

**OHIO VALLEY KARTING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Josh Wagar called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 March 1, 2016 with a correction to the date. The motion was seconded by Josh Wagar and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Treasurer Jason Gregg, Josh Wagar provided bank balances. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if the golf cart has been purchased to which Wagar confirmed it has. Wagar reported the fabrication work will be done this weekend.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHOWS & PROMOTIONS:** Don Boles reported the DARF Race Cars and Future Stars Show in Piqua went great. He said our display was in a good spot and there were a lot of people who stopped and talked. Josh Wagar explained Jeff Shively is interested in setting up his display next to ours at some shows. Boles discussed the need for a new show booth as the current one is getting rickety. Ted Cradlebaugh responded there is a lot of stuff that can be used. Boles reported the cover for the pop-up tent needs the zipper replaced. Wagar said he will look into show booths and have the zipper repaired. Boles further reported a case is needed for the television which Wagar agreed to check into. Cradlebaugh said when people go to shows, they need to make sure they put everything back in. Boles suggested there be a list to which Cradlebaugh agreed to provide. Cradlebaugh stated a piece for the flag is missing. Cradlebaugh reported he and Randy Landes covered the Tim's Motorsports Expo in Lima. He thanked Ray McKibben for transporting the trailer and helping with setup. McKibben reported the trailer needs tires, including a spare, and a jack. Wagar asked McKibben to obtain pricing. McKibben said he would like to install E-track in the trailer and will ask Gary Gregg if he has some. Cradlebaugh discussed the Lebanon Blues Festival on Saturday, August 6, 2016. Wagar noted this is the day before a Sunday race. Wagar reported Elaine Gregg received a \$500 invoice for Rollin' On The River sponsorship for us to be on the brochure cover and asked for the board's input. Cradlebaugh responded the traffic at this show was non-stop and we had a good spot. He further stated he thinks it would be good to be on the front cover. Wagar said he thinks it is worth it to do this and made a motion to appropriate \$500 to renew our sponsorship for Rollin' On The River. The motion was seconded by Rick Coombs and passed unanimously. Randy Landes suggested we participate once in a Home Show, Vacation Show or Sports Show. Wagar agreed to look into this in the Cincinnati area and asked for someone to check into the Dayton area. McKibben reported Indian Lake has a festival. Landes responded they have all kinds of festivals and he will check into this. Jeff Calvert inquired about participating in county fairs. Jeff Roberts responded you have to pretty much be there five days. Brian Schroeder noted the PRI Show is in December and he will obtain information.

**SPONSORSHIP / PIT SPOTS:** Lee McCready said he has a lot of good news and reported we will have 20 pit spots out of 135 left to rent. He explained he needs to know from the ones who have not yet paid if they still want the spots. McCready stated there are still a few sponsorships available for some classes. He reported it looks like we will cover the ambulance expenses this year. McCready explained we are waiting for a little warmer weather to finish the numbers on the pavement. He thanked Ray McKibben for putting numbers on the end of the aisles. McCready reported there will be some new people who will need a lot of help. Brent Warren asked if a list of who goes where can be

emailed to which McCready agreed to do so. McCready explained the spots are in flux and Cradlebaugh said the key is to know which ones are open. Cradlebaugh reported Rick Coombs is doing some work in the pit area which will create more spots. Josh Wagar thanked McCready for all of his work and noted it is a big undertaking which is appreciated.

