

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. He asked that cell phones be turned down or placed on vibrate and side conversations be taken outside.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynda Coombs made a motion to accept the February 2, 2016 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. .

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWS & PROMOTIONS: Josh Wagar reported the Great Lakes Expo held on February 20th was a really good show. He thanked Full Throttle Indoor Karting for having us. Wagar said there was a lot of interest and people wanting to buy karts and we should have some new people. Don Boles is coordinating OVKA's participation in the DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Expo this Thursday through Sunday, March 3-6, 2016, at Miami Valley Centre Mall, in Piqua. Contact Boles to volunteer at this event. Ted Cradlebaugh and Randy Landes will be representing OVKA at Tim's Motorsports Expo on March 25th and 26th at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima. Any other interested volunteers can contact Cradlebaugh or Landes. Cradlebaugh discussed making sure all of the show supplies are in the trailer. Josh Wagar asked that he be informed of any show items that need to be restocked. Wagar reported paperwork is being submitted for the Lebanon Blues Festival being held in August. Brian Schroeder said he is not sure of the date of Rollin' on the River but it is on a Sunday when we have a Saturday evening race the night before. He explained we paid \$500 to be on the front of the pamphlet last year and asked if we want to do that this year. Wagar responded he is not opposed to it and asked Schroeder to obtain information.

SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS: Lee McCready reported pit spot reservations are moving right along and he hopes we have decent weather at clean-up day. Tom Melton is making pit spot pictures for us. McCready explained there are still a few premium and non-premium pit spots available. Rick Coombs reported the back area of the pits has been widened.

TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar explained he will be going to the track to walk the facility to determine what maintenance needs to be done and make a list of supplies for clean-up day. Ted Cradlebaugh mentioned communications from Brent Warren and Ray McKibben about the pavilion roof. He said it was installed maybe fifteen years ago and suggested asking Gary Gregg if he would be willing to split the cost. Josh Wagar responded last year shingles were purchased and at that time it was decided it did not need replaced. Jeff Roberts reported John Kettlewell was on the crew that put the roof on and Kettlewell has suggested replacing it with galvanized metal due to the wind out there and it will keep it cooler. Roberts said materials can be purchased at Menards and Kettlewell will volunteer his time. Josh Wagar will talk with Gregg this weekend to see if he is interested in replacing the roof or at the very least, replace shingles. Ray McKibben asked that the tower roof and flashing be looked at as there are some tabs broken off. Lynda Coombs asked about installation of a drip edge over the tower windows. Wagar responded he will make a list and figure out what supplies are needed. Brent Warren obtained some countertop material for the tower and asked Coombs to take a look at it which she did. Wagar said he was not aware of this project until talking with Coombs who explained there had been discussion toward the end of the season. Warren

responded it came together last week when counter material came available. Ray McKibben said Warren also obtained three cabinets. McKibben asked about having Roberts make a sign with the OVKA website and Facebook link on it. Wagar said he does not have a problem with that but he thinks people can Google OVKA.

SWAP MEET: Doug Benson reported the Swap Meet was a really good show and thanked everybody who worked and Brian Schroeder for getting workers in place. He said in talking with Gary Gregg, profit-wise we were close to last year and had some expenses go up but he thinks we are good. Ken Kuethe thanked Benson for all of his work and Benson received a round of applause.

RULES COMMITTEE: Josh Wagar explained a draft rulebook was sent to Ken Kuethe, Lynda Coombs, Jeff Roberts and Brian Schroeder for initial review. Lynda Coombs asked if the Kid Kart information is current to which Wagar responded Schroeder had gone through it and Wagar did a complete cut/paste. Coombs asked about the effective date and Wagar said tonight's date is fine. Some changes will be made following the review then it will be emailed to the board.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Rick Coombs reported he contacted the Sales Manager at the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast about confirming the date of January 14, 2017 for the 2016 banquet. Coombs is waiting for the contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

DECODER BOX: Lynda Coombs reported the price in December 2015 for a decoder box was \$2,950. After the first of the year, the price increased to \$3,600 but the company is willing to sell it for \$3,400. In January of this year, the board approved \$2,000 with Gary Gregg matching the other half. Coombs said she anticipates the \$2,000 should cover OVKA's portion including shipping. She would like to move forward with ordering the decoder box unless there is some objection to it. Josh Wagar responded he sees no reason to not move forward and thanked Aaron Banfield and Coombs for working on this.

