31–August 2, 2014, G & J Kartway, Camden, OH
- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 2, 2014, Lebanon, OH

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Don Boles – Assist with the Lebanon Blues Festival event on Saturday, August 2, 2014.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Replace flags.
- Lee McCready – Finalize pit spot map.
- Ray McKibben – Assist with the Lebanon Blues Festival event on Saturday, August 2, 2014.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Banfield, J. Calvert, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, H. Cradlebaugh, T. Melton, J. Roberts and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 6/25/14.