

G.O.S.A. MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2004

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, Brent Bair, Stan Connell, Dave Gallapoo, Doug Guinsler, Kurt Otterbacher, Ray Prowant, Todd Sipe, and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Shane Comer

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

Roll call was taken. Bill welcomed everyone and thanked guest Shane Comer for attending.

Minutes of the October Meeting were approved with a motion made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried.

The Annual Financial Report was presented. Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty asked for any questions concerning the content and format of the report. A motion to approve the annual report was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The program for the upcoming Ohio Fair Managers Association Convention was reviewed. The details for each session topic were discussed. The possibility of hosting a hospitality event for the membership and promotion of our organization on Tuesday following the annual meeting was discussed. The event will take place in the 2nd Floor lounge and will include a band for entertainment and banners advertising our organization. It was decided that each board member should attempt to obtain at least one \$100.00 sponsorship to assist with the costs for this event. Sponsors will be recognized in the newsletter, yearbook, on the website, at the annual meeting and on banners and signs at the event.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Jim Truex from the Ohio Department of Agriculture Ride Safety Division joined the meeting to provide an update on the accident in Lake County. Mr. Truex reported that inspector Ted Brubaker had been sentenced to 15 days in jail for the charge of dereliction of duty and inspector Kalin Turner's sentencing will be held on December 17, 2004. Mr. Truex said that the Department of Agriculture fully supports both inspectors and will continue to do so. While at the meeting, he also mentioned that the meeting with our games rules committee went well and that a games workshop is being planned for sometime in 2005.

Membership benefits provided by the organization were reviewed. All benefits are still in existence at this time. Stan Connell reported that in order to receive full credit for the

organization for purchases in the Pepsi program, each member must call Pepsi and have them credit purchases to the G.O.S.A. parent number.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members of the games committee that recently met with O.D.A. gave a report on the meeting. They reported that the build-ups within some games would be done away with. It was mentioned that most problems with games occur after the O.D.A. inspectors have left the grounds of the event. A workshop geared toward fair managers will be held in 2005 so that better policing of games can occur.

President Bill Prowant reported on the introduction of House Bill HR4190 by Congressman Edward Markey. The bill proposes a federal law requiring the Department of Labor to make the minimum age of ride operators be 18 years old. At this point no changes have taken place.

A report was given on the O.F.E.A. convention held recently in Columbus. Board members that attended distributed yearbooks and membership applications.

A report was given on the O.F.M.A. meeting held earlier in the month. An update was given concerning the Extravaganza event. The silent auction items will be placed in the foyer area outside the Regency Ballroom. The entertainment for the event has not yet been finalized but it will most likely be either Phil Dirt and the Dozers performing a different show than last year or the Van Dells. Dates for 2005 Spring District meetings were also announced. They are as follows: Districts 1 and 2 on April 2nd, Districts 5 and 9 on April 3rd, locations for both to be announced later; Districts 7 and 8 on April 9th in Zanesville and Districts 3, 4, and 6 on April 10th in Washington Court House.

Discussion was held on budget availability for future projects and the need to watch our funds while planning these projects. The possibility of offering additional Life Memberships to the organization was mentioned. Further details and ideas will be reviewed at future meetings.

Brent Bair mentioned that someone interested in selling our yearbook advertising in the future contacted him. He will get further information on this possibility.

Possible award nominations for this year were discussed briefly. Awards will be voted on at the December meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee**-Arrangements for the trip giveaway for the membership contest were discussed. The following applications from new members were presented for approval: William Howells-Regular, Virginia Howells-Spousal, Matthew Scott-Associate, Ray Reitz-Regular, Charles Schwochow-Associate, George Creegan-Associate, and Dan Swiney-

Associate. A motion to approve all new memberships was made by Tom Linn and seconded by Brent Bair. Motion carried.

- B. Roundup Committee-**A report on the income and winners from the Round Up was distributed and reviewed. Tony and Michael Albanese reported that J.R. Hooks was given a plaque in appreciation of his support of the organization. Mr. Hooks was very surprised and honored and immediately hung the plaque. The possibility of giving a plaque to everyone that supports the organization by making donations was discussed. Further information will be provided at the December meeting.
- C. Yearbook Committee-**Necessary corrections to the 2004 yearbook were brought to the attention of the committee. Billing for the 2005 yearbook will be sent out shortly. Prices for ads were discussed. No changes will be made to advertising prices at this time.
- D. Ride Safety Committee-**Ray Prowant reported that Bob Johnson from the O.A.B.A. was at the last Ride Safety meeting. He also reported on the *Sizzler* accident that occurred in Massachusetts.
- E. Newsletter Committee-**A proof of the upcoming newsletter was available for review.
Another newsletter will be done prior to the December meeting.
- F. Scholarship Committee-**Doug Guinsler reported that he has received one application for the Kissel Memorial Scholarship and four for the Rupert Otterbacher Scholarship.
- G. Games Committee-**No report.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee-**Nothing new to report.
- I. Website Committee-**Todd Sipe shared information he will be updating on the site. The possibility of changing to the web-hosting program offered by the O.F.M.A. was discussed. A motion was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Kevin Koski to change to the O.F.M.A. program. Motion carried.
- J. Joint Membership-**No report.
- K. Convention-**A title for the Tuesday evening event was chosen. The event will be called "G.O.S.A. Membership Appreciation Night". It will take place immediately following the annual meeting in the second floor lounge from approximately 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- L. Sponsorship Committee-**Already reported.

Bill reminded board members that we would be meeting on December 13th in Dupont to go through items belonging to the organization.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Todd Sipe. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.