

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Ted Cradlebaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and explained there is a lot to cover this evening. He asked that respect be given by letting people finish what they are saying and cell phones be turned off or put on silent. Cradlebaugh noted this is his and Randy Landes' last official meeting as officers. He explained that new business will be moved behind old business.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the December 2, 2014 as published. Josh Wagar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Coombs reported thank you notes were received from the families of Carlson Bogan and Doug Withrow for OVKA's expression of sympathy.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Ted Cradlebaugh provided bank balances. Reconciliation with G & J Kartway needs to take place. Gary Gregg reported reconciliation with Circleville has taken place.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:**

Josh Wagar discussed the Cavalcade of Customs Show coming up this weekend and said all worker shifts are covered. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he purchased tables for use at shows. He discussed the need to have 2015 schedules, rulebooks and materials to hand out at the event. Ray McKibben asked Wagar if he has any intention of changing the schedule if he is elected as president to which Wagar replied no. Cradlebaugh stated the new schedule needs to be at this show. Lynda Coombs offered to run copies Friday evening then bring them when reporting for her shift on Saturday. Heather Cradlebaugh suggested printing a small amount initially if the track configurations are going to change. Ted Cradlebaugh noted the class structure gets printed on the back side of the schedule. Tom Melton offered to assist with printing in time for the Cavalcade Show. Pat Slattery reported WKA changed the Sportsman weight so most will be switching to Cadet chassis. Josh Wagar responded he had sent an email to the board asking if they wanted to do this. Slattery said on A configuration, it gets through the corner faster. Brent Warren reported WKA also changed the weight for Rookie, which would affect Sportsman Novice. Cradlebaugh responded he sees no need to change the weights. Warren explained he spoke with most of that class and they want to run the WKA weight on the Cadet chassis. Shawn Bayliff responded they run the Cadet and he is fine with keeping it and would like to drop 15# off the kart. Cradlebaugh explained it is a mute point unless someone makes a motion. He then asked Melton to assist with printing the schedules. Heather Cradlebaugh will email a PDF schedule to Melton tonight. Ted Cradlebaugh provided a sample undated generic OVKA business card that could be printed for distribution. Melton will assist with this also with Heather Cradlebaugh providing the artwork. Ted Cradlebaugh reported he has a call into Doug Benson about obtaining Swap Meet flyers to hand out. Melton offered to have a generic Swap meet flyer printed if needed. Ray McKibben reported the OVKA DVD is in the trailer along with extra cords. He suggested looking at the tires on the trailer to which Gary Gregg said the tires are decent. Coombs explained the show booth will need to go from the Cavalcade Show to the banquet, the Indy Show then Swap Meet. Wagar said he will assist with this.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ray McKibben reported the amplifiers were checked out and have been returned. He said he and Brent Warren will be working on building a rack to hang on the wall for the amps. Warren asked if anyone has two 2" square steel sticks for building a box to hold

100#. He said 1½” could also be used. Jeff Roberts suggested going to Buckeye Steel and Shawn Bayliff offered to look into this through American Metal Supply. Ted Cradlebaugh reported the board had approved Charlie Freeburn doing the track sealing once the weather improves. Cradlebaugh will turn this project over to the incoming president.

