

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and that people who would like to speak raise their hand.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the October 7, 2014 with a correction that Luke Roberts offered to provide 4" by 6" racer photos at a cost of \$100 for the banquet. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Brown out of the room at time of vote). Coombs reported a thank you letter was received from Caring Hearts of Ohio for OVKA's donation in memory of Randy Landes' mother.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances. Reconciliation with G & J Kartway in the amount of approximately \$12,000 still needs to take place.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**OVKA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Josh Wagar said the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities went pretty well. Ray McKibben is going to have the time capsule marker engraved with wording provided by Wagar. The time capsule still needs to be buried. Brandon Calvert won the trivia contest and will receive free entries for the 2015 season.

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:**

Ted Cradlebaugh reported a trailer was purchased from Jerry Ulm and has been equipped with supplies for show events. Ray McKibben discussed purchasing tables for the show booth and locks for the trailer. Cradlebaugh responded he will make these purchases. He explained anyone who plans to use the trailer needs to contact him first and said the trailer just fits in the garage. McKibben added the trailer needs to be pulled out of the garage by hand. Cradlebaugh reported Jeff Roberts is to get with him about OVKA graphics for the sides of the trailer. He explained the bill of sale is coming and plates will need to be purchased which Gary Gregg will handle, as well as checking into insurance. McKibben suggested insuring the contents. Cradlebaugh asked Josh Wagar to coordinate the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show being held January 9 through 11, 2015. Wagar will be contacting potential volunteers to staff the show booth. Wagar made a motion to appropriate up to \$1,000 for booth space and electric hookup at the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Cradlebaugh said a couple of karts will be needed to display. Randy Landes reported the Tim Nickles/Lima Racing and Auto Parts Swap Meet is coming up later this month at the Allen County Fairgrounds. Cradlebaugh will check into it and Mike Brown will help if he is available.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready inquired if the pit spot map was published on the OVKA web site. Ted Cradlebaugh responded there are some numbers that need to be changed. McCready asked if the unpaid pit spot had been taken care of to which Cradlebaugh said not yet but

he knows who owes it. McCready said this is a good time for people to make suggestions for next year about pit spots. Cradlebaugh plans to work with McCready on pit spots next season. He asked Rick Coombs and Gary Gregg to discuss adding a pit lane all the way back in order to add more pit spots. Cradlebaugh said next year the plan is to have a place to park cars and allow one car per pit spot. Brent Warren asked if there is any plan to mark pit spots as there was a lot of confusion. Cradlebaugh responded all pit spots will have numbers and be marked reserved on the ones people pay for. He explained after April 1, pit spots become free game if they have not been paid for. Don Boles said most pit spots are not designed for 25-foot trailers. Rick Coombs asked if there needs to be an adjustment to pit spot fees to cover the ambulance. McCready responded we covered the cost of the ambulance this year. McKibben asked what the cost is to reserve spots other than the assigned ones. McCready responded the cost is \$50. Cradlebaugh noted while these spots are good, they are not the premium pit spots. Pat Slattery said he thinks the fee for these spots should be \$100 to which Cradlebaugh agreed. McKibben suggested this option be advertised better. McCready discussed problems that occurred with long trailers getting in and out. Lynda Coombs said she thought the length was to be specified on the pit spot form. McCready explained people seldom include that information.

#### **TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Gary Gregg explained he called a person about track repairs. Ray McKibben is going to bring equipment to fill the cracks on Saturday, November 15, 2014; rain cancels. Ted Cradlebaugh said the crack sealant needs to be ordered which he will take care of. Cradlebaugh explained a window guard is needed over the front tower windows. This was attempted at the clean-up day but the material was wrong. He asked if there is anyone in construction who could take care of this at a low cost. Cradlebaugh said measurements need to be taken for replacement plywood for the scale house. Ray McKibben dropped off amplifiers for repair. Cradlebaugh thanked Brent Warren and Scott Young for helping with the PA system this year.

**RULEBOOK COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar explained there will be a Rules Committee meeting this coming Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Full Throttle. He noted this past Saturday, November 1, 2014, was the deadline for submitting suggestions. Mike Brown said the committee needs to be aware that for WKA the X30 carburetor is going to have an exchange program. Brown said you need to make sure you send the identification number with the carburetor. Pat Slattery stated the ID number is a letter and four numbers. Brown explained doing this will cut down on counterfeit carburetors coming into this country from Canada. He stated the replacement carburetor goes into effect at Daytona and by the second WKA race, you have to have an identification card for the whole X30 motor in post-tech. Brown said information can be found on the WKA website including a phone number. Josh Wagar responded if it is in the WKA tech manual then we roll with it. Ted Cradlebaugh said this information needs to be on the OVKA website. Randy Landes asked how the passport is obtained. Brown explained the engine builders will have it as they can go on a computer and see if it's a legal motor then make the ID card. Brown reported WKA is adding a new Rookie Comer K80 class that will require a stamped restrictor that is being provided free of charge. He said a Stock Moto Shifter class is being adding and there is talk about making it a money race. Cradlebaugh responded we have Shifters on our class structure. Slattery reported there is a new TaG and WKA kept the Y pipe. Ray

