

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked that cell phones be placed on silent or vibrate and people raise their hand to have the floor.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs thanked Jeff Roberts for providing a portable desk this evening. Coombs made a motion to accept the September 1, 2015 board meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Don Boles and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Josh Wagar provided bank balances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Josh Wagar noted upcoming shows include the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs Show in January and the Great Lakes Expo in February. Lynda Coombs said the Indy Circle Track will be the latter part of January. Dan Fiehrer discussed how there was an OVKA sticker on his trailer when he first bought it. Wagar said there are small stickers available and options for having others made are being looked into. Don Boles asked Wagar to speak with the DARF organization about having a better booth location at the Piqua Show. Boles offered to coordinate that event. Randy Landes asked if we want to participate in the Tim's Motorsports Expo to which Ted Cradlebaugh responded he will help if information can be obtained.

SWAP MEET: Lee McCready reported the Hara Arena has been on the news again. Ray McKibben stated the city wants the ham convention to stay in Dayton and Hara Arena is on stable ground. Ted Cradlebaugh responded it just popped up again. Dan Fiehrer pointed out the OVKA website needs the Swap Meet flyer updated. Josh Wagar reported he spoke with Doug Benson recently and flyers are in process. Wagar further stated Benson will be getting plenty of flyers as we ran short last year.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported pit spots need to be painted. Josh Wagar said we will wait until spring.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar noted clean-up day is this coming Sunday. Wagar made a motion to appropriate \$2,473.60 for crack sealer. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed unanimously. Pat Slattery asked if we have enough equipment to spread the sealer to which Wagar responded we should. Ray McKibben has reserved a compressor at a cost of \$150 or free. Wagar can authorize this expenditure if needed. Warren asked if we are using buckets to pour the sealer or by hand. Wagar stated it will be done by hand. Ted Cradlebaugh pointed out a drill will be needed to mix the sealer which Wagar will pick up. Wagar explained the day will start at 9:00 a.m. with crash bags to be put away first followed by crack sealing. Jeff Calvert asked if clean-up day will be mentioned at the Charity Race. Wagar said he will do so and post it on the OVKA website and Facebook. Cradlebaugh discussed the need for another retrieval vehicle and said it would definitely speed up race day. He offered to stop by a John Deere dealership as they have a couple of used vehicles. McKibben said he was asked earlier in the year by Wagar and Ken Kuethe to research retrieval vehicles then it was put on hold. He reported a basic cost of \$3,500 plus \$700 to \$900 to install a bed and shocks to handle two karts side-by-side. McKibben had spotted a six-seater for \$3,200. He said he recommends another Yamaha golf kart as a Kubota is too high and we need to look at something that is knee-high. Wagar said another retrieval vehicle is definitely needed for next year. Following further discussion, Wagar thanked McKibben for looking into this and said more

research will be done. Brent Warren reported he wants to work on the speaker cable this fall and does not want to leave it all for the spring. Wagar discussed an email from Brian Schroeder about the positioning of the ambulance. Jeff Calvert said Schroeder wants to angle it out. McKibben explained it gets soft on the north side where the ambulance sits and his thought is to bring it over next to the tower where it would be more convenient and a better place for all. Slattery asked if the ambulance would be able to see the track from there to which Wagar responded no, but they would be able to see turn one. McKibben replied they get told where to go by the officials to which Wagar added they have some idea where they are going. McKibben said they could be moved between the stands. Wagar said we will take a look at this on Sunday and talk with Gary Gregg. Warren stated Schroeder's idea is pretty slick and if we did what he suggested, it funnels out. Rick Coombs said he likes the way Schroeder has it and cautioned that is one of the wettest areas even with tile that has been added. Cradlebaugh asked if the ambulance transports to which Lynda Coombs responded they typically call for back up. Cradlebaugh asked if we have an EMT, why an ambulance would need to be there. Warren replied they have more equipment and would have a defibrillator. Ray Brown reported we used to have only an EMT and there have been several occasions the ambulance has transported. Wagar stated when his dad had his accident, the ambulance on site transported. Lynda Coombs said it is her understanding it depends on availability of a back-up ambulance.