**RULEBOOK COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar reported the final edit of the 2015 rulebook was emailed to the board this past weekend. He explained Lynda Coombs found some minor things and he has two questions; one pertaining to weights and the other regarding WKA allowing throttle and brake sensors. Mike Brown responded the reason it is in the OVKA rulebook to not allow use of these sensors is because he put it there, as it was WKA’s rule at the time. He suggested taking this out of the rulebook. Ted Cradlebaugh asked what the cost of these sensors are to which Pat Slattery responded they are not expensive and not more than \$200. Slattery further stated they are not hard to hook up and tell how much the driver is on the brake and not. Ken Kuethe said this could be a big expense potentially if a Mychron 4 has to be purchased. Slattery responded they are \$300. Cradlebaugh stated there are a lot of people with these sensors already. Brown responded we catch them in pre-tech and Cradlebaugh replied there are a lot of things that don’t get caught in pre-tech. Slattery said he would like to see these sensors allowed. Cradlebaugh responded all you need to do is make a motion. Shawn Bayliff asked if WKA is allowing K1 radio telemetry that can be watched on an iPad and explained it is live data from the track to trackside. Brown responded he has not heard of this. Brown explained the sensors used to cost \$800 but have come way down in price and this is the reason why WKA changed. Slattery stated this is a good tool for parents, especially for Sportsman. Kuethe responded we hear a lot about money and that people are concerned about prices. Orie Cohen said it is up to you if you want to spend it. Ray McKibben stated we have to remember the guy working out of the back of a pickup truck. Brown suggested taking the current rule out of the rulebook. Wagar read rule 403.7, “OVKA will allow data logger systems, data acquisition systems, computers, etc. to be used during race day. Steering sensors, brake sensors and throttle position sensors must be disconnected for the entire race day. Failure to comply will result in a disqualification for the day, which must be carried in year-end points”. Slattery made a motion to remove the current 403.7 and follow WKA’s policy. The motion was seconded by Brown and passed with six in favor, four opposed and one abstained (roll call: Brown-yes, Cradlebaugh, yes, Gregg-yes, Kuethe-abstained, Landes-no, McCready-no, McKibben-no, Roberts-no, Slattery-yes, Wagar-yes, Boles-yes). Wagar asked if anyone has anything else for the rulebook. Slattery reported WKA came out with a new carburetor for the X30 that is completely different - a Tillotson. Bayliff said they eliminated the Tritan. Slattery explained it is the spec only Tillotson carb that has to be run. Cradlebaugh explained your motor needs to go to your engine builder to make sure it is not a forgery. Brown said it is not in place yet that a passport is required and it is kind of like homologation papers. Slattery reported he has received his certificate for his carb and motor. Cradlebaugh asked the board how they feel about this matter. Slattery stated it is a free carburetor and to give people some leeway. McKibben said he thought this was going to be posted and we were not going to boot them. Bayliff explained his concern is they bought old X30s and they are working on them right now. Brown responded there are counterfeit X30 engines. Slattery suggested following WKA rules to which Cradlebaugh responded we can’t if we get somebody who shows up with the other style carb. Brown explained he, Suzi Brown and Jean Stafford will be looking at these carbs. Don Boles suggested making the Champ Race the date. Brown said he agrees with Slattery to go with it and with Boles to make it the Champ Race. Jeff Roberts reported someone brought up if the 420 and Clone rules are going to be in the rulebook. Wagar responded that they will be a supplemental document and put on the website. Cradlebaugh asked why we are not doing to which Wagar said that is how it has been done. Cradlebaugh suggested these be included in the rulebook next year. Roberts discussed how it is confusing because the rulebook has Senior Clone rules and that is not our big block rules but rather a lighter build. Ray Brown suggested removing that and tell where to refer to. Roberts said

