

G.O.S.A MINUTES
OCTOBER 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, Tony Albanese, Stan Connell, Dave Gallapoo, Matt Gallapoo, Doug Guinsler, Kurt Otterbacher, Ray Prowant, Todd Sipe, and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Sy Kolassa

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

Roll call was taken. Bill Prowant welcomed everyone and thanked guest Sy Kolassa for attending.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Tom Linn and seconded by Kevin Koski. Motion carried. Various items of correspondence received since the last meeting were reviewed.

Suzanne McCarty presented the Treasurer's Report. The annual financial report will be completed and available for review at the November meeting. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read was made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Todd Sipe. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Bill Prowant reported on the legal status of the ODA inspectors involved in the Lake County accident. Discussion was held on the position if any; the board should take on in this situation. It was decided to wait until a later date to take a position.

A brief discussion was held on the status of the program for the convention. An additional seminar may be added to address alternatives for rent increases from fairs. It was mentioned that the entertainment for the Extravaganza has not yet been chosen.

Bill Prowant reminded those in attendance that the next meeting would be held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in the Rhodes Center. Detailed information and directions will be sent to everyone prior to the meeting.

Suzanne McCarty gave a short review of the membership benefits currently offered to our members. Discussion was held concerning the necessity of members to verify with Pepsi that the organization is getting credit for their purchases.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members of the Games Rules Committee were reminded that a meeting would be held with ODA on November 5th to review various possible rule changes concerning games and their operations.

A lengthy discussion was held on the future of our industry including continuous increases in rent by fairs and festivals and other issues. A committee consisting of Michael Albanese, Stan Connell, Dave Gallapoo, Matt Gallapoo and Kevin Koski was formed to develop a solid plan of alternatives to target fairs and discourage rent increases. This committee will have a report at the November meeting.

The possibility of having a hospitality suite at the OFMA convention was discussed. As an alternative to this, hosting a night in the 2nd floor lounge to promote our organization was discussed. Appetizers could be provided and a band could play for entertainment. If this is done, the appetizers would take the place of the appetizers provided at the annual meeting and would be limited to stay within our costs. Maxwell from the Hyatt will be contacted on the possibility of doing this.

Matt Gallapoo proposed that we ask members for award nominations for the convention during the Round Up. Matt will make up a form to distribute. A nomination was accepted for Festival of the Year.

Bill Prowant asked officers and trustees when they would be available to go through the older files and belongings of the association. Everyone agreed to Monday, December 13th. Further information and directions will be provided at the November meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee**-Suzanne McCarty presented the following new membership applications for approval: John Klopfenstein-Regular, Howard Hawkins-Regular, Greene Co. Ag. Society-Regular, James Bell-Regular, Eddie Miracle-Regular, Interactive Game Experience-Regular, Andy Emrisko- Old World Foods-Associate. A motion to approve the new memberships was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried.
- B. Round Up Committee**-Michael and Tony Albanese reported that everything was in place for the night's events. All tickets that were sold had been turned in and the plaque for Mr. Hooks was ready to be presented.
- C. Yearbook Committee**-No report.
- D. Ride Safety Committee**-A meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21st with O.D.A.
- E. Newsletter Committee**-Kurt Otterbacher reported that a newsletter will be sent out prior to the November meeting.

- F. Scholarship Committee**-Doug Guinsler reported that a full report will be given at the November meeting.
- G. Games Committee**-Previously discussed.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-Nothing new to report.
- I. Website Committee**-A discussion was held on the possibility of changing our website to the OFMA Website plan. A report on this will be given in November.
- J. Joint Membership**-No report.

Everyone present was reminded that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Rhodes Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Matt Gallapoo and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.