**TRACK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Josh Wagar reported some shingles were lost off the pavilion due to high winds last weekend in addition to crash bags being blown to the middle of the field and portable restrooms were blown on their sides. He said we have some shingles but may need to get some more. Rick Coombs discussed congestion that occurs coming off the scale and suggested karters be routed away from the exit to which Wagar agreed. Ray McKibben asked about putting arrows that show direction of travel and said we used to have that. Dylan Cradlebaugh stated there are a lot of people who stand there. Wagar responded he addressed this later in the season last year and will do so as we start this year. Jeff Roberts offered to come up with signs to direct traffic. Lynda Coombs thanked Brent Warren and Ray McKibben for replacing the counter in the tower. Ted Cradlebaugh extended thanks to them for installing speakers to which Warren responded they had some help. Following discussion by McKibben, Wagar and Warren about staking the portable restrooms, McKibben offered to price stakes. Jeff Calvert inquired about where the restrooms are rented from. Wagar suggested talking with Gary Gregg to ask him to check with the company. McKibben expressed appreciation to Gregg for having drip guard installed over the tower windows. Warren said the leaking had been going on for some time and was worse than they thought and this should no longer be an issue. McKibben reported they were there until 3:00 a.m. a couple of nights. He stated we should seal the block in the tower. McKibben reported Gregg repaired the gate which Gregg may want to be paid for. Wagar stated the gate cost around \$1,000. Warren asked if the scale controller has been looked at. Wagar responded this will need to be mentioned to Gregg so his person can calibrate it when they come out. McKibben said the window shades in the tower need addressed. Wagar responded let Lynda Coombs take a look at them. Brian Schroeder inquired about window tint to which Warren said you don't want that for night races. Warren discussed the need to replace the tower doors which are rusting out. Wagar agreed and said he will take a look at them this weekend. McKibben reported wiring will be done under the pavilion to install a separate circuit for fans. Warren said we only have four fans which he likes and thinks the racers do too. McKibben would like to buy two more fans and put in six outlets. McKibben made a motion to appropriate up to \$600 for two fans. The motion was seconded by Brent Warren and passed ten in favor and one abstained (McKibben). Don Boles thanked Warren and McKibben for everything they have done at the track. Wagar discussed the need to seal the timing loop crack. Aaron Banfield provided sealer he uses at Full Throttle. Boles said the original sealing was done with a caulking gun. Schroeder suggested using a backing rod and QuickCrete. Boles responded that might stop the signal. Schroeder said what is put in driveways costs \$6.00 per quart. McKibben discussed pulling the line up and putting in an expansion joint first then filling the crack. Warren said if we don't fill it, water will get underneath then freeze and crack. Wagar will contact Tom Swindling who has experience with concrete to get some advice.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DECODER BOX:** Lynda Coombs reported the decoder box has been ordered by the Greggs. Once it arrives, it will need to be set up and tested.

**TaG ENGINE REEDS:** Josh Wagar explained there will be discussion at race one with the TaG drivers about engine reeds. Brent Warren reported there is information about reeds in the WKA tech manual on page 110. Wagar said the biggest concern is motor builders probably build to that book. Dylan Cradlebaugh responded the reed is not that hard to change. Ted Cradlebaugh asked why we would want to change. Warren responded people asked if we are following WKA rules. Wagar

added he doesn't see any reason not to go with WKA rules and we will look at this at race one. Ted Cradlebaugh stated it doesn't make sense to him as our rulebook is not the WKA rulebook and we have lots of rules that are not in WKA's. Warren stated our rulebook says if it is not listed in our rulebook, it goes by WKA and they changed the rule. Don Boles explained it was originally stock reeds. Warren added the WKA rulebook had not come out when we had Rules Committee meetings. Wagar said we will talk with the class and he is okay with what the majority of the class wants. Jeff Roberts stated there has to be a grace period. Reid Smith said grace period means the first day is open.

**KART RETRIEVAL VEHICLE:** Josh Wagar thanked Ray McKibben for taking care of acquiring a kart retrieval vehicle. Wagar reported Jerry Ulm is putting a 10' bed on it that should hold two full-size karts. The cost for the vehicle and fabrication will be under \$6,000. Wagar said having this vehicle should speed up retrieval times. Rick Coombs raised the question whether one of Gary Gregg's unused trailers with tires removed could store everything by the tower. Wagar responded electricity would be needed and he can talk with Gregg. Brent Warren said a solar panel might be an option.