regarding the Senior Clone rules, to either add to the hard copy or remove what is in there currently. Cradlebaugh noted the 206 rules are in there. Roberts said we talked that the 206 and 212 would be run and scored as they are so close. Wagar responded at Circleville, Kerin Banfield was going to run with their 206 class using her 196 motor and the 206 was visibly faster. Roberts reported at the PRI Show, they sold him on the 206 motor and almost everyone at New Castle is switching to the 206. He further stated you can get a couple of years out of these motors with doing nothing to them and the tech guys would love them verses the Clone. Cradlebaugh stated they need to be together. Brown said he really appreciates what Roberts is trying to do with the 206 motor as these are coming and we need to reach out to find some vendors to support the motors. Lynda Coombs asked how points are to be handled to which Cradlebaugh responded the points are together for these two engines. Brown said if following Gold Cup, you can run either one and Gold Cup bodywork. Coombs asked if the class worker assignments are being removed from the rulebook as it was highlighted in red. She said she feels it is important racers know ahead of time when their class is responsible to provide workers should there be a need. Wagar explained that should not have been highlighted in red and he will look at it. Wagar asked if we need to put in that the LO and 206 will run together as one points class to which Roberts agreed and said to remove Clone. Brown discussed concerns about the inclusion of the word "intent" in rule 601.4. Wagar responded this was discussed at the Rules Committee meetings and via email. Brown said if you put the word "intent" in there, you open up for people to say they really didn't mean to. Wagar responded he looks at it the other way and it falls on the officials. Brown said a lot of the weight on this is on him and the word "intent" needs to come completely out. Wagar explained the word was put in so people who knowingly run illegally can't drop the race. He further stated if we take the word intent out, we need to take droppable DQs out entirely to which Brown responded he would support that. Pat Slattery asked what if a can lid comes off. Brown explained that falls under the meatball rule. Slattery noted the lid could be cracked. Brown said since he puts a mark on your can, you will not be disqualified for a cracked lid and if it cracks or falls off on the track that is Cradlebaugh's problem. Slattery asked what if you knew the lid was cracked. Ray Brown responded at the Rules Committee meetings it was discussed if you had two good heats then in the third heat your can comes off and it is not intentional, we don't want to ruin the two good heats. Brown asked if he is in sixth, is it fair to him you didn't put screws in? Wagar explained all the word "intent" was meant to do was give race officials the option to determine if it is droppable. He further stated we are pretty sure people knowingly run illegal and don't care because they have two drops. Brown said this should be put in the job description of the Tech Director and not the rulebook to which Slattery stated he does not see it that way. Wagar noted it Brown determines it is not droppable, there is a whole process to appeal. McKibben said he agrees there needs to be a replacement word that would accomplish all of this. Brown responded he would like to have a dollar for every time he has heard, "I didn't know that". McKibben asked about leaving it up to the Race Director to determine. Wagar offered to provide language and email it to the board. Cradlebaugh stated the Race Director has say. Brent Warren said with fuel and unsportsmanlike conduct being the two things that are not droppable, wouldn't being blatantly illegal be one too? Cradlebaugh responded the problem with last year was only having to carry fuel or unsportsmanlike conduct DQs so you could come in with an illegal motor and not have to count the DQ. Tom Melton suggested dropping the word intent and say that if you want a DQ dropped, you have to come before the board. Brown explained he is the jury and the board is the appeals committee. McKibben stated rule 304.1 gives the Race Director authority if you are found illegal. Wagar then read rule 304.1 which states, "**304.1**: Obscene language, gestures, fighting, flagrant driving infractions, illegal engines or fuel, falsification of age, the threat of physical violence and/or drugs or alcohol being consumed during practice, race or post-tech inspection will not be tolerated. Violation of any of these can result in a verbal warning, probation, or disqualification for that heat or the entire event. A driver disqualified for any of the above infractions will not be permitted to compete in additional classes, if entered in more than one class, and may be required to leave the premises. The Race Director must notify the

Board of Directors of the names, information and any further action to be considered at the next Board meeting” and said he does not see where this applies. Wagar asked if he is to add any new language to which Cradlebaugh said we are not staying with the old rule. Brown discussed the emails among the board and said the local level compares nothing to the national level. He explained he only has to tech one item at the national level and he has tried to step up our tech at OVKA in a lot of our classes. Brown said there is even a draw on who and what gets teched and about two to three things is checked every week on the karts. He further stated he has not heard any complaints how tech is done. Wagar responded he is not complaining how Brown is doing tech. Cradlebaugh thanked Brown and said he does tech well. Cradlebaugh explained in leaving the word “intent” in, they can appeal. Brown said the board didn’t have a vote on the rulebook and if the committee put it in, get ready to live with it. He then inquired about the schedule including a rain date following a Saturday race. Slattery responded that is the last race. Wagar explained the Rules Committee decided to pull the black and checkered flag language out of the rulebook. He said with racers confused with flags, we don’t need to throw one more thing at them. Wagar explained the junior board section was removed as this has not been in place for fifteen years. Brown discussed the use of definition of the word “conversant”.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE:** On behalf of Rick Coombs, Lynda Coombs reported banquet preparations are almost ready.