CIRCLEVILLE RACE: Josh Wagar reported he has been in contact with Steve Tatman and the motorcycles do not want to move their date. OVKA can start practicing at 3:00 p.m. on the Saturday before our Sunday event at Circleville Raceway. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if practice will be free. Brian Schroeder stated it is a nightmare to move in trailers if the motorcycles are there. Wagar responded he does not see it being that big of a deal and they don't take up that much room. He further stated there have been times when we have practiced in between their heats. Schroeder asked if we can ask them to park on one side. Wagar said they pretty much stay on the concrete. He stated he is inclined to keep our date there and based on this, it might be the last year we go there. Ray McKibben asked about how the EMT will be handled. Wagar said he will contact Dolly Rowley. Ken Kuethe asked if we want to consider timed practice for age groups. Cradlebaugh said if we get on the track by 3:00p.m., we have five hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

TaG ENGINE REEDS: Josh Wagar reported the question has been raised what we are doing now that WKA has changed to allowing only stock reeds and no longer allowing carbon fiber reeds in TaG engines. Pat Slattery reported he contacted Woltjer who said a couple of years ago he mostly sent out engines with carbon fiber reeds but now is using stock reeds. Wagar said John Horn informed him carbon fiber reeds might provide a little more horsepower but they break easier. Brent Warren discussed his conversation with Brian Seward and said there is a slight performance gain with carbon fiber but less longevity and Warren has heard they are easy to replace. Wagar stated it is kind of late and he does not want to stick somebody. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked what motors this applies to - the

Leopard and X30. Warren responded both. Don Boles stated you can get different thicknesses of carbon fiber reeds. Ted Cradlebaugh said he can't find this rule and needs to see it before voting. Ken Kuethe asked we keep it as is until the next meeting. Dylan Cradlebaugh said we could wait until the first race and talk about it and it is four bolts. Ted Cradlebaugh stated the rest of the class should know about this and Warren added we should get input from the class. Slattery stated we follow WKA rules so we should follow that. Wagar will contact Ray Brown tomorrow night and send an email to WKA. He asked to leave the matter on old business for next month. Slattery said he would like to see everybody on the same stuff.

SPIRIT 4 RACING: Don Boles made a motion to provide Spirit 4 Racing up to four entries per race, \$5.00 gate passes for the kids and advisors, one organizational membership and no charge for entries at Karting 101. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed with eleven in favor and one abstained (Boles). Ted Cradlebaugh stated he thinks it is a fantastic thing we are trying to do giving to Spirit 4 Racing. Josh Wagar explained they have had struggles getting their program off the ground. Virgil Oatts discussed how the Spirit 4 Racing program is putting an emphasis on teaching the youth. Boles asked if anyone has a Briggs engine that can be used to tear apart to show the racers how they are put together. Tom Melton offered to provide one.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

RACING4VETS: Adam Meyer presented a plaque to OVKA in appreciation of the support provided to their organization. Josh Wagar extended thanks to Racing4Vets. Meyer reported there are two new people with him tonight and they have a new engine builder. Additionally, they have acquired two Arrow chasses and have the possibility of racing four karts. Josh Wagar made a motion to provide two entries per event, four wristbands per event, an organizational membership, pit spot #98 and the points follow each kart. The motion was seconded by Brian Schroeder and passed unanimously. Wagar said this is a great program and it will be awesome to see them out there. He noted the Racing4Vets have helped at clean-up days and the Champ Race and we are happy to help them.

SPORTSMAN LO206: Aaron Banfield discussed putting together an LO206 class for seven to twelve-year-olds as is done in WKA. He reported right now there are four to five committed who run KT100 and run in multiple classes. Josh Wagar said Banfield made him aware of this interest while at the GoPro event and Banfield has talked with some people. Pat Slattery responded he is all for this but we don't need any more classes and somehow we have got to combine classes. Brent Warren asked if the LO206 compares to the KT with three holes. Banfield explained it is slower and has a green slide. Wagar stated the class would not be combined with Yamaha Sportsman. Warren asked if they want to run Yamaha Rookie and LO206. Wagar said yes and if it is four brand new members we could put them on the back but if wanting to run two classes, they would have to run their own class. Wagar added he is not comfortable putting them on the back of Yamaha Sportsman. Ray McKibben asked if this would be a points class to which Wagar responded yes. Wagar said for him to be supportive of this, he told Banfield to try to get five or six racers. Ted Cradlebaugh noted we took off some other classes. Banfield said he does not want to kill the KT class and leave three kids in KTs and not have enough for points. He said this can be re-evaluated after this year. Banfield made a motion we introduce the LO206 class for ages seven to twelve following the WKA rulebook with green slides. The motion was seconded by Jeff Roberts and passed unanimously. Ray McKibben asked what if the two-cycles drop off to which Wagar said he is not in favor of making a combined class. Banfield added the 206's have more torque coming out of corners. Roberts explained different slides can be tried if the green slide is too slow. Warren asked if the Cadet and Sportsman chassis will be run in the class. Banfield responded yes. Ted Cradlebaugh said he does not think we should let Rookies run in points classes. Wagar responded Rookie is a points class. Dylan Cradlebaugh asked if a kid in Yamaha Sportsman can run LO206. Wagar said no, they can't

run Rookie and Yamaha Sportsman but could run Rookie and LO206. Slattery said if seven-year-olds are running it should be a seven to ten-year-old class. Ken Kuethe responded WKA is seven to twelve-years-old. Slattery said you get seven-year-olds against twelve-year-olds. Ted Cradlebaugh responded you have eight-year-olds against twelve-year-olds. Banfield explained before he saw the class, he was planning on keeping his daughter in Kid Karts. Brian Schroeder asked if we are sticking with WKA weight. Banfield responded we will figure out where the weight of the heaviest kid is. Wagar noted the motion was to follow WKA. Schroeder said his emphasis is on are they slower than three holes and he is just trying to speed up race day. Jeff Calvert asked if a Kid Kart can run LO206. Schroeder said no because Kid Karts is non-points.