**RACE DAY SUPPORT SCHEDULE:** Josh Wagar discussed the race day support schedule that was emailed to board members. He explained if anyone wants to trade, he does not have an issue with that. Lynda Coombs said setup time for Saturday races is 11:30 a.m. and Sunday races are 6:40 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**MYCHRON 5:** Brent Warren reported the MyChron 5 is Wi-Fi which has the potential to cause interference issues. Josh Wagar asked wouldn't that affect any track. Warren discussed wiring methods and said he has talked with Mike at New Castle about how they wire their network. Brian Schroeder explained in his workplace there will be 400 to 500 devices without experiencing slowness. Warren responded it's not the speed he is concerned about; it's that it could drop out and there would be a momentary delay. Schroeder stated GoPro's will have the same issue. Warren stated he doesn't see the issue right now; it's a year from now. Lynda Coombs outlined downtime procedures in the event of loss of timing.

**CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS:** Josh Wagar discussed the support the board has approved for Spirit 4 Racing and Racing4Vets and said he is fine with what has been decided. He explained there was discussion after last month's board meeting about coming up with a package for charitable organizations. Wagar asked the board to start thinking about this.

**SHIRTS:** Ray McKibben thanked Josh Wagar, Jeff Roberts, Rick Coombs and Lynda Coombs for their input about the shirt redesign which is not dated. Josh Wagar explained there is also a design that has the schedule on the back. McKibben reported there are a limited number of shirts with pockets in men's sizes. He would like to see what people think about the redesign.

**LO206:** Randy Landes reported he talked with Mike Unger who told him there were 47 CIK's and 46 LO206's at the first KRA race. Don Boles responded he talked with guys at the Piqua Show who said they do not like sitting all day to run two heats. Josh Wagar stated he hopes the 206 takes off and we grow the club. Boles added it is a great starter class. Jeff Roberts said it is very competitive too. Brian Schroeder reported he struggled to get 600# of lead and had to drive to Sandusky to get some. Ted Cradlebaugh asked if the frame can be loaded to which Boles responded he has never seen a rule against it. Rick Coombs said that will change the characteristics of the frame. Virgil Oatts stated

you could do that but he doesn't recommend it. He discussed how he made homemade weights when he first got started in karting.

**BRIGGS WEEKLY RACING SERIES:** Ray McKibben reported we have signed up for the Briggs Weekly Racing Series. Randy Landes won a grill last year from this series. McKibben explained the first eleven races will count toward the Briggs Weekly Racing Series. He will have a sign-up for those running the two LO206 classes to provide name, kart number and city so this information can be submitted when he reports the finishes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Josh Wagar, seconded by Ray McKibben, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

- 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)
- Rollin' On the River – Sunday, July 24, 2016, Fernbank Park, Route 50 West River Road, Saylor Park, OH
- Lebanon Blues Festival – Saturday, August 6, 2016, Lebanon, OH

**SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:**

- Ted Cradlebaugh – Provide a list of items for shows.
- Randy Landes – Check into festivals at Indian Lake.
- Lee McCready – Provide the board with a list of pit spot assignments.
- Ray McKibben – Obtain pricing for trailer tires and a jack, ask Gary Gregg about E-track, price stakes for portable restrooms, have sign-up for LO206 classes for the Briggs Weekly Racing Series.
- Jeff Roberts – Provide signs to direct traffic at the scale.
- Brian Schroeder – Obtain information about the PRI Show.
- Josh Wagar – Look into show booths and television cases, have the pop-up cover repaired, look into Home Shows, Vacation Shows and Sports Shows in the Cincinnati area, address tower doors, contact Tom Swindling regarding crack, talk with Gary Gregg about using an unused trailer for storage.

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

**MEMBERS / VISITORS PRESENT:** M. Cook, L. Coombs, D. Cradlebaugh and V. Oatts.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Coombs, OVKA Secretary, 3/24/16.