**SWAP MEET:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported he has a call into Doug Benson. Gary Gregg reported Appco and Martin Custom Brakes would like flyers to include in their shipments to customers.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready thanked Lynda Coombs for helping provide a new flyer, which includes two pit spot maps. This will be given out with the pit spot reservation form. McCready thanked everyone who has sent in their money and pit spot forms. He asked people in attendance to let him know their intent tonight. Dan Fiehrer inquired about the numbering of some pit spots to which McCready explained those numbers will be changed. Fiehrer discussed how some of the big RVs make it tough for others to get in their spots. McCready said the intent is to make it so people can get in their spots. Ray Brown asked if people can go down the front straight when there are no race activities going on to which Cradlebaugh responded, “Absolutely”. McCready explained there will be some adjustments made to the numbers and some moving around of trailers so they are going in the right direction. He would like to come up with some type of tape that will stick to asphalt. Don Boles said there are stencils in the tower and spray paint can be used on the grass. Shawn Bayliff said Gary Gregg mentioned a new drive to be put in to which Gregg said we are going to try. Bayliff asked about the area where his customers park. Cradlebaugh explained we will come up with a place for people to park. McCready noted the pit spot fees are \$150 for premium spots and \$100 for non-premium spots.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**FREEZING THE BOARD:** Ted Cradlebaugh said there has been about 1½ months of discussion about freezing the board and he has not seen a motion yet. Ray McKibben reported he polled the board at the last board meeting with no motion made and there is nothing more to add unless someone has a motion. Pat Slattery said he thought the matter was finished. Cradlebaugh explained he put out an email he was going to do something then Mike Brown was not happy. Brown responded withdrew the motion he had made. Brown stated McKibben did a good job polling the board and McKibben told him the motion was tabled. Cradlebaugh responded there was not a motion made. McKibben explained the matter followed the seven-day rule and was tabled. Cradlebaugh explained to table a matter, there needs to be a motion to do so and asked if anyone wants to make a motion. Gary Gregg said we need to move on.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Ted Cradlebaugh explained Jeff Roberts had asked to table election of officers but there should have been a motion to do this. Roberts responded a lot of people are concerned about the election being two to three hours before the banquet and suggested having the voting at the banquet at dinnertime. He said people can come, sign in and get their voting ballot. He noted this would force them to buy their membership if they want to vote. Cradlebaugh responded it is a great thought and is not as simple as it sounds. He explained how membership has to be checked for and paperwork filled out. Gary Gregg suggested making a ballot that cannot be copied and said he has seen voting at 2:00 p.m., after the banquet, which did not work very good and right in front of the banquet, which is where he would like to see it this year. Pat Slattery said he likes that idea and thinks it would get more people voting. He also stated he would like memberships to go from April to April. Gregg explained the current way gets the club money to start the season with. Ray McKibben suggested putting serial numbers on ballots and Tom Melton offered to make ballots that cannot be duplicated. Lynda Coombs responded she has a system in place. Coombs explained it takes time to address questions associated with membership forms and a separate table with a couple of volunteers could be put in the banquet registration area. She further stated there would need to be adequate time for everyone to get their membership paperwork taken care of, as well as their banquet registration and she thinks 4:00 p.m. is not early enough to accomplish everything with a banquet start time of 5:15 p.m. Ken Kuethe said he sees no problem with the way it is currently done. McKibben suggested forming a committee for the 2016 banquet with three people to iron out how this would work then bring it to the board. McKibben asked Roberts if he wants to tackle this to which Roberts said he is open to that. Josh Wagar made a motion to table the matter to old business next month. Mike Brown responded you're supposed to provide documentation and outline how you want it done then it goes to open discussion next month. Gary Gregg made a motion for the 2016 year we make voting of officers closer to the beginning of the banquet at 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. then withdrew the motion. Don Boles made a motion for Roberts to chair a committee to look into voting procedures. The motion was seconded by Gary Gregg and passed unanimously.

**2015 SCHEDULE:** Ted Cradlebaugh noted this has already been discussed and there will be printed copies of the schedule in time for the Cavalcade Show. The 2015 schedule will be put on the OVKA website and Tom Melton will print the first round of schedules.

**2015 CLASS STRUCTURE:** Ted Cradlebaugh said we discussed the 206 so it is done.

**DARF BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS:** Ted Cradlebaugh reported Thomas Schrage, Kerin Banfield and Jimmy Hendricks were recognized as OVKA class champions at the DARF banquet on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Cradlebaugh presented DARF with a \$2,000 check from proceeds from the Charity Race. He noted another \$2,000 was donated to the food bank in Camden. DARF has been provided booth space at the upcoming Swap Meet.

**CRASH BAGS:** Gary Gregg reported twenty crash bags will be coming in the spring.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT'S VOTE:** Gary Gregg said he wants to make sure the president has no vote so the president is the tiebreaker and we go back to Robert's Rules. Lynda Coombs noted no documentation about this was received. Gregg responded Ray McKibben was going to send it. McKibben said, "No". Ted Cradlebaugh said Gregg has to send an email to the board so we can discuss this. McKibben explained the reason the president's vote was changed was he is a board member and had lost his vote by becoming president. Gregg responded he wants to take the

president's vote away so he is only the tiebreaker because a tie is a no vote. He further explained there had been a situation with a tie vote in the past that caused problems later in the year. Gregg said to look in Robert's Rules and look at the U.S. Senate and this is the only organization he knows where the president has a vote. McKibben stated Rick Coombs said in the past, the president carried influence when the president did not have a vote. Lynda Coombs asked if there needs to be a motion, to which Pat Slattery said, "No". Cradlebaugh said Gregg has to send his documentation. Gregg responded he will send something.

**BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS:** Ted Cradlebaugh nominated Brent Warren and Jeff Calvert to the OVKA Board of Directors. The nominations were seconded by Josh Wagar. Lynda Coombs explained both nominees were present at last month's board meeting, are present this month and need to be present next month at which time they will be voted on by the board in an executive session. Gary Gregg asked if they accept the nominations to which both did so.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Mike Brown reported Nick Snell won Comer Sportsman and finished second in Yamaha Rookie at Daytona. Brown said Dakota Pesek won Y Pipe and Derek Hughes finished third.

**WKA TECH:** Gary Gregg reported John Horn told him WKA is doing tech once a year and giving you a band. Mike Brown explained you are given paperwork and all of that comes to post-tech. He said if you leave a pin out, you can get a DQ. Gregg said he would hate to have that happen for a cotter key not being in. Brown further explained they sign paperwork and register their tires and that all falls on post-tech. Lynda Coombs reported in the past we had been told we could not do once a year tech and asked if with this new policy, would OVKA be doing the same? Pat Slattery responded he had not heard about this but since they are WKA insurance, we should be able to. Ted Cradlebaugh said you heard what Brown said; you're talking about national drivers. Gregg responded he thinks we should do what they are doing. Brown stated this may not fly for the whole year. Ray Brown said they have told us we can't put juniors and seniors together and they did it at New Castle. Brown explained WKA has new people in place. Cradlebaugh said we are not WKA. Coombs explained racers have been upset in the past when she has explained WKA policy for us does not allow something. Brown said to send those people to him. Cradlebaugh and Brown both said we need to tech every race. Brown stated they are changing weights and mixing karts and racers need people checking. Shawn Bayliff asked if this is to expedite registration and explained years ago, tech was in the morning and painting after the second practice or first race, which would speed it along as racers, came off the track. Brown explained painting cannot be done when the motors are hot because the paint won't stick and he gets burned. He said some people forget to get painted. Brown said this was dumped on our tech team and he does not think we could do it any faster. Bayliff responded he agrees with that. Slattery explained he doesn't usually tech with the motor and tires he races with and it is easy to forget to go back. Brown said to bring both to tech and the majority of people have gotten used to how it is done. Gregg stated four or five people are needed to tech. Brown responded they gave him one more so there are three. Gregg explained the reason registration is not done online is because they take 5%. Cradlebaugh added we don't pay someone to do registration throughout the week.

**CLOSING REMARKS:** Ted Cradlebaugh said on behalf of Randy Landes and himself, they say thank you for putting up with us. Don Boles responded we thank you for giving us your time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Don Boles, seconded by Josh Wagar, made a motion to adjourn at 9:31 p.m.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- 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 – 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 Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2015, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)
- OVKA 2015 Swap Meet – Saturday, February 7, 2015, Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road, Dayton, OH
- DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Show – Friday through Sunday, March 13-15, 2015, Centre City Mall, Piqua, OH.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Shawn Bayliff – Look into steel tubing for building a rack for the amplifiers.
- Mike Brown – Coordinate the DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Show.
- Rick & Lynda Coombs – Coordinate the Indy Circle Track Show.
- Heather Cradlebaugh – Email PDF 2015 schedule and art work for undated business cards to Tom Melton tonight.
- Gary Gregg – Follow up about crash bags in the spring, send documentation to the board regarding the president's vote.
- Tom Melton – Assist with printing of 2015 schedule/class structure and undated generic business cards, assist with printing of 2015 generic Swap Meet flyers if needed.
- Jeff Roberts – Chair a committee to look into voting procedures.
- Josh Wagar – Coordinate Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs show, assist with transferring show booth.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** S. Bayliff, R. Brown, J. Calvert, O. Cohen, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, H. Cradlebaugh, D. Fiehrer, G. Lutz, T. Melton, B. Schroeder, D. Schroeder, M. Walters and B. Warren.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 1/21/15.