McKibben asked about the junior classes moving from 6.0 to 7.10 tires. Brown responded in Gold Cup, Sportsman will be allowed to run 6.00s and Juniors 7.10s. He said he does not know about the Man Cup side and will be surprised if they do it. McKibben stated right now we allow 6.00s in juniors and he thinks as a club, we should make it optional. Cradlebaugh said 6.00s on Sportsman will slow them down. Brown discussed our current tire rule that if you change tires, you go to the tail. He said everybody that changes tires goes through him or one of his tech people. Brown further stated countless people have told him they don't care they go to the tail. Wagar read rule 403.1 and pointed out that it is to be for only provable malfunctions of tires. Brown responded another area of the rulebook says they go to the tail for like tires. He reported some have come with one tire then changed all tires. McKibben stated he thinks if it is a catastrophic issue, they should not have to start on the tail. Cradlebaugh responded he thinks the rule has been applied wrong. He further stated if you get caught changing tires without Brown's approval, you are disqualified for the day. Cradlebaugh explained the catastrophic part was a WKA rule that we started allowing and asked Brown to look it up. Brown responded it might be a WKA rule. Cradlebaugh said we will fix this. Wagar said he thinks rule 403 covers the issue.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** Rick Coombs reported banquet preparations are coming along. He discussed a matter with the Yamaha Rookie Sportsman class where the Board approved to pay back four places last month. He said there is a fifth racer who would not receive anything. Ted Cradlebaugh explained the racer started in Kid Karts then moved to Yamaha Rookie Sportsman. Having been on the prevailing side of last month's vote, Cradlebaugh made a motion to go back to fifth place in the Yamaha Rookie Sportsman class. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously. Coombs said the annual mailing will go out in a few weeks. He reported people have been offering to volunteer at the event. Ted Cradlebaugh said he will check with Keith Freber about the quantity of tires that will be provided through sponsorship. Ray McKibben asked if anyone has a projector or one will need to be rented. Coombs will check into whether a screen is available.

**SWAP MEET:** Ray McKibben said Doug Benson is considering having racing simulators at the Swap Meet. Ted Cradlebaugh will talk with Tim Nickles about this and explained Nickles charges for them but it may be worth considering. Cradlebaugh reported flyers will be going up on Facebook. He said Benson has been receiving phone calls about the event. Mike Brown asked that the 2-cycle, 4-cycle and Race Official certification classes be included on the flyers. Cradlebaugh will follow up with Benson about this. Lynda Coombs asked for a large supply of flyers for the Cavalcade show, banquet and Indy show.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**DARF BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported three OVKA class champions have been selected to be invited to the DARF Banquet of Champions on Saturday, December 6, 2014.

**2015 OFFICERS:** Ted Cradlebaugh said 2015 officer nominations will take place at the December 2, 2014 board meeting. He explained if no board members are interested in the positions, nominations are then open to general members.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**CHARITY RACE:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported there was a good turnout with 73 entries at the Charity Race. He said people had a lot of fun and proceeds will go to two good causes – Higher Heights Church of God Food Pantry in Camden and DARF. Cradlebaugh reported proceeds amounted to \$3,856.50 and he would like to round up to \$4,000 with \$2,000 going to each organization. A check will be mailed to Higher Heights Church of God and Cradlebaugh will present a check to DARF at their banquet. Lynda Coombs reported a thank you letter was sent to Gratis EMS for their generosity in donating EMS services for the Charity Race.