RULES COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar reported the board representatives for the Rules Committee are Ken Kuethe, Jeff Roberts and Brian Schroeder and the member representatives are Ray Brown, Dan Fiehrer and Ron Pierce. Lynda Coombs will take notes. Wagar explained the first meeting date will be scheduled when Schroeder is back. Wagar thanked Aaron Banfield for providing the meeting location at Full Throttle. The meeting information will be posted on the OVKA website and Facebook once it is finalized. Wagar asked that ideas for the 2016 rulebook be emailed to him.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported all classes met the minimum average to receive awards. He explained classes that are over 4.0 receive two jackets. Coombs noted the average per event was 115.71. Ted Cradlebaugh responded that is because of everybody's promotion of this club. McKibben said he heard we had outstanding numbers at the away races. He further stated he assumes we will stay with the Rev rule to which Josh Wagar responded it is in the rulebook. Rick Coombs reported as of this date, volunteer credits are close to the same as last year but the numbers will change after the Charity Race. He asked the board what they want to allot for the volunteer gifts. Wagar said he thought it was \$2,500 last year and he is good keeping it where it is. Don Boles said that should give some pretty good prizes to which Cradlebaugh responded it's not prizes, it's money. Rick Coombs explained people can buy what they want. Ray McKibben said the cost of things has gone up and made a motion to do a 10% increase for volunteer credit funds to \$2,750. The motion was seconded by Ken Kuethe and passed with seven in favor, three opposed and one abstained (roll call: Coombs-abstained, Cradlebaugh-yes, Kuethe-no, Landes-yes, McCready-yes, McKibben-yes, Roberts-yes, Slattery-no, Warren-no, Boles-yes, Calvert-yes). Rick Coombs noted for racers to be in the 100% category, you had to be there 14 races. Lynda Coombs explained this year the policy was changed to levels and noted page 28 of the OVKA rulebook lists level 1 as 7 to 11 events, level 2 as 12 to 13 events and level 3 is 14 events. Jeff Roberts asked if the Charity Race is included to which Wagar responded no. Brent Warren inquired how it works for the rain out. Wagar explained for the complete rain out, it didn't happen. Rick Coombs asked what the board wants to appropriate for the banquet. McKibben asked what the totals are for the levels to which Lynda Coombs responded she is still working on compiling that information. Dan Fiehrer said we can't use Ps and asked if we can combine. Lynda Coombs responded if the races are on different race dates they can be combined for that class. Wagar explained multiple classes on the same date do not combine. Lynda Coombs suggested waiting to appropriate banquet funds until next month when the participation numbers will have been calculated. Ted Cradlebaugh said if the class averages are up 10% then we should raise

the banquet by 10%. Lynda Coombs stated she can provide class totals from last year to compare. McKibben stated we need to look at the cost of inflation. Don Boles explained the Swap Meet was started to fund the banquet and only the top three used to get prizes.

OLD BUSINESS:

TECH SEMINAR: Josh Wagar reported he has exchanged emails with Steve Baker and they are looking at having the tech seminar at the Swap Meet. He explained there is another group interested in attending. Wagar will talk with Doug Benson about making arrangements for a meeting room. Jeff Roberts asked if the seminar can be done at the end of the Swap Meet to which Wagar said it has typically been done later. He noted Baker's seminar will be for the Pro Gas Animal and 206 classes. Wagar will contact WKA to see about someone conducting two-cycle, four-cycle and race official seminars. If not, Wagar explained we are not required to have WKA certification.

TECH TOOLS: Jeff Roberts reported he should have the engraving of the tech tools finished this weekend. Ray Brown asked about the fuel meters to which Roberts responded we will send them both.

