

## **G.O.S.A. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2004 2:30 P.M.**

President Bill Prowant opened the meeting at 2:37 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Penny Otterbacher gave the invocation and recognition of departed members.

President Bill Prowant introduced new board members trustee Bill Sterling and Secretary-Treasurer Pro-Tem Suzanne Guinsler.

The minutes of the 2003 annual meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Ray Prowant and seconded by David Miller. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Pro-Tem Suzanne Guinsler gave the Treasurer's Report. The annual financial report was presented and the floor was opened for questions concerning the condition of the organization. With no questions raised, a motion for approval was made by Jennifer Koski and seconded by David Miller. Motion carried.

President Bill Prowant recognized Ninia Downs from the Ohio Restaurant Association. Ninia reported on two house bills ORA was involved with in the past year that affect our industry. They were House Bill 95 The Biennial Budget and House Bill 320 The Common Sense Food Bill. Ninia gave a brief description of each bill and its effects on our industry.

Ninia introduced Jay Hazel Baker, a representative from Tabit Arganbright and Associates to speak about the possibility of a group health insurance plan for the membership. Mr. Baker explained that a group plan for health insurance was not a possibility at this time. He mentioned that individual packages were available for those interested.

### **Committee reports were presented as follows:**

- A. Convention Committee-** Kevin Koski thanked the office staff for their help. He also recognized session leaders Tony Albanese, Kurt Otterbacher, Todd Sipe, Amy Otterbacher, Penny Otterbacher, Stan Connell and Jack Woods. Kevin gave an overview of the new process for the Gala/Extravaganza event. Kevin welcomed suggestions from the membership for next year's convention.
  
- B. Membership Committee-** Brent Bair recognized Newlon Motors and Frank Newlon for sponsoring the reception following the meeting and awards. Brent announced that he would be looking for sponsorships for the Gala/Extravaganza event in the future. Brent highlighted the joint membership campaign with O.F.M.A. Brent also reminded members of the current benefits of a G.O.S.A. membership.

Brent introduced Stan Connell to give a report on the Pepsi National Account program. Stan told those present that a parent group number would be provided by the following week. Applications will be sent to members at that time. Stan stressed the importance of participation by all members for the maximum benefit to be achieved. Stan also mentioned that a similar arrangement may be made with Coke in the future.

Following Stan's presentation, Brent Bair introduced Jonathan Holstein and Rick Prebles from the Superfleet fueling program from Speedway. Brent also recognized David Drake for his work in initiating this program. Mr. Prebles made a presentation to the membership explaining the benefits and structure of the program. Again, the participation of the overall membership was stressed in order for the program to be successful. Mr. Prebles also said that Mr. Holstein and himself would be present following the meeting and on Wednesday to provide information on the program.

**C. Yearbook Committee-** Tom Linn reported that the yearbook deadline would be February 15<sup>th</sup>. Tom asked that if anyone had any changes to their ads to make them with the office staff as soon as possible. Tom also told members that if they had any pictures or suggestions for the yearbook they should talk let him know.

**D. Scholarship Committee-** Doug Guinsler recognized the other committee members Kim Bozich, Ron Puglisi, Dave Gallapoo and Tom Linn and thanked them for their help. Doug reported that the maximum number of scholarships would be awarded this year including 12 recipients of the Rupert Otterbacher Memorial Scholarship and 2 recipients of the Sonny Kissel Memorial Scholarship. The following recipients were present and were awarded their scholarship award checks: Allyson Miles (3<sup>rd</sup> year), Jennifer Sipe (3<sup>rd</sup> year), Ashley Gentile (2<sup>nd</sup> year), Carrie Schrader (2<sup>nd</sup> year), Stephanie Matus (1<sup>st</sup> year), and Elizabeth Guinsler (1<sup>st</sup> year). Other recipients that were unable to attend but were recognized were: Evelyn Leubbe (3<sup>rd</sup> year), Jeffrey Otterbacher (3<sup>rd</sup> year), Sheila Weber (3<sup>rd</sup> year), Megan Gentile (2<sup>nd</sup> year), Jennifer Poepelman (2<sup>nd</sup> year), Tiffany Sipe (1<sup>st</sup> year), Caila Block (Kissel-1<sup>st</sup> year), and Brian Power (Kissel -1<sup>st</sup> year). Doug thanked everyone present for their support of the Fall Round Up which is the main support for the scholarship program.

