

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. He asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the July 7, 2015 board meeting minutes with the correction of a typographical error on page four, "the" instead of "that", when discussing radios and the July 11, 2015 special board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Josh Wagar provided bank balances. Wagar reported trophies for the Champ Race were distributed to the Yamaha Junior Heavy class at the July 11, 2015 race. Rick Coombs said we have sold approximately 100 pit spots and suggested we not spend any surplus keeping in mind the proceeds go towards EMS expenses and should be saved for future years when we don't have a surplus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Jeff Calvert reported the Rollin' on the River event went well and said they talked with a lot of people. He heard attendance was around 10,000 people. Calvert extended thanks to Ted and Heather Cradlebaugh and Reid Smith for their help and Gary Schroeder for making arrangements for the spot. Josh Wagar asked that the names and volunteer hours be provided to Lynda Coombs. Ted Cradlebaugh reported the Lebanon Blues Festival had an excellent turnout and thanked Lee McCready for securing an excellent spot for us. Cradlebaugh explained they set up the entire booth under a canopy and stabilized it with bungee cords. Wagar said the display looked very good. Cradlebaugh said he would like to get more videos for shows. Brent Warren asked about the time-lapse video that was shown at the banquet. Wagar explained it would not play on our DVD player. Cradlebaugh suggested looking into another DVD player. Ray McKibben offered to reformat the video. Wagar reported we will be unable to participate in the Renegade Custom Car Show due to our race at New Castle being on the same day. He stated Ted Cradlebaugh and Lynda Coombs are handling the Vintage Karting Association event.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Josh Wagar said Lee McCready is doing a great job.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Ray McKibben reported six new radios, four new headsets and a bulk charger have come in. He said the new radios work great and they are fully compatible with our old radios. McKibben suggested trying to sell the four old Maxon radios on eBay. Warren reported time was spent auditioning different PA horns with two determined to be the best. He noted there is a significant price difference in the two he provided to the board to inspect with one costing \$30 and the other \$175. Wagar stated he like the \$30 one to which Warren responded you need to hold it as they are pretty different. McKibben explained the mounting hardware on the \$30 one uses plastic and he has concerns about it lasting a couple years and we want it to last. He further stated it sounds good but in the long run it is cheap. Warren discussed reutilizing what's already there and adding 38 drivers and 20 horns. He thanked Scott Young for coming out last night to assist with testing the voice and music through the horns. Warren explained a volume discount is available. Brian Schroeder stated they turn on the radio and asked if this would be for just the back row. Warren responded what we have now is not sufficient and is not set up properly. McKibben explained with the wind coming out of the west, we are blasting into that and motorhomes and canopies block the sound. He further explained Gary Gregg listened to the horns last night when