TIRE CONTRACT: Josh Wagar discussed the proposal he sent to the board from Burris, as well as the existing contract. He reported today a contract was received from Keith Freber which needs to be reviewed. Wagar explained two weeks ago he sent emails to Vega and MG requesting a proposal by last Friday. A phone call from Vega was received asking what it will take to get our business. Wagar explained testing was conducted by Shawn Bayliff and his guys with Burris, MG and Vega tires but data has not been received yet. Tire testing conducted by Chuck Carty with Burris tires resulted in the tires not holding up well on a TaG kart. Brent Warren said he thought Derek Hughes was going to do some testing. Wagar explained the issue was with how to organize it and Bayliff could test during the week. Ray Brown asked if Russell was contacted to which Wagar said he and Ken Kuethe have tried to reach him but with Russell's hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., voice mail messages have had to be left. Wagar reported Bayliff said with Vegas don't fall off on lap times and wear about the same as the Bridgestones. Wagar made a motion we renew with Bridgestone for two years. The motion was seconded by Pat Slattery. Wagar explained Freber is looking for a two-year commitment. Don Boles said some people do not use the gift certificates. Ray McKibben added the gift certificates are a headache and he doesn't use them. Wagar explained part of any business model is knowing some gift certificates are not going to get used. McKibben stated he buys Visa gift cards so they can be used for what he wants. Wagar said he will ask Freber about this. Dan Fiehrer inquired if the Juniors are going to be on seven-inch tires next year to which Wagar responded he sees no reason to change it. Boles said if gift certificates continue, they need to be at least \$100, not \$25 and \$50 to which Slattery agreed. McKibben said he does not want to vote without all of the information. Wagar responded the worst case will be the contract will be the same as last year and he will try to get better. Ray Brown reported he and his wife both received gift cards and Margay would not let them be combined. Warren responded his wife spoke with them and pointed out the certificate did not state they could not be combined so they were able to combine them. Reid Smith discussed how we would be in a better position if we sent them what we want and he thinks it would make a difference. Smith offered to assist with this next time. Cradlebaugh explained last time MG offered us a better deal but we went with Bridgestones based on testing. Following further discussion, Don Boles amended Wagar's motion for it to be a one-year contract and if Freber sweetens the pot, then two years. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. Pat Slattery stated he does not see an advantage having a one-year contract. McKibben said he doesn't see why there is resistance trying to get more for our members. Wagar responded it is not resistance as the total value is almost the same and it is how it's divided. Dan Fiehrer said we should be able to combine coupons and Wagar said he will discuss this with Freber but there is no guarantee. Gary Huber asked if when we were

trying to get bids, was it for a two-year contract. Wagar responded he did not specify. Cradlebaugh explained the reason we went with a two-year contract was an increase in tires and if he gives a better deal with the certificates, he might decrease the tires. Boles amendment was voted on and failed with nine opposed and two in favor (McKibben and Boles). Wagar's motion was then voted on and passed with ten in favor and one abstained (McKibben).

RADIOS/HEADSETS: Ray McKibben reported people do not want our old radios and he does not know if there would be a benefit to donating them. Josh Wagar said he is fine with donating them.

NEW BUSINESS:

RACE DAY SET UP / CLOSE DOWN: Josh Wagar read an email proposal he sent to the board on October 4, 2015 for a possible by-law addition under Article IV-Directors, "No later than March 1st, the President will make a schedule assigning Board Members to assist with set up and tear down at each race event of the season. If a Board Member leaves the B.O.D. before their assigned race, any new Board Member voted on after March 1st will take their place on the schedule. If no New Board Members have been elected, the President may nominate any Board Member to fill the vacancy." Wagar reported Lynda Coombs sent an email suggesting Board Members who are unable to assist on their assigned dates be responsible to get someone to cover. Ray McKibben asked if the plan would include checking with Board Members first about their availability to which Wagar said if he is the President, he would probably call them. Jeff Roberts said Board Members could look at the schedule and pick dates. Pat Slattery stated WKA dates would be out for him. Wagar made a motion that no later than March 1st, the President will make a schedule assigning Board Members to assist with set up and tear down at each race event of the season. If a Board Member leaves the B.O.D. before their assigned race, any new Board Member voted on after March 1st will take their place on the schedule. If no new Board Members have been elected, the President may nominate any Board Member to fill the vacancy. The schedule is to be posted. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh. Don Boles asked what happens if you break the law. Wagar responded currently the by-laws do not have consequences and he and Ken Kuethe plan on working on reviewing the by-laws. He explained set up involves raising the American flag, getting track flags and the scale ready, moving in and setting up registration/tower equipment, move out at the end of the day and sweep up. Lynda Coombs noted it is also necessary to move the golf kart and retrieval vehicles out of the tech barn if they have not yet been moved, clean up oil on the floor and wipe down counters and tables. McKibben stated this starts at 6:30 a.m. and ends about 1½ hours after the races are over. Wagar said we do have fourteen Board Members and a little help would be appreciated. Boles noted it's not just getting things set up to which Lynda Coombs responded it involves any race day preparation. Brent Warren explained it could be 2:00 a.m. when closing up after a night race and he was going to volunteer for this. Kuethe said after hearing all of this, do we as Board Members have to make this a by-law and he too will help. Wagar explained the reason he thought of putting it in the by-laws is because it is more operational details and said he amends his proposal to have the Board come to an agreement to do this rather than include it in the by-laws. Wagar's motion was then voted on and passed unanimously.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION: Josh Wagar reported on an incident in the Woerl pits at the September 12, 2015 night race. He explained there were inappropriate comments made by Jason Woerl's father to a Sportsman racer which Jason addressed with his father. This resulted in an escalation of the situation to a physical altercation between the two adults. Wagar spoke with Jason Woerl who offered to pack their trailer and go home. Wagar did not want to punish the child for actions of his grandparent and gave him the opportunity to apologize at the driver's meeting which he did. Wagar said he does not believe we will ever have a problem again and he respects Jason for asking his father to leave. Jason addressed the Board extending an apology for everything that happened that