**E. Ride Safety Committee-**Ray Prowant reported that the year-end report for the Ohio Ride Advisory had been completed. Ray mentioned that there were 7 incidents in the past summer with 2 resulting in deaths one of which was the Lake County incident that was currently being investigated. Ray also reported that in 2005 fence measurements would be mandated and enforced.

**F. Round-Up Committee-** Michael Albanese thanked Nancy and Bridget Albanese for their support of the round up and their assistance in selling tickets for the event. Michael reported that the net income for this year was

\$8,207.00. The average income over the past 4 years was approximately \$7,600.00. Michael also announced the winners for the event: Simone Balootz \$2,000.00, Charlie Cox \$500.00, Elizabeth Guinsler \$500.00, and Donna Drake was the winner of the TV.

- G. Joint Membership Committee-** Dave Gallapoo reported on the results of a survey done in the past by Ken Weber that found that of all those with mobile food licenses in Ohio that only 10% were GOSA members and only 3% were OFMA members. Dave reported that both organizations asked fairs to encourage their vendors to join. The joint membership drive will continue through the fairs this year. Most mobile food members would benefit from membership in both organizations.
- H. Newsletter Committee-**Todd Sipe thanked the committee members and membership as a whole for their contributions. Todd reminded members to send all correspondence to the ORA. Todd also mentioned that the website can be used for newsletter submissions as well. Members were encouraged to fill out the nomination form included in the newsletter for award nominations.
- I. Health & Sanitation Committee-**Stan Connell reported that not many changes had been made to health requirements recently. Stan reported on the seminar held earlier in the day. He mentioned that all employee illnesses should be documented and reported to the county health departments. Stan informed the membership that cooking temperatures would be lowered in 2005. Stan also encouraged members to continue to use hats and gloves.
- J. Games Committee-** Tony Albanese reported that no recent changes had been made to the rules, fees or licensing of games in Ohio.

**Old Business;**

**New Business:**

**Award presentations:**

- 1. Outstanding Achievement in Rides-**Gary Smith presented by Michael Albanese
- 2. Outstanding Achievement in Games-**Kim Oren presented by Tony Albanese
- 3. Outstanding Achievement in Food-**Brad Gentile presented by Tom Linn
- 4. Outstanding Achievement in Straight Sales-**Calvin & L.T. Bones presented by Bill Sterling
- 5. Showman of the Year-**Doris Lehman presented by Stan Connell
- 6. Lifetime Achievement-**Chester Rotroff presented by Tom Ansteatt

**Election of Officers and Trustees:**

- 1. President-** Bill Prowant was nominated with a motion made by Brad Gentile and seconded by Gary Duncan. With no further nominations made, a motion was made to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot by Bob Keating and seconded by Oliver Close. Motion carried.

2. **Vice President-**Tom Linn was nominated with a motion made by Jack Woods and seconded by Jim Burnette. With no further nominations made, Bob Keating made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot David Miller seconded. Motion carried.
  
3. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-** Kevin Koski was nominated with a motion made by Vicki Gallapoo and seconded by Sy Kolassa. With no further nominations made, a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot was made by Jackie Woods and seconded by Sheila Linn. Motion carried.
  
4. **Trustee-** In the category of Fair & Festival Management the position currently held by Doug Guinsler. A motion to nominate Doug Guinsler was made by Bridget Albanese and seconded by Bob Keating. With no further nominations, a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot was made by Jack Woods and seconded by David Miller. Motion carried.
  
5. **Trustee-** For the position currently held by Kurt Otterbacher. Kurt Otterbacher was nominated by Harry Faint with a second by Kevin Gift. With no further nominations made, a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot was made by Jennifer Koski and seconded by David Miller. Motion carried.
  
6. **Trustee-** For the position currently held by Travis Downs. Travis Downs was nominated by Jackie Woods with a second made by Anissa Prowant. Matt Gallapoo was nominated by Ron Puglisi and seconded by Kevin Gift. A motion to close the nominations was made by David Milller and seconded by Jerry Otterbacher. Motion carried. All voting members cast ballots that were counted by the trustees. The results were tabulated as follows: Travis Downs 32 votes and Matt Gallapoo 43 votes.

At the close of the election, Bill Prowant thanked the spouses and families of all board members for their constant support. Bill also invited all members to attend the Gala/Extravaganza event. The floor was opened for questions and comments. With nothing brought forward, a motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Koski and seconded by Sheila Linn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m. All attendees enjoyed a reception following the meeting. The date of the next annual meeting will be January 4, 2005.

