

G.O.S.A. MINUTES
MARCH 18, 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, Brent Bair, Stan Connell, Dave Gallapoo, Matt Gallapoo, Doug Guinsler, Kurt Otterbacher, Ray Prowant, Todd Sipe, and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Ninia Downs, Jerry and Penny Otterbacher, and Carole Kowatch.

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

Roll call was taken followed by the reading of the minutes of the February meeting. A motion for approval of the minutes as they were read was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Todd Sipe. Motion carried.

President Bill Prowant recognized guests present. Various items of correspondence were shared with those in attendance.

Suzanne McCarty presented the Treasurer's Report. A brief discussion was held on the various accounts of the association. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Michael Albanese. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for payment. Discussion was held on our account with Communication Options, Inc. A motion was made by Todd Sipe and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher to eliminate the phone cards held by board members and investigate the current billing for the toll free number. Motion carried. A motion to pay the bills as they were presented was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Kevin Koski. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

On behalf of the Ohio Restaurant Association Ninia Downs thanked the board for the cooperation and positive relationship she has had while working with our organization.

Final arrangements were made for the presentation of awards for the upcoming O.F.M.A. District meetings. An address promoting the joint membership campaign will be given at each of the meetings.

Bill Prowant gave an update on the Lake County accident.

Stan Connell reported on the Pepsi National Account program. A letter will be sent to all members encouraging them to participate in the program.

Dates and locations for future meetings were discussed. Meeting dates for the remainder of 2004 and beginning of 2005 will be as follows: October 18th in Circleville, November

18th, December 16th, January 3, 2005 (Convention), January 4th (Annual Meeting), January 20th, February 24th, March 17th, and April 21st (IX Center). The tentative location for all future meetings unless noted otherwise will be the Holiday Inn in Worthington. A motion to explore a change of location within the Columbus area was made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Doug Guinsler. Motion carried. The Ohio State Fairgrounds was mentioned as a possibility. Doug Guinsler will check into the availability and prices. Matt Gallapoo will check into various other locations in the Columbus area. Further discussion will continue at the April meeting.

A short discussion was held concerning the budgets requested by committee chairs for 2004. Budgets for all committees were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Convention committee chairman Kevin Koski asked for suggestions for seminar topics for the 2005 convention. A total of four sessions will be held with two of them targeting G.O.S.A. members and two targeting fair board members. It was suggested that we also have a motivational speaker specializing in obtaining sponsorships for fairs. Topics must be finalized by the April meeting.

Suzanne shared the new mailing address with those present; it is as follows:
P.O. Box 2448, Zanesville, OH 43702-2448.

Matt Gallapoo presented the possibility of having a raffle for a large prize such as a trailer or a significant cash prize. Matt will check into the possibilities for this and provide more information at the April meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee-**Brent Bair presented the flyer for the membership contest to be distributed at the O.F.M.A. District Meetings. The following new membership applications were presented for approval: Keith Baum-Regular, Cindy Ta-Regular, Rosemary and Robert Ash-Regular, and Kelly and Ryan Kuzma-Regular. A motion to accept all new memberships as presented was made by Brent Bair and seconded by Todd Sipe. Motion carried. Brent reported that the discount cards with Best Tire Company are still being finalized. Suzanne presented a report of the current membership. It was decided that advertisers in the yearbook would only receive a yearbook and not newsletters. Membership applications will be printed as soon as possible and will be distributed at the April meeting.

At this point in the meeting, Jim Truex, Ohio Department of Agriculture Ride Safety Division Chief entered and gave a report. Mr. Truex gave an update on the current status of the Lake County accident as well a review of his staff for the 2004 season. Mr. Truex stressed the importance of reporting itineraries well in advance to allow for convenient inspection schedules on the part of his staff and ride owners. He also presented the possibility of having management seminars next winter. Among the various topics to be

addressed will be issues concerning the ride owners' paperwork, and games rules and control by fair managers among others. The seminars will be incorporated into the O.F.M.A. Convention. A separate state wide seminar will also be held possibly in February of 2005 for two to three days separating rides and games issues. Mr. Truex asked for input and the possibility of sponsorship by G.O.S.A. He also mentioned the potential formation of a games committee at the state level including representatives from the O.F.M.A. and G.O.S.A. to deal with situations that arise when game rules are broken.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Truex's presentation, discussion was held on the topics that he mentioned. It was decided that a proposal be made to O.D.A. at the attention of Mr. Truex for G.O.S.A to start a legal defense fund to accept anonymous donations from our members. The possibility of contributing to the seminars with O.D.A. was also mentioned. A motion was made by Michael Albanese and seconded by Bill Sterling for G.O.S.A. to support and participate with O.D.A. in having seminars in the winter of 2005 by assisting in games rules and ride safety issues. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd)

B. Round Up Committee-Michael Albanese reported that tickets were distributed.

C. Yearbook Committee-Tom Linn reported that he and Suzanne met with Karen at Shreve Printing. Suzanne is currently finishing updating information from last year's book. The number of books to order was discussed. Upon completion of the book, a comparison will be done to check the accuracy of the ad prices.

D. Ride Safety Committee-No report.

E. Newsletter-Kurt Otterbacher asked for any additional information for the next issue of the newsletter.

F. Scholarship-Doug Guinsler will have copies of both applications available at the April meeting.

G. Games-Kurt Otterbacher shared an article he wrote concerning the games rules. The article will be published in the upcoming newsletter.

H. Health & Sanitation-No report.

I. Website-Kurt Otterbacher reported that the web site is currently unavailable but the problem is currently being taken care of.

All in attendance were reminded of the IX Center being the location of the next meeting.

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Gallapoo and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.