

G.O.S.A. MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 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 Guinsler, Trustees: Michael Albanese, Tony Albanese, Brent Bair, Stan Connell, Dave Gallapoo, Doug Guinsler, Kurt Otterbacher, Ray Prowant, and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Howard Call, Jon Overmyer, and Andy Pocock.

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

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Brent Bair. Motion carried. Minutes of the meeting at the Convention were read and approved with a motion made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Kevin Koski. Motion carried.

Bill Prowant introduced guests Howard Call and Jon Overmyer from the OFMA. A thorough discussion concerning the Extravaganza event was held. Bill Prowant mentioned some concerns brought to him by the membership including the loss of identity of the organization and the lack of table space. Various possible changes to improve the event in the future were discussed including showing the numbers and names drawn on the projector screens, adjusting the timing of drawing tickets and the playing of the band so that more people are around after the final drawing, and the possibility of getting a sponsor for the food for the future. Both boards feel that the event went well overall.

Discussion was held on the overall success of the convention. Possible suggestions for improvement were to make the sessions have more appeal to attendees. The large number of sessions held on Wednesday afternoon in a limited amount of time was also mentioned. Possible solutions for these issues were discussed. Howard will forward the bill for the convention expenses with a complete breakdown of expenses. Howard announced the dates for the spring district meetings as follows: Districts 1 & 2 on March 20 in Bowling Green, Districts 5 & 9 on March 21 in Norwalk, Districts 7 & 8 on March 27 in Zanesville, and Districts 3, 4, & 6 on March 28 in Washington Court House.

Suzanne Guinsler presented the following new membership applications received at the convention for approval: L.T. Bones-Bones Framed Pictures & Plush-Associate, Art Strozewski-Bow River Jewelry-Regular, Susan Miles-GT Wolf Awning & Tent-Spousal, Jo Ellen Albanese-Spousal, Meralie Pierce-Pocock-Spousal, Gary Prater-Prater's Concessions Inc.-Regular, Peggy Baker-Associate, Matt Freiling-Regular, Clyde Carter-Johnny's Pizza-Regular, Mike Weis-Weis Choice Productions-Associate/Joint, and Larry Mouser-Ohio Classic Tractor Pullers-Associate/Joint. A motion to approve all new members was made by Brent Bair and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried.

Suzanne Guinsler presented the treasurer's report and bills. A motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Tom Linn. Motion Carried.

Bill Prowant mentioned that the permanent replacement for the Secretary/Treasurer Position would be discussed and decided at the February meeting. A notice of the availability of the position will appear in the next newsletter.

Guest Andy Pocock was recognized and made a presentation on the possibility of setting up a buying group of vendors in our industry. Members of the buying group would offer discounts to the membership when they purchase from the participating vendors. He shared sample information from the National Costumer's Association including requirements for participation that could be used as a basis in establishing the buying group for our industry. Andy mentioned that game prize suppliers would be a good place to start as a pilot for the program. Kurt Otterbacher will assist Andy in contacting possible vendors. More information will follow at future meetings.

Further discussion was held on the Extravaganza event. Doug Guinsler mentioned the importance of all tickets being sold prior to the start of the event. Other items discussed included the location of the door prize tables, seating accommodations, the amount of time the live auction took between drawing the tickets, the possibility of having the silent auction and cash bar in the foyer, and possibly selling reserved tables.

Discussion on the convention as a whole was continued. Kevin Koski stated that all of the sessions went well overall. However, there were too many sessions geared toward concession managers on Wednesday afternoon. A total of 11 sessions were held on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. The convention committee will meet and have a report for ideas for next year at future meetings.

Goals for 2004 were discussed. Various ways of increasing membership numbers were mentioned. Suggestions included having a membership drive in the form of a contest with a significant prize awarded for the person bringing in the most new members. The membership committee will meet and have a report at the February meeting.

Spring Awards were discussed. The next newsletter will include a form for nominations. Voting for the awards will take place at the February meeting.

Committee assignments for 2004 were made. A complete list will be distributed at the February meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee-**Brent Bair reported that packets are being prepared for new members. He also reported that the membership application needs updating including a list of benefits to members. A list of members with unpaid dues was distributed and reviewed. February 15th will be the deadline for all memberships

to be paid before benefits are lost. Suzanne will send out second notices to all members who have not yet paid their dues. A notice will also be in the next newsletter.

- B. Roundup Committee-**Plans are being made for the next fall round up in October. It will be held at the same location as in the past. It was suggested that an appreciation award be presented to the owner of J.R. Hooks for his hospitality to our organization. A motion was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Doug Guinsler to present this appreciation award at the round up in October. Motion carried.
- C. Yearbook Committee-**Tom Linn reported that the billings have been sent out and that several payments for ads have been received. The deadline for the yearbook will be February 15th.
- D. Ride Safety Committee-**Ray Prowant reported that there was nothing new to report.
- E. Newsletter Committee-**Kurt Otterbacher reported that the deadline for the next newsletter would be Fri. Jan. 23rd. Anyone with information for the newsletter should forward it to Kurt as soon as possible.
- F. Scholarship Committee-**Doug Guinsler reported that he verified eligibility of all recipients and all recipients are currently eligible. Doug also reported that there is no limit to the amount of recipients for the Kissel Scholarship.
- G. Games Committee-**No report.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee-**No report.
- I. Website Committee-**Kurt Otterbacher reported that he will continue to update the information on the website including posting pictures from the Extravaganza and the annual meeting.

It was brought to the attention of the board that the Showman of the Year award plaque usually has a picture of the recipient on it. The plaque for this year's recipient, Doris Lehman did not contain a picture. A motion was made by Brent Bair and seconded by Ray Prowant to have a new plaque made for Doris Lehman that contains a picture. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Brent Bair and seconded by Dave Gallapoo. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 19, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Worthington.