they tried four different ones with two different drivers each. McKibben reported they want to put in waterproof junction boxes. Ken Kuethe asked if the bracket is the biggest difference and how many brackets can we buy for \$130? Warren responded don't look at it that way and discussed how someone has to go out there and fix it with a bucket truck. Randy Landes asked why they would sell it this way if it is not successful. Warren responded it is a Chinese reproduction of a \$300 horn and has a really attractive price. Ted Cradlebaugh said with all of the announcements made throughout the day, he can't hear them. Wagar asked for the total cost for everything. McKibben responded we are checking with someone on wire and the cost can go way up which is another factor. Wagar said we can't make decisions until we have an out-the-door price. Cradlebaugh suggested making it a three stage project and not do it all at once. He further stated if we bought all of this, he doesn't think we would have it all up this year. Warren said all of this has to be planned together otherwise there can be conflict called destructive cancellation. He reported he has seen wire pricing at 50 cents to \$2.00 per foot. Don Boles offered to check into drivers and bells. Following further discussion, Warren said he thinks the two horns will perform the same but longevity-wise is where he thinks there will be a problem. Wagar responded for the difference in price, he is probably willing to take a chance. Warren expressed concern about the horns holding up in the weather. Pat Slattery suggested going with the cheaper horns. Kuethe stated we will replace the horns four times before we get to the price of the other horn. Warren said if you haven't been in a bucket truck, while the labor is free, you have to have somebody volunteer to do it. Cradlebaugh responded to keep track of your hours and the President should give you a V. Jeff Roberts said we could put a disk over top the horns since Warren is saying it is the longevity. Warren discussed how wires have been getting wet causing most of the problems and said junction boxes are probably \$20 apiece. Warren reviewed pricing for drivers and both types of horns explaining junction boxes and wires would be extra. The lower cost horns and drivers were estimated to be \$600 and \$800 respectively plus approximately \$1,000 for cable. The higher priced horns and drivers were estimated to be \$3,350 and \$800 respectively plus cable at \$1,000. Warren stated if it was his track, he would rip everything out and start over. He further stated the numbers he gave are for half of it, the new, and we can reuse some horns and replace drivers. Gary Gregg asked how many horns are needed per pole to which Warren explained depending on which pole, it could be 4, 3, 2 or 1 with a total of 38. Warren said that should be enough when generators and karts are running. Kuethe responded if that's how loud we're going for, we don't need to and he is right in front and can't hear when karts are going. Warren explained only one of the horns by Kuethe is working. Rick Coombs made a motion to appropriate \$3,000 to put up (20) \$30 horns on the new poles with the better drivers. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. During further discussion, Warren explained we need to do it right by using aerial cable, not burial cable. Coombs clarified this motion is just for the new back section and we can work on the front later. Warren said what he has done so far hasn't helped to which Cradlebaugh responded the new section should help that. Warren noted people say it is better in certain areas. Kuethe said he is confused; we have a \$3,000 motion and this doesn't seem to be money well spent by the impression he's getting. McKibben responded it is a good start. Kuethe stated he does not see Warren as being very accepting of this. Warren responded we've got a board and I told you what I would do. Randy Landes asked if we have enough amps to power this. Warren explained with the 70 volt system, we don't have to be concerned with the impedance. Jeff Roberts extended thanks to the guys for their help with. Wagar agreed and said they put a lot of time and effort into it, he appreciates everything they have done and we are trying to understand. Warren stated if money was no object, he would get the black horns. The motion was then voted on and passed unanimously. Wagar reported the pavilion walkway was inspected by Mark Ferguson who said it is fine structurally. Ferguson provided ideas of ways to make it better. Coombs reported a new tile line was installed to get rid of the excess water in turn one vicinity then Gregg leveled it. McKibben thanked Coombs and Gregg for their help with this.

SWAP MEET: Josh Wagar reported he spoke with Doug Benson who was appreciative about the plan to pay him for coordinating the Swap Meet. Wagar asked for someone to volunteer to help Doug.

OLD BUSINESS:

TECH SEMINAR: Josh Wagar will contact Steve Baker to discuss scheduling a tech seminar. Baker had previously indicated it would be most likely be at least October before he would be available.

TECH TOOLS: Jeff Roberts said the engraving of the tech tools should be finished by the end of this week. He explained the 4-cycle tech tools are expensive and he is designing some to make to save the club a lot of money.

SPORTSMAN WEIGHTS: Josh Wagar stated Sportsman weights will be discussed by the Rules Committee this fall.

TIRE CONTRACTS: Josh Wagar explained the Bridgestone tire contract is up at the end of this year. He sent emails to Bridgestone, Burris, Hoosier, MG, Russell and Vega. As of this time, three of them have said they will provide bids by the end of the week, specifically, Bridgestone, Burris and Vega. Messages have been going back and forth with Russell. No replies have been received from Hoosier and MG. Wagar stated Burris is very interested and sent two sets of tires to try out. Jeff Roberts said he is interested as a dealer to do a buy-in to supply customers with tires. Wagar will ask about this. Pat Slattery responded you have to spend a lot of money and you basically sell tires to keep your customer base. Ted Cradlebaugh asked that it be discussed with the tire companies that our vendors want to be a part of this to which Wagar agreed to do so. Slattery said if we stay with Bridgestone, we've got to get them to agree for the coupons to be used for anything, not only tires. Wagar reported he was told WKA will be using YLCs through 2016. Ray McKibben said we want to define Pat Slattery, John Horn, Appco and Jeff Roberts as supporters of our club. Wagar responded that is a fair concern and he will bring it up. Roberts asked if you have a way to measure the tread in a tire dimple to which Wagar said he does not. Don Boles suggested measuring with a durometer also. Roberts said they used to get more rubber on the tires. Slattery reported using three and four-day race tires at the last race and they won. He further stated you don't have to have new tires. Ted Cradlebaugh responded it can be done. Gary Gregg suggested staying close with what WKA is running. Wagar stated it is a definite benefit having the same as WKA, New Castle and Circleville. He further stated in looking at the different options, it will be up to the board to decide what they want to do. Wagar will recruit some people to try out the Burris tires. Cradlebaugh suggested putting one set on a TaG driver. To which Wagar agreed. Wagar said once he gets information from the tire companies he will pass it on to the board.

RADIOS: Discussed during Track Improvement.