KART RETRIEVAL VEHICLE: Josh Wagar said there has been discussion off and on the last few months about retrieval vehicles and Ray McKibben has done some research for us. Wagar stated it is time for us to get a new one and his intent is for it to be much quicker and haul two karts. He said the old retrieval vehicle can be put in turn one. Wagar explained we waste time waiting for the retrieval to come back and he guarantees it will save an hour each race day. Ray McKibben reported he has researched John Deere gators and stretch limo golf carts. New two-wheel drive, gas-powered gators run \$6,670 plus tax and used ones \$2,900 for a 2008, \$4,000 for a 2010, \$5,400 for a 2012 and \$6,300 for a 2013. Pricing for an eight passenger used stretch golf cart is \$3,400 to \$6,400 depending on year and condition. McKibben explained the golf carts are gas-powered Yamahas and sell quickly. He reported the height of the gator bed is 8" higher than our current retrieval which is a concern and the karts would have to go side-by-side. McKibben discussed making it so the sides flip out so you don't have a 110" wheel base all the time. He explained the other option of an eight-passenger stretch limo golf cart would involve building our own bed and it is not that difficult per people he has talked with. McKibben noted our golf cart has held up six years. Brian Schroeder asked the age of the golf carts to which McKibben responded 2005 to 2011 and there are some even older. He said they have been used by amusement parks. McKibben said you have to act quickly when they come on the market and we have missed out on three. He reported pricing on new golf carts is between \$9,000 and \$13,000. Wagar explained he has been searching through Google and McKibben has been researching for two years. Jeff Calvert offered to obtain pricing as he is looking into this at his work. Following further discussion, Josh Wagar made a motion to appropriate up to \$6,000 for a retrieval vehicle. The motion was seconded by Ray McKibben and passed unanimously. Brent Warren stated he does not think \$6,000 is going to be enough. Wagar said that is for the vehicle and he will address the bed later.

TRACK SUPPLIES: Brian Schroeder requested some oil dry be purchased. Josh Wagar said he will add this to his list. Brent Warren offered to donate oil dry. Ray McKibben suggested having a walk-behind spreader. Wagar responded we can look into this.

LO206 CLUTCH: Randy Landes asked the board consider open clutches in LO206. Landes explained some clutches out there are not good and the higher priced ones are worth the money. Wagar asked if WKA is specing the clutch that comes with it to which Landes responded yes. Wagar said he cannot worry about the Briggs Racing Series if everybody thinks running the other clutch is cool. Landes reported Hilliard makes three models and he talked with them at the Swap Meet. He said they have a new one with a drum clutch that will be available in June. Landes explained some clutches fall apart. Aaron Banfield stated if we are trying to draw drivers from other tracks and we're not following the same clutch guidelines, it could be a problem. Ray McKibben reported Briggs and Stratton is trying to keep the class cost effective and build up nationally. Jeff Roberts said he would love to run a drum clutch but he disagrees for the same reason as Banfield because some clutches cost \$350. Landes responded the initial buy-in is cheaper but by the end of the year you have had to

replace the clutch three or four times. Banfield said we are trying to bring in as many people as we can.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Josh Wagar, seconded by Brent Warren, motioned to adjourn to executive session at 9:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Having been nominated last month, Reid Smith was unanimously elected to the OVKA Board of Directors.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:

- DARF Race Cars & Future Stars Expo – Thursday through Sunday, March 3-6, 2016, Miami Valley Centre Mall, 987 East Ash Street, Piqua, OH, 45356
- OVKA Clean-Up Day – Saturday, March 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., G & J Kartway
- Tim's Motorsports Expo – Friday and Saturday, March 25-26, 2016, Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Highway, Lima, OH, 45804
- OVKA Monthly Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2016, Hampton Inn, 2880 Towne Boulevard, Middletown, OH, 45044 (west side of Interstate-75)

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

- Jeff Calvert – Obtain pricing for kart retrieval vehicles.
- Lynda Coombs – Proceed with ordering decoder box.
- Ted Cradlebaugh – Coordinate Tim's Motorsports Expo with Randy Landes.
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- Tom Melton – Provide a Briggs engine for Spirit 4 Racing.
- Brian Schroeder – Obtain information about being on the pamphlet for Rollin' on the River.
- Josh Wagar – Assess track maintenance work to be done at clean-up day and obtain supplies, talk with Gary Gregg about the pavilion roof, make changes to rulebook then email to the board, contact Dolly Rowley about EMT support at Circleville, contact Ray Brown, email WKA about TaG engine reeds
- Brent Warren – Donate oil dry.

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

MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT: A. Banfield, D. Benson, M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh, T. Melton, A. Meyer, V. Oatts, R. Smith, and B. Williams.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/16/16.