

# GOSA MINUTES

**DATE; FEBRUARY 22, 2001 TIME 11:30 A.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT;** STAN CONNELL PRES., BILL PROWANT V.PRES. TOM LINN 2AND V.PRES., DAVID SHIVES SEC-TREAS., TODD SIPE, DAVID GALLAPOO, RAY PROWANT, KEN WEBER, TONY ALBANESE, KURT OTTERBACHER.

**GUEST PRESENT;** JILL SHIVES, COLLEEN MAY.

The meeting was called to order with the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and ROLL CALL. The minutes of the JANUARY 2001 meeting was presented and motion to accept made by Ken Weber seconded by Tom L motion carried.

Treasures Report was presented and motion to accept by Ray P., seconded by Todd S. motion carried.

Dave S read correspondence Thank you cards from Dottie Caito & Shirley Duncan. A letter from Jackson County Apple Festival. The general feeling of the board was we need to communicate to our members that the GOSA are guest of the OFMA and have no control over the OFMA and what they charge. We as a board feel the people who are renting the trade show booths are also being hurt by lowered attendance and the GOSA are having each year a lower level of attendance from our own members due to the higher expenses of attending and fewer GOSA members going into the Trade Show.

## **OLD BUSINESS;**

Stan & Billy have been working with the OFMA on how to improve attendance at the OFMA convention. We are trying to have a GOSA Day in which GOSA members could get into Trade Show free or at least at a reduced price. The board is also looking into the possibility of having a food show along with the Round Table discussions. There is nothing really confirmed however Bill P & Pres.Stan are continuing to look for new and improved things for 2002 convention.

Pres. Stan asked Bill P to start a committee for working with the OFMA on adding a food show and a GOSA Day to their convention. The presentation will be at the next Board Meeting for our review.

Colleen May presented a list of people who are coming to the Ticket to Success Seminar. We have 102 people registered. We sent out 4000 postcards, 250 brochures (last years attendees), 4000 brochures, 1800 brochures, ISES Mailing, 390 E Mails, 2400 brochures, 3700 Buckeye Line (3 Times), 500 postcards, Telemarketing (Lima News We have sent the word out to every corner of the state and have touched everyone who could possible be interested in this seminar. The diversity of the people attending is great.

## **NEW BUSINESS;**

Pres.Stan reported the OFMA has hired a lobbyist. We need to think if we want to participate in this project. It will be revisited at our next board meeting.

OFMA Spring Dinner Awards were reviewed and awarded. Michael A will order the plaques from Gino's. Dave S will send a letter to the director of each District meeting and to the recipient informing them of who is receiving awards and for which category.

Tom L moved to make a special recognition award to the Mansfield Ag Society in the name of Jim Day for their Christmas Light Display. Todd S seconded motion carried Tom will present the award.

Pres. Stan brought up the upcoming goals of our Association, what we hoped to achieve, what future goals we want to meet. We will be discussing it in length at the next meeting.

Discussed the next years meeting dates and locations. We will decide at the next meeting were and when our board meetings will be.

Pres. Stan passed out committee reports and to see if there should be any additions or corrections. There were a few minor changes.

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Discussed the new highway requirements of lighting and reflective tape. We will continue to keep the membership informed of any new changes.

Ken W reported on some final prep work for the 2001 Seminar. Things are wrapping up nicely and we will be having a pre-seminar meeting 7:00pm in the Melone room. Michael A will be unloading trucks starting at 3:00pm any help would be appreciated,

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS;**

**MEMBERSHIPS;** D. Shives read the new membership applications for approval. Two new application's were read & approved. Bill P moved, Kevin K seconded motion carried. We have increased 30 new members in the last 90 days.

**ROUNDUP;** Tom will be ordering tickets for March Meeting. Tony A reported the room will be expanded to handle up to 100 people and if it continues to grow there will be more room for expansion. Space will still be limited and we recommend you buy your Dinner Reservation tickets in advance.

**GAMES;** Tony A reported their is some activity to put the rescinded rules back in the Rulebook. Dan Martin of the OFMA is working on this and seems to be real positive about keeping the Game Rules. The Games Comm. needs to send a letter to each of the 96 Fairs. Kurt & Tony will work on it.

**HEALTH & SAFETY; Pres.** Stan reported the new food code has some revisions that have been implemented however we are not sure it will be in effect for the 2001 carnival season. They are trying to notify each and every health Dept.

**WEBSITE;** Kurt O. reported he has picked up Front Page a Website program. He hopes to have a new update in before April. Dave S will look into getting a new address through .org Pres. Stan said we should reimburse Kurt for Front Page. Ken W moved to pay Kurt O \$70.00. Seconded by Bill P motion carried.

**CONVENTION;** Billy P reported on convention

**YEARBOOK;** Tom L is back from Vegas and reported that on Wednesday Feb 28 he and Jill Shives will be going to Shreve Printing to work the ads and finalize Yearbook. The Ads are coming in and we have collected over 50% of Yearbook revenue.

**RIDE SAFETY;** Ray Prowant reported the meeting was postponed till next month.

**NEWSLETTER;** Todd S reported the newsletter will be going out next week.

**BUDGET;** D Shives reported our CDs are due and he feels a short term C.D. would be a good way to go in this rate environment. Tom L moved to go with a 13 month C.D. @ 6.05% seconded by Todd S motion carried.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE;**

**SCHOLARSHIPS;** Tom L reported their is several scholarship applications turned in for next years scholarships.

**REVERSE RAFFLE;** Tom L reported on the paper for our raffle tickets has been discontinued we will be picking out new paper and will be keeping the same format for next years raffle.

Date of next meeting will be March 8, 2001 at 11:00 AM @ the Holiday Inn-Worthington, motion to adjourn by Tom L, seconded Bill P by @ 6:30p.m. motion carried

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