OVKA212 / LO206 WEIGHTS: Josh Wagar reported a brief meeting was held at the Saturday night race and it was decided to stick with the current weights. Wagar noted one driver was not there and Jeff Roberts reported she has sold everything. Wagar will pull everybody together at New Castle.

NEW BUSINESS:

LEGAL FEES: Josh Wagar explained there was discussion with the lawyer regarding Mr. Brown and we are waiting for the invoice.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

DOUBLE-HEADER: Ted Cradlebaugh inquired about the kart count at the double-header. Brian Schroeder responded 108 on Saturday and 114 on Sunday. Gary Gregg reported Jeff Powers said he is proud we could do this and we need to do it all the time. Pat Slattery stated he liked it except the Saturday race cost us a few racers. He asked about having a Saturday night race. Josh Wagar responded we can talk about that. Ken Kuethe suggested taking it to the membership. Wagar said based on feedback he received, he is looking at putting one scheduled double-header and one with the rain date on next year's schedule. Brent Warren asked that the first day be qualifying. He expressed concern for some of the kids about making it a Saturday night race. Rick Coombs said the same could apply to the old guys to which Cradlebaugh said he'll survive.

LIGHT TOWERS: Ray McKibben discussed obtaining five light towers for the upcoming Saturday night race, three of which will be delivered and two need to be picked up. McKibben asked for people to serve as backups to go to Beaver Creek Rental if needed. Ted Cradlebaugh and Brent Warren offered to help. Cradlebaugh asked about being able to leave the towers in place for the back-to-back night races coming up in September. McKibben will check into this. Warren said it would be nice to have somebody committed to getting them set up, especially if it is going to rain. Ken Kuethe responded he will be there Friday night. Warren asked if it is up to McKibben to which Wagar responded no. McKibben said it would be nice to have a map where you want them and Warren added also where you want them pointed. Cradlebaugh explained we need to make sure the tower is not blinded. Lynda Coombs will try to find some old pictures of the light towers. Wagar asked the pictures be emailed to Kuethe and himself. Kuethe will make a light tower map. McKibben explained at the end of the race, it is helpful to have people to crank the towers down. Rick Coombs discussed how some kart numbers can't be read, especially at night races, and suggested the matter be included for discussion for the Rules Committee. Wagar explained we opened it up then a lot of people started showing up with real pretty sticker packages and we've got some that look identical when we're trying to make a call. He will add this to the list for Rules Committee.

NEW CASTLE RACE: Pat Slattery inquired if there will be practice at New Castle on the Saturday before our race there. Josh Wagar explained when he previously talked with them, he was told there would be but he will check with Mike Adams.

KID KART NATIONALS: Brian Schroeder reported six of our kid karters participated in the Kid Kart Nationals in St. Louis. Congratulations to Izzy Banfield, Sawyer Davies, Rylie Myers, Preveil Perkins, Wes Schroeder and Cash Wyke. Ted Cradlebaugh asked how many karts were there. Schroeder reported there were 49 total. Cradlebaugh said we could have a Kid kart National here. Schroeder responded we would need to work out the details and Josh Wagar said we would need to make sure Gary Gregg wants more races.

SPIRIT4RACING: Virgil Oatts said he hopes to get one of their karts out at New Castle. He explained a reporter will be visiting the August 15th race at G & J Kartway to do an article about the Spirit4Racing organization. Oatts hopes to have one or two more karts out before the end of the season. Don Boles asked what is stopping them to which Oatts explained it is getting adjusted to the machine.

ADJOURNMENT: Pat Slattery, seconded by Josh Wagar, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2015, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Lynda Coombs – Provide light tower pictures to Josh Wagar and Ken Kuethe.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Assist with pickup of light towers if needed.
- Ken Kuethe – Make a light tower map.
- Ray McKibben – Reformat time-lapse video, check with Beaver Creek Rental about leaving the light towers in place for the September Saturday night races.
- Josh Wagar – Contact Steve Baker about scheduling a tech seminar, recruit some people to try out Burris tires, provide board with information from tire companies, pull together OVKA212 / LO206 class at New Castle to discuss weights, check with Mike Adams regarding Saturday practice at New Castle.
- Brent Warren – Assist with pickup of light towers if needed.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Boles, J. Calvert, R. Coombs, T. Cradlebaugh, G. Gregg, K. Kuethe, R. Landes, R. McKibben, J. Roberts, P. Slattery, J. Wagar and B. Warren.

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Calvert, B. Calvert, M. Cook, L. Coombs, R. Mueller, V. Oatts, D. Schroeder, W. Schroeder and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 8/24/15.