

**G.O.S.A. MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 16, 2004 11:00 A.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Bill Prowant, First Vice President Tom Linn, Second Vice President Kevin Koski, Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty, Trustees: Michael Albanese, Tony Albanese, Stan Connell, Dave Gallapoo, Matt Gallapoo, Doug Guinsler, Kurt Otterbacher, Ray Prowant, and Bill Sterling.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Carole Kowatch and Andy Pocock

President Bill Prowant called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Bill welcomed everyone and thanked guests Carole Kowatch and Andy Pocock for attending.

Various items of correspondence were shared.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved with a motion made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of November was presented. A motion to accept it was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Tony Albanese. Motion carried.

Scholarship Committee Chair Doug Guinsler asked that the scholarship report be given at this point in the meeting. Doug reported that there were a total of five new applicants for 2005. One application was filed for the Kissel Memorial Scholarship and the other four were for the Otterbacher Memorial Scholarship. All current recipients still remain eligible to receive funding from the program as well. With this being the case, on behalf of the committee Doug made a motion to increase the total amount given by \$5,000.00 for this year only. To assist with funding, \$4,000.00 will be taken from the horse scholarship CD upon its maturity next month, and \$3,000.00 will be withdrawn from the Kissel Memorial Savings to cover the three recipients of the Kissel Memorial Scholarship. Dave Gallapoo seconded this motion. Motion carried. In order to accommodate future similar situations, the legislative committee will work on an amendment for the by-laws so that the total amount given in the scholarship program can be evaluated on a yearly basis.

Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty presented the bills owed by the organization. A motion was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Michael Albanese. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Final plans for the Membership Appreciation Night were discussed. Sponsorships for this event were reviewed. All sponsors will be acknowledged in the yearbook and with a banner displayed at the event. Food similar to what was served at the annual meeting in

the past will be served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bar during the Membership Appreciation event. A budget of \$2,000.00 was set for the food with a budget of \$2,500.00 for the whole event. Details for all workshops at the convention were finalized. Discussion was held on how to draw fair board members to the Wednesday Morning session for funding alternatives to rent increases. Key points to be focused on within this workshop were reviewed. The OFMA District Directors will distribute printed material summing up the session in each District Meeting on Tuesday.

An update was given on the proceedings from the Lake County accident. Sentencing for inspector Kalin Turner has been moved to January 10, 2005.

Discussion was held on the options for the open memberships of the deceased life members. Options will be discussed with the membership at the convention and a decision will be made at a later date.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Details for the agenda and schedule for the annual meeting were finalized. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2005 from 3:00p.m. until approximately 5:00p.m.

The resignation of First Vice President Tom Linn and expiring Trustee positions were discussed. President Bill Prowant appointed Second Vice President Kevin Koski to fill the position of First Vice President vacated by Tom's resignation effective at the Annual Meeting. The position of Second Vice President will be open for the membership to vote on at the Annual Meeting. Both First and Second Vice President positions will be one-year terms to be voted on again at the 2006 Annual Meeting. A motion to approve the appointment for the First Vice President vacancy was made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Stan Connell. Motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on who would fulfill the responsibilities of handling the Extravaganza tickets and serve as Yearbook Chairman upon Tom's resignation.

A report was given on the sorting of the past records of the organization. A motion was made by Kevin Koski and seconded by Doug Guinsler to destroy all non-essential records as determined by the committee that sorted the records. Motion carried.

A new appointment to fill the expiring term of Ray Prowant on the Ohio Amusement Ride Safety Council was discussed. A motion was made by Tom Linn and seconded by Matt Gallapoo to appoint Bill Prowant as our new representative. Motion carried. A letter will be written recommending Bill for this position.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Membership Committee**-No applications for new memberships were received for approval. Suzanne McCarty reported that several members have already sent in their dues for 2005. Membership cards will be available for pick up at the convention.

- B. Roundup Committee**-No report.
- C. Yearbook Committee**-Suzanne reported that bills for ads for the 2005 edition of the book have been sent out.
- D. Ride Safety Committee**-The new fencing rules for 2005 were discussed. An article with details on the new rules will be published in the newsletter.
- E. Newsletter Committee**-It was mentioned that all board members need to assist Kurt in getting more information for the newsletters.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-Report was given earlier in the meeting.
- G. Games Committee**-The proposed changes in the games rules by O.D.A. for 2005 were discussed.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-The new “safe serve” policy that’s in effect in Indiana was discussed. It was reported that Ohio and Michigan are not likely to follow suit anytime soon.
- I. Website**-The necessity of updating the website was discussed. Changes will be made soon.
- J. Joint Membership**-No report.
- K. Convention**-Report already given.
- L. Sponsorship**-Report was given earlier in the meeting.

Voting took place for awards to be presented at the convention. Letters will be sent to all recipients asking them to attend the annual meeting.

Board members were reminded that the next meeting would be held on Monday, January 3, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the convention.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Tony Albanese. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

