

GOSA MINUTES

DATE; MARCH 8, 2001 TIME 11:00 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, MICHAEL ALBANESE, DOUG GUINSLER, KEVIN KOSKI, KEN JASKIEWICZ

GUEST PRESENT; BILL CLINGER

The meeting was called to order with the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and ROLL CALL. The minutes of the FEBRUARY 2001 meeting was presented and motion to accept made by Bill P seconded by Kevin K motion carried.

Treasurers Report was presented and motion to accept by Ray P., seconded by Dave G. motion carried.

Dave S read correspondence Letter from Clark Co. Fair taking about how great the seminar was and how much they learned.

OLD BUSINESS;

Bill Clinger reported on the 2001 Ticket to Success Seminar. He explained the mailers & Advertising that was expended on the Seminar. Discussed the Value of the Seminar to the GOSA and what future opportunities are there for the membership. Good contacts with our network affiliates (Division of Tourism, Ohio State University, Kent State, & Bowling Green.) People would like to have a classroom style to take notes. Discussed trimming down to 2 days instead of 3 days due to cost and time away from work. We basically have no supplies left all the folders and materials have been passed out. The Lima News is buying Mercari Group/Media Partners starting this month. They will have a full staff to help with future seminars and design work. About a third of the attendees came because of the showcase and a third don't care if we have the showcase or not. The Hotel worked great with us and is a great place for everything food, rooms and banquet.

Bill P as been contacting food suppliers and is getting a slow response to the convention Food Show. Some feel they left the convention because of reduced attendance of our members and it will be somewhat slow getting people to come back and attend.

Bill P moved we have our April meeting @ the I-X Center seconded by Doug G motion carried

Pres. Stan brought up the Goals and Objectives for 2000. The board went over each point and how to keep improving. There was a lot of discussion about revisiting the Executive Secretary position.

Pres. Stan brought up the OFMA Lobbyist and if we should take part. Decided to address on a case-by-case basis.

Ken W reported on the adjustment to the bills and the income for the seminar. The numbers are looking better than we anticipated and we hope to have a final figure at the next board meeting. The Hotel adjusting to our reduced enrollment was crucial in saving us major money. They (the Holiday Inn) have been excellent to work with and have done everything possible to help make our seminar a success. We did not get the coverage in our mailings we had hoped for and the timing of the mailings did not work well. Our marketing needs improvement and bulk mailings would improve coverage and reduce expenses. Bill P brought up the expense of marketing the GOSA name and the exposure we receive through every festival and special event in the state. How many more yearbooks have been passed out to get our members names and the products we sell in the hands of people who need our member's services.

NEW BUSINESS;

Ken W moved we drop Doug Kolcun from the board due to not having paid his membership dues and the 30-day grace period has expired. David S seconded motion carried after an extended discussion.

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There was a lengthy discussion on a replacement and it was decided to appoint someone to fill the open board seat until the January election. Pres Stan will try to appoint at the April Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

MEMBERSHIPS; D. Shives read the new membership applications for approval. Three new applications' were read & approved. Ray P moved, Dave G seconded motion carried. Bill P moved we have Kevin K order new hats at a cost of approx.\$1000.00 Doug G seconded motion carried. Tom L moved we pay for last year's hats Ken W seconded motion carried. Passed out the unpaid members and the board divided them up and will try to call each one. Kevin K said he has looked at the benefits of giving spousal memberships. Dave G moved we extend the Death Benefit to members who have not paid their dues this year. The people who are past due 2 years will have no benefit. Deadline for paying dues will be March 15 2001. Seconded by Tom L, motion carried.

ROUNDUP; Tony and Michael will still be doing the round up. Everything is going to be at Hooks again. We will have a little more room and can even expand more the next year if needed. Tickets are ordered for Raffle and will be at the next meeting.

GAMES; Pres. Stan read a letter that will be mailed to each Fair Board in regards to the loop holes in the Games Rule Book and the fact the ODA is in the process of rescinding the rule changes however they will not be in effect until the fair season is well underway.

HEALTH & SAFETY; Pres. Stan reported Medina County has held 3 meetings on the new regulations.

WEBSITE; Dave S reported our new web address is w.w.w.mygosa.org. We will try to have the web page moved as soon as possible.

CONVENTION; No report.

YEARBOOK; Tom L has several trips in to Shreve and Jill is there today finishing up final ads. It was discussed on how many yearbooks we need to order for this year. Tom, Jill, and Dave are working on getting the member list for the categories listed on our computer and saving Shreve from having to spend several weeks of typing. We hope to have this completed by March 15. Jill Shives reported the Yearbook is completely laid out and we will have 2 pages less than Year 2000. However all Ads are committed for and approved by the ad buyer.

RIDE SAFETY; Ray Prowant reported the meeting was held last Friday and they are concerned about having enough funding. They are polishing up some of the rules and regulations and hoping to reopen the statue to get the habitual offenders corrected and a set penalty structure.

NEWSLETTER; Todd S reported the newsletter is going out this week and would like any back lot information available.

BUDGET; No Report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE; No Report

SCHOLARSHIPS; Doug G reported he has 3 scholarship applications and has sent out several more.

REVERSE RAFFLE; Tom L reported he hopes to have the tickets at our next meeting in April.

Date of next meeting will be APRIL 5, 2001 at 11:00 AM @ the I-X Center, motion to adjourn by Tom L, seconded Bill P by @ 6:30p.m., motion carried

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