

G.O.S.A. MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2004 11:00 A.M.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Shane Comer, Jerry and Penny Otterbacher, and Ninia Downs.

President Bill Prowant called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Various items of correspondence were shared with those in attendance.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Brent Bair and seconded by Dave Gallapoo. Motion carried.

Suzanne McCarty presented the Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Tom Linn. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominations for awards for the O.F.M.A. Spring District Meetings were reviewed and accepted as follows:

Tom Linn presented a nomination he received for Flo and Ernie Ruffner of the Portage County Fair. Motion Tom Linn second Ray Prowant to give a Lifetime Achievement Award to Flo and Ernie Ruffner of Portage County. Motion carried. Tom Linn will attend the District 5 & 9 Meeting to present the award.

A nomination was made for Floyd Ballis of District 4 to receive a District Director of the Year award. With no further nominations made, a motion was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Brent Bair for Floyd Ballis to be given the District Director of the Year award. Motion carried. David Drake will attend the District 3, 4, and 6 meeting to present the award.

A nomination was made for Dave Howard to receive a Special Appreciation award. With no further nominations made, a motion was made by Brent Bair and seconded by Kevin Koski to give a Special Appreciation award to Dave Howard. Motion carried. Ray Prowant will attend the District 1 & 2 meeting to present the award.

A nomination was made for Wanda Mason of the Coshocton County Fair to receive a Special Appreciation award. A motion was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Tom Linn to give a Special Appreciation award to Wanda Mason. Doug Guinsler will attend the District 7 & 8 meeting to present the award.

Stan Connell suggested that the Huron County Fair be given a special award for overall improvement to their fair. A motion to give a special award to the Huron County Fair Board was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Brent Bair. Motion Carried. Stan Connell will attend the District 5 & 9 meeting to present the award.

Reservations for each of the meetings were finalized and will be sent by Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty.

Discussion was held on meeting places for the future. The possibility of meeting at the Richland Co. Fairgrounds in Mansfield was discussed. Suzanne will prepare a mileage comparison between the current Worthington location and Mansfield for each board member. These findings will be reviewed and a final decision for meeting places for the next year will be made at the March meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer position was discussed. A motion was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Matt Gallapoo to retain Suzanne McCarty as Secretary-Treasurer for the amount of \$7,000.00 per year with an annual evaluation and renewal with board approval each February. Motion carried.

President Bill Prowant announced to the board that the Ohio Restaurant Association would no longer be assisting our organization. Plans for the change of address and forwarding of phone calls were discussed.

Bill Prowant reported on his recent meeting with representatives of O.D.A. concerning the progress of the Lake County accident. Changes have been made to the ride inspection sheets for the upcoming season. There will be a full staff of inspectors by the start of the season. A letter will be written on behalf of our organization in support of the inspectors.

Stan Connell reported on the status of the Pepsi National Account program. Everything is in place. A reminder for members to participate in order for the full benefits to be available will be in the next newsletter. A similar arrangement with Coca Cola is a definite possibility for the future.

Dave Gallapoo reported on the O.F.M.A. meeting he attended. Dave reported that there was an overall positive feeling about the Extravaganza event. The importance of the joint membership drive being promoted through individual fair offices was discussed. Board members volunteered to work with concession managers from various fairs to increase support of the joint membership program. Dave will prepare a letter and proposal to be given to concession managers in support of the program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Goals for 2004 were discussed. The main focus will be increasing the membership.

Discussion was held concerning the possibility of changes being made to the game rules by O.D.A. At this time no changes will be made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Membership Committee-Brent Bair reported on a possible new membership benefit with Best Tire Company to provide a 10% discount card for tire and auto services. No national account program is available at this time. It was decided to participate with Best Tire Company and obtain 10% discount cards for all members.

The following new membership applications were presented for approval: Mercurio Produce Distributors-Associate, Trent Bair-Regular, Muskingum County Agricultural Society-Associate, Kalida Pioneer Days-Associate/Joint, and William Deaton-W.D. Deaton Concessions-Regular/Joint. A motion to accept all new memberships presented was made by Brent Bair and seconded by Doug Guinsler. Motion carried.

Brent also reported on a membership drive/contest developed by the membership committee. For each new member obtained, the sponsor gets one chance for a drawing with the grand prize being a trip for 2 to the I.A.F.E. Convention in Las Vegas. The grand prize drawing would be held during the Extravaganza event at the O.F.M.A. Convention in January. New memberships of any type (including spousal) would be eligible. New joint memberships would also qualify for the program but would only be worth one chance in the drawing. Both members and nonmembers could participate in the contest. Board members would be excluded from the contest. A motion to accept the membership drive campaign proposal as presented by the membership committee with a budget of \$1500.00 was made by Kevin Koski and seconded by Matt Gallapoo. A roll call vote was taken with 11 in favor and 1 against the membership drive program. Motion carried.

B. Round Up Committee-Tony Albanese reported that the room at J.R. Hooks would be re-arranged to better accommodate us.

C. Yearbook Committee-Tom Linn reported that he has been in contact with Jill Shives for assistance with the yearbook. Tom will be going to Shreve Printing to work with them on publishing the yearbook.

D. Ride Safety Committee-No report.

E. Newsletter Committee-Kurt Otterbacher reported that the deadline for the next newsletter would be Friday, February 20th. Anyone with news for the newsletter should submit it to Kurt as soon as possible.

F. Scholarship Committee-Doug Guinsler will contact Evelyn Leubbe concerning the outstanding checks for scholarships. Doug will also have scholarship application packets at the April meeting. The deadline for the scholarship applications will be November 1, 2004.

G. Games Committee-No report.

H. Health and Sanitation-No report.

I. Website- Kurt Otterbacher reported that updates to the content of the website will continue.

It was reported that there were no updates as of yet to the buyer's group program proposed by Andy Pocock at the January meeting.

Bill Prowant reported on various N.I.C.A. events he attended while in Florida.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Stan Connell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Worthington.