day and said he wishes it never happened. He further stated whatever the board decides to do, he is behind 100%. Jeff Roberts explained he was one of the first to arrive and Jason went to the family and apologized on his own initiative. Ray Brown said he thinks he handled it and nothing should be brought against him but his concern is we have had a lot of this during this year. Brown further stated we need to punish the driver to stop this, there were people upset by this and it has to stop. Wagar said he is concerned about punishing a 7, 8, 9 or 10-year-old kid for something they had nothing to do with. Brown responded we have had the police on the grounds this year and maybe we need to let the parents see their kids get punished for the parent's actions. He said this needs to be nipped in the bud so it doesn't happen next year. Brown stated it ruins his race day if he hears about it. Ted Cradlebaugh said 99% of the time it's not the kids and the adults are the ones that should be showing the kids. He added if we followed the rules, people would see and nobody wants fighting. Cradlebaugh suggested discussing this for next year. Brown responded enforcing in the future needs to be looked at. Don Boles reported he spoke with the family involved who told him they did not hear it. He said Jason did the right thing.

DECODER BOX: Lynda Coombs explained there have been some issues with the decoder box displaying an artifact. She has discussed the situation with our software provider and MyLaps. Aaron Banfield loaned one of his decoder boxes for testing purposes recently and it was confirmed there is something going on with our decoder box. Josh Wagar stated we have chased everything trying to identify the problem and with the testing done, the decoder box seems an issue. Brent Warren asked if we can send it for service to which Coombs reported she was told if it can be fixed, the cost would possibly be at least \$800. Warren suggested we get a new one and send the old one back in. Rick Coombs reported when the club first obtained the decoder box, Gary Gregg had split the cost. Lynda Coombs stated she is not asking for a decision this evening but wants everyone to be informed. She suggested speaking with Gregg to see if would be willing to split the cost. Ray McKibben asked outside of replacing the box, what does it cost to replace the loop? Rick Coombs responded he does not know the cost but the track has to be saw cut and sealer put back in. Warren explained the software reads the condition of the loop and there is not much that can go wrong with the loop. Lynda Coombs reported in looking at the MyLaps website, it appears the current styles of transponders we use are being replaced with a different type that has a one-year, two-year and five-year subscription. Wagar said he thinks we should buy a decoder box and not worry about transponders right now. He stated Banfield can check to see if he can acquire one for us. Warren explained they are going to more like what runners use—a chip. He said it is a totally different technology. Warren recommended we stay with what we have since we bought transponders.