**KART RETRIEVAL VEHICLE:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported replacement tires are ready for Gary Gregg to have installed on the kart retrieval vehicle. Gregg explained batteries cost around \$600 and Cradlebaugh suggested moving ahead with this. Mike Brown inquired about switching to 12-volt. Don Boles responded they don't have as much power to which Brown disagreed and said it's the torque. Cradlebaugh stated when it's time to get batteries we will look into it. Both Brown and Boles know of some places to purchase batteries. Cradlebaugh said next year the windshield needs to be replaced and the vehicle needs to be painted.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**SPIRIT FOR RACING:** Virgil Oatts discussed the Spirit for Racing Program he has been working on for five years that would provide opportunities for youth to be involved in karting. Currently, there are 17 children ages 8 to 14-years-old who are interested. Oatts plans on getting involved in the Clone classes with five karts and he would like to go with the 196 smaller engine. Gary Gregg said the 212 and 196 engines are almost the same. Don Boles noted the 212 engines can be purchased at Harbor Freight. Oatts asked if the board would be willing to provide one master membership to blanket cover all of the youth in the organization. Ted Cradlebaugh said he thinks what Oatts is doing is great and is sure the club will help in some way. Ray McKibben offered to provide a chassis. Mike Brown suggested Oatts contact Steve Baker with Baker Racing Engines to see if he would be interested in helping with 206 engines. Brown explained the 206 engine can be used from Kid Karts clear up to Senior classes just by changing the carburetor. Josh Wagar made a motion to add a Kid Kart, Sportsman, Junior and Senior 206 class to the non-active classes portion of the 2015 class structure and they will follow WKA rules. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh. Pat Slattery asked if this includes running this engine with the current Kid Karts to which Cradlebaugh said yes. Slattery said since it is way faster, everybody will go buy that engine. Brown explained at regional races, they were separated and that if you are going to draw 206 drivers, you're probably going to start to draw at the Kid Kart level. He further stated the Gold Cup runs 206 engines. Cradlebaugh said he sees issues with the 206's running with the Comer's in Kid Karts, but leave it as is and address it if it becomes a problem. Following further discussion, the motion was voted on and passed with nine in favor, one opposed and one abstained (roll call: Cradlebaugh-yes, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-yes, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Slattery-no, Wagar-yes, Boles-yes, Brown-yes, Coombs-abstained). Cradlebaugh asked Oatts to get something together, bring it to the board and said we will help you.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Mike Brown made a motion to freeze the board until it gets down to nine members or for one year. The motion was seconded by Don Boles. Pat Slattery asked if there is a reason we would do this. Brown responded it seemed when there were lower numbers on the board things got done, there was better camaraderie and he feels we do better with lower numbers. Ted Cradlebaugh said he does not feel we have an issue. Mike Rean asked if it is voted to freeze the board, does that mean nobody gets to be nominated. Josh Wagar responded the last time we froze the board, it was for one year or until the number dropped below nine. Gary Gregg said he thinks we ought to leave it as is so there are opportunities for new blood to which Slattery agreed. Ray McKibben stated he sees where Brown is coming from and it helps keep people from coming with their own agendas. Wagar asked if we would be sending a message we're trying to be more exclusive to which Cradlebaugh responded sure you are. Cradlebaugh further stated we want to get people involved to improve the club. Slattery said he sees Brent Warren here who contributes more than anybody and we don't want to exclude people like him. McKibben said he hates to invoke Brown's own rule that there needs to be seven-day notice so this should be tabled until next month. Brown responded it's not operational. Cradlebaugh explained it has to be a financial or safety matter to be addressed tonight. Brown withdrew his motion.

**JANUARY BOARD & ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:** Ted Cradlebaugh noted there will be a regular January board meeting on January 6, 2015, as well as the annual general membership meeting prior to the banquet.

**BOARD MEETING LOCATION:** Lynda Coombs explained the general manager at Hampton Inn has offered the month of January 2015 at no cost if we continue to hold our monthly meetings here.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Josh Wagar, seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh, made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2015, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show – Friday through Sunday, January 9-11, 2015, Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH
- OVKA 2014 Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet – 2:00 p.m. (annual general membership meeting) and 4:00 p.m. (banquet registration), Saturday, January 17, 2015, Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, 9664 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH
- Indy Circle Track Show – Saturday, January 24, 2015, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN
- OVKA 2015 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 7, 2015, Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road, Dayton, OH

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Mike Brown – Assist with the Tim Nickles/Lima Racing and Auto Parts Swap Meet if available.
- Rick Coombs – Check into screen at banquet facility.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Check into the Tim Nickles/Lima Racing and Auto Parts Swap Meet, purchase tables for the show booth and locks for the trailer, work with Lee McCready on pit

spots for the 2015 season, talk with Tim Nickles about racing simulators, order crack sealant, check with Keith Freber about the quantity of tires for the banquet, contact Doug Benson about including tech certifications classes on Swap Meet flyers.

- Gary Gregg – Obtain license plates for trailer and look into insurance.
- Ray McKibben – Have time capsule marker engraved, reserve projector if none can be borrowed, provide Virgil Oatts with a chassis for his youth program.
- Josh Wagar – Coordinate Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs show.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Boles, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, L. McCreedy, R. McKibben, P. Slattery, and J. Wagar.

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** A. Calvert, B. Calvert, J. Calvert, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, G. Lutz, B. McIntosh, K. McIntosh, M. McIntosh, J. Perdue, M. Rean, V. Oatts and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 11/23/14.