

# 03 GOSA ANNUAL MINUTES

**DATE; JANUARY 7, 2003 TIME 2:30 P.M.**

President Bill Prowant opened the meeting at 2:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All officers and trustees were present along with 90 voting members and 37 guests. Chaplain-Pro-Tem Lois Gallapoo gave the invocation and recognition of departed members.

The minutes of the 2002 meeting were read and motion to approve made by Ray Prowant, seconded by David Miller, motion carried.

David Shives presented the treasurer's report for review. A detailed report of the condition of the club was discussed in detail and a motion to accept was made by Jennifer Koski, seconded by David Miller, motion carried. Pres Bill Prowant reported the preliminary CPA audit by Luderman & Konst, Inc. was in, and everything was in good order and there were no recommended changes to our present accounting and record keeping procedures.

President Bill Prowant recognized Ninia Downs from the Ohio Restaurant Assoc. Ninia gave a short presentation about the ORA and their mission statement. Their applications are in the Showmen's office and also she presented the Ladders to Success Program about placing handicapped people in jobs. Their annual Tradeshow is February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> in Columbus.

## **Committee Reports;**

A. Convention-Kevin Koski reported on the suggestion of having a smaller room for our annual meetings. Tomorrow will be the Round Table discussions and the Gala @ 9:00 tomorrow night. Kevin reported on the meeting in the morning and our feature speaker. Kevin also reported on the Marquees being the musical entertainment for the Gala.

B. Membership-Brent Bair reported we have 348 active memberships with 28 new members. Brent discussed the new benefits added this year and the progress we are making in adding new membership benefits. Brent thanked David Drake, Kevin Koski, Matt Gallapoo and Bill Sterling who make up his committee. Brent thanked Ninia Downs for her help in procuring additional benefits and support. We are asking Fairboards to please recognize GOSA members when they are looking for new vendors.

C. Yearbook-Tom Linn thanked Jill Shives for all her help in putting the Y.B. together. Jill will be taking the first draft to Shreve Printing February 15<sup>th</sup>. The deadline will be February 28<sup>th</sup>. We are trying to get the book to everyone before his or her season opens. If anyone has corrections please get them to Jill Shives or Tom Linn as soon as possible.

D. Scholarship-Doug Guinsler read the names of all our youth on scholarship. We have awarded all twelve scholarships this year plus one Sonny Kissel scholarship. Doug Guinsler thanked his committee members Kim Bates Bozich, Dave Gallapoo, Tom Linn & Ron Puglisi. The Scholarship recipients present were Carrie Schrader (1<sup>st</sup>) Evelyn Luebbe (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jennifer Poeppelman (1<sup>st</sup>) Joshua L Miles (4<sup>th</sup>), Alyson Miles (2<sup>nd</sup>), & the first Sonny Kissel scholarship was awarded to Justin True who also was present. The remaining scholarship checks were mailed to the recipients not present. Monica Lehman (3<sup>rd</sup>), Nathan Poeppelman (4<sup>th</sup>), Suzanne Guinsler (4<sup>th</sup>), Sheila Weber (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jennifer Sipe (2<sup>nd</sup>), (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jeffrey Otterbacher (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ashley & Megan Gentile (1<sup>st</sup>).

E. Ride Safety-Ray Prowant reported they are still looking for ways to increase their income and cover cost. They took a 60% hit to their budget. The Advisory Council increased fees for 2002 and there is an increase again for 2003. They have always inspected amusement rides and are now adding inflatable to the inspection list. Effective the first of this year a permit is \$50, and each individual ride type was read and the appropriate fee explained.

F. Fall Roundup-Tony Albanese reported the 2002 Round up was held @ J.R. Hooks on the Monday before Circleville opens and we grossed approx. \$11,580.00. We anticipate continuing with this trend. The \$2000 winner was Ann Kolar, \$500 winners were Martha Morehart and Karl Dearwester. Freda Voice won the 50/50 drawing. The event netted \$8,351.00, which was an increase of \$2,551. over 2001. The Auction generated \$5,402.00 and Ticket Sales were \$6,178.00

G. Newsletter-Todd Sipe asked for pictures, news from the back lot and anything else of interest to the members. He thanked Ninia Downs from the ORA for putting out the summer newsletter and all the help she has given for current newsletters.

H. Health & Safety-Stan Connell said it was a lot easier this year with Pres. Bill Prowant taking over a majority of his past dues. Stan then went over the tougher food rules and no bare hand contact with food

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will be allowed. The office has a "cheat sheet" which will help the person in charge of each trailer. It seems to make the inspectors happier if they see these rules posted and the operators aware of the changes.

I. Games- Tony Albanese reported the Game Rules have not changed this year.

J. Website-Kurt Otterbacher reported the Website has been up and running for a little over a year and we have quite a few hits per month.

## **Old Business;**

## **New Business;**

Pres. Bill Prowant brought up the new By-Law change on spousal memberships where a members spouse may join for 50% of the cost of regular membership. See below for full detail of amendment to article XI. Dean Otterbacher moved and David Miller seconded, Pres. Bill Prowant asked everyone to write for spousal or against spousal on his or her ballot and give to the election officers when they come by. There were 65 votes in favor and 19 against. Motion carried.

## **CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION PROPOSED**

### **AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI**

**A Spousal membership shall be offered, starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, to the married spouse of a regular member at the annual dues rate of \$50.00, payable in advance of January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. A spousal member shall not receive a newsletter or yearbook, be eligible to hold office, nor be able to participate in the memorial fund. They shall enjoy all other benefits offered to an active regular member.**

## **B. Awards;**

1. Showman of the Year- Jinx Pfile and Elaine Zahurak presented by David Gallapoo.
2. Outstanding Achievement in Games- Walter and Kay Durbin presented by Kevin Koski
3. Outstanding Achievement in Rides- John Hodgson presented by Ray Prowant
4. Outstanding Achievement in Foods- Tom Meldrum presented by Dave Gallapoo.
5. Outstanding Achievement in Straight Sales- Andy & Mary Lee Pocock presented by Tom Linn.
6. Lifetime Achievement- Dominic Albanese presented by Jack Woods.
7. Special Appreciation- John Marcum presented by Stan Connell.
8. Special Appreciation- Walter "Ted" Tedrick accepted by his son & daughter, Mike Tedrick & Renee Tedrick, presented by Tom Linn.

## **Election of Officers & Trustees:**

1. Trustee Position currently held by Ray Prowant. Ray Prowant nominated by Greg Myers seconded by David Miller. With no further nominations being made for this office a motion was made to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot by Kevin Koski, seconded by Jim Burnette, Motion carried.

2. Trustee Position currently held by Stan Connell. Stan Connell nominated by Dean Otterbacher, seconded by Gary Duncan. With no further nominations being made for this office a motion was made to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot by Dick Pilati, seconded by David Miller, motion carried.

3. Trustee Position currently held by Tony Albanese. Tony Albanese nominated by Nikki Bair, seconded by David Miller. With no further nominations being made for this office a motion was made to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot by Chuck Zell, seconded by David Miller, motion carried.

4. Trustee Position currently held by Todd Sipe. Todd Sipe nominated by David Drake, seconded by David Miller. With no further nominations being made for this office a motion was made to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Moved by Jim Burnette, seconded by David Miller Motion carried.

The next annual meeting will be Tuesday January 7 2004; the meeting was adjourned in regular form at 5:30p.m. Motion by Jennifer Koski, Seconded by David Miller, motion carried. The membership enjoyed a reception after the meeting; Chaplain-Pro Tem Lois Otterbacher installed the new trustees.

David Shives, Secretary-Treasurer