CLASS STRUCTURE: Josh Wagar explained the Rules Committee does not get a say over class structure and we do not need to decide about class structure tonight. He asked if we want to keep the Sportsman Novice and Rookie Sportsman classes, go with the classes from this year and drop all the dead classes. Wagar said we can add at the bottom if a racer shows up with something other than what we offer, we will attempt to place them with a class of similar speed. He further stated it adds a lot of confusion having all of the classes we do, especially for new people who see 27 or 28 classes. Pat Slattery said we need to find a way to have fewer classes, combine some and make the day shorter. He raised a question about combining the Junior classes. Josh Wagar made a motion we eliminate all of the non-active classes, go with just the classes that qualified for awards this year plus Junior Novice and Senior Novice. If you show up with something other than one of these classes, we will attempt to place you with a class of similar age and speed. The motion was seconded by Ted Cradlebaugh and passed with ten in favor and one opposed (Slattery). Jason Woerl noted a Kid Kart who is old enough to run Rookie would not be allowed to run to which Wagar responded no to the Novice class. Wagar explained we had very few take advantage of this so having the Novice and Rookie classes was redundant and made it confusing for people. Reid Smith

agreed it was confusing to them. Woerl said it was a pain to run both and he recommends to Kid Kart parents to not run it. Brent Warren reported there is chatter of the national leagues getting rid of the Rookies too. Wagar said he received a call about this and told them there would be no impact to OVKA, he sees no reason to eliminate Rookie classes and he has no intention of doing so. Wagar explained WKA lowered the Masters age to 30 and he has had a couple of people ask if we are going to do so. Cradlebaugh inquired shouldn't you ask the Masters class to which Wagar said he can do and it is something to think about. Gary Huber asked which Masters class. Wagar responded all of them were lowered at WKA.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

CHARITY RACE: Ted Cradlebaugh pointed out the Charity Race flyer did not include the Rookie Sportsman class. Josh Wagar responded it will be included. Lynda Coombs explained this was due to using last year's template to which Cradlebaugh added we did not have that class last year. Josh Wagar discussed how proceeds from the 50/50 drawings at the last three races are being donated toward the Charity Race. He then made a motion for proceeds raised in the 2015 season from 50/50 drawings, half of what was raised goes to the food pantry and DARF and the other half toward driver pay-outs. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben. Wagar explained when Heather Cradlebaugh sold 50/50 tickets, proceeds went toward restroom improvements and since then have been banked. He feels the driver payouts help get people to come. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Wagar discussed a request for a 13-year-old driver to be able to run in Seniors at the Charity Race. Wagar informed the parent this cannot be done and if it were to be considered, the board would need to seek WKA approval. In addition, Wagar reported a couple of people have asked to run both Juniors and Senior at the Charity Race only. Cradlebaugh responded he would look at whether they are capable. Jeff Calvert asked if they would be allowed to win money in both classes. Pat Slattery asked if his granddaughter could go back to Juniors and said he does not think we should allow this. Wagar responded he sees both sides but does not think we should allow it. Rick Coombs suggested running it by the insurance company to which Wagar said he will just say no. Lynda Coombs asked Slattery if WKA allows it to which Slattery said no. Wagar explained at approximately 8:00 a.m. the nine track configurations will be put in a hat with a Sportsman-age driver drawing to determine which configuration we will run. He said we will have group qualifying then draw an invert number.

MEN'S RESTROOM: Ray Brown discussed the need to look at repositioning the urinal. Josh Wagar responded it is in his notes for next year.

ADJOURNMENT: Josh Wagar, seconded by Ray McKibben, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2015, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Don Boles – Coordinate DARF Piqua Show.
- Lynda Coombs – Provide participation and class totals for 2014 and 2015 at the next board meeting.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Assist with Tim's Motorsports Expo, stop by John Deere dealership to look at options for a retrieval vehicle.
- Randy Landes – Obtain information about Tim's Motorsports Expo.
- Reid Smith – Assist with tire contract proposals in the future.

- Josh Wagar – Pick up drill for clean-up day, announce clean-up day at the Charity Race, post clean-up day on the OVKA website and Facebook, talk with Doug Benson about a meeting room for the tech seminar, assess ambulance location with Gary Gregg, contact WKA about two-cycle, four-cycle and race official seminars, discuss minimum age with the Masters class, make correction to Charity Race information to include the Rookie Sportsman class.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: R. Brown, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Fiehrer, G. Huber, V. Oatts, R. Smith, B. Williams, J. Woerl and S. Woerl.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 10/25/15.