

G.O.S.A. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 4, 2005 3:00 P.M.

President Bill Prowant opened the meeting at 3:12 p.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Penny Otterbacher gave the invocation and recognized the departed members.

The Minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Jen Koski and seconded by David Miller. Motion carried.

Suzanne McCarty gave the Treasurer's Report. The annual financial report was presented and the floor was opened for questions concerning the condition of the organization. With no questions raised, a motion for approval was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Denise Woods. Motion carried.

Committee reports were presented as follows:

A. Convention Committee- Chairman Kevin Koski thanked the office staff for their help. Kevin reviewed all of the sessions hosted by the G.O.S.A. He highlighted the "Creating a Better Bottom Line" session to be held on Wednesday encouraging fairs to find alternatives to rent increases. He also reviewed the schedule for the Extravaganza event. Kevin welcomed suggestions from the membership for next year's convention.

B. Membership Committee- Brent Bair reminded everyone in attendance to pay their dues as soon as possible. He reviewed all of the benefits available to members. He also told everyone present about the membership contest for a trip to Las Vegas to be held during the Extravaganza event.

At this point, President Bill mentioned that there are 6 deceased members who had some of the 50 life memberships that were sold a few years ago. Bill asked that the membership think of possibilities for filling these vacancies. A decision will be made sometime within the next year.

C. Yearbook Committee- Tom Linn reported on the delay that occurred with the publishing of the 2004 Yearbook. He also reported that all ads are paid for prior to publishing. Tom reminded everyone that the final deadline for the 2005 Yearbook is February 15th. Members were asked for pictures and contributions for the book. Tom also thanked the board and the membership for his experiences while serving on the board.

D. Scholarship Committee- Doug Guinsler thanked the other committee members and the membership as a whole for their support. Doug recognized Bud Downs for his donation of the dolly at the Fall Round Up. Doug gave an explanation of the unique funding for this year. With several well-qualified applicants for this year's program funding will be used from the Kissel

Memorial Fund and the Horse Raffle fund to cover the additional costs of awarding all applicants with scholarships. Doug announced all of the recipients and presented checks to those in attendance. Recipients of the Kissel Memorial Scholarship are: Second Year- Caila Block, Brian Power and First Year Jana Mull. Recipients of the Otterbacher Memorial Scholarship are: Fourth Year-Evelyn Luebbe, Alyson Miles, Jeffrey Otterbacher, Jennifer Sipe, and Sheila Weber. Third Year- Ashley Gentile, Megan Gentile, Jennifer Poeppelman, and Carrie Schrader. Second Year- Elizabeth Guinsler, Stephanie Matus, and Tiffany Sipe. First Year-Amanda Glessner, Taryn McClellan, Jared Miles, and Ryan Mowry.

- E. Ride Safety Committee-** Ray Prowant gave a thorough update on the accident that occurred in Lake County in 2003. Ray reported on the sentences given to one of the two ride inspectors involved with the accident. He encouraged everyone to show their support to these two inspectors and their families. Ray also explained the composition of the Amusement Ride Safety Committee.
- F. Fall Round Up Committee-**Tony Albanese thanked the membership for their support of the round up. Tony reported that the total income from the round up was \$8,636.50. He also recognized all of the prizewinners. Tony encouraged everyone to continue to support the round up in the future.
- G. Newsletter Committee-**Kurt Otterbacher reported that the next newsletter should be arriving anytime. There will also be another newsletter at the end of the month. Kurt thanked everyone for their input and assistance. He encouraged everyone to contribute with pictures and articles throughout the year.
- H. Health and Sanitation Committee-**Stan Connell reported that the required temperature for 'hot hold' food has decreased. Stan recommended that charts on proper sanitation be posted for reference for inspections. He also made everyone aware that Indiana has gone to a 'serve safe' policy that requires certification of at least one employee on the grounds of the event. He reported that Ohio and Michigan aren't expected to follow with this policy any time in the near future.
- I. Games Committee-**Kurt Otterbacher recognized all of the committee members and thanked them for their participation. He mentioned the proposal made by O.D.A. to do away with build-ups due to the large number of complaints received. Kurt told everyone that due to recent feedback concerning the elimination of build ups, there would be a meeting the following day prior to the meeting with O.D.A. to determine the organization's position on this issue. All members were encouraged to attend.

Old Business;

New Business;

Award Presentations:

- 1. Outstanding Achievement in Food-**Bozich Food Service presented by Tom Linn
- 2. Outstanding Achievement in Straight Sales-**Adele Canestraro Velazquez presented by Marty Morehart
- 3. Outstanding Achievement in Games-**Amber and Shane Anderson presented by Bill Sterling
- 4. Outstanding Achievement in Rides-**Bill and Joe Sterling presented by Michael Albanese
- 5. Showman of the Year-**DiRusso's presented by Todd Sipe
- 6. Lifetime Achievement-**Charlie Cox presented by Bill Prowant
- 7. Lifetime Achievement-**Jack R. Woods, Sr. presented by Ray Prowant
- 8. Outstanding Achievement in Service to Ohio Fairs and Festivals-**Tim Daum presented by Ray Prowant.
- 9. Special Appreciation-**Gary Nester presented by Ray Prowant
- 10. Special Appreciation-**Barb Kissel presented by Tony Albanese

Constitution and By Laws Cleanup:

Members were made aware that the by-laws would be cleaned up to update them.

Election of Officers:

- 1. Second Vice President-**A one-year term to fill the vacancy left by the appointment of Kevin Koski to First Vice President. Kurt Otterbacher was nominated by Meralie Pocock. With no further nominations a motion was made to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot by Dr. Jim Burnette. Motion carried.

Election of Trustees:

- 1. Straight Sales Category-** Andy Pocock was nominated by Dean Otterbacher. With no further nominations, a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by David Miller. Motion carried.
- 2. Trustee At Large-** Bill Sterling was nominated by David Drake. Travis Downs was nominated by Jack Woods. Carole Kowatch was nominated by Dean Crumpler. A motion to close the nominations was made by Dr. Jim Burnette. Motion carried. Ballots were cast and counted. The results were as follows: Bill Sterling 43 votes, Travis Downs 22 votes, and Carole Kowatch 12 votes. Bill Sterling was elected to a three-year term.
- 3. Trustee At Large-**David Drake was nominated by Mike Williams. Travis Downs was nominated by Jack Woods. Dave Gallapoo was nominated by Dean Otterbacher. Ballots were cast and counted. The results were as follows: David Drake 13 votes, Travis Downs 26 votes, Dave Gallapoo 36 votes. No candidate received the majority vote so a re-vote was held between

Dave Gallapoo and Travis Downs. Dave Gallapoo was elected to a three-year term.

- 4. Trustee At Large-** Michael Albanese was nominated by David Miller and the nomination was declined. Travis Downs was nominated by J.R. Woods. Carole Kowatch was nominated by Dean Crumpler. David Drake was nominated by Nikki Bair. A motion to close the nominations was made by Jack Woods. Motion carried. Ballots were cast and counted. The results were as follows: Travis Downs 43 votes, Carole Kowatch 16 votes, David Drake 13 votes. Travis Downs was elected to a three-year term.
- 5. Trustee At Large-**For the vacancy left by the election of Kurt Otterbacher to Second Vice President. David Drake was nominated by Nikki Bair. Carole Kowatch was nominated by Dean Crumpler. A motion to close the nominations was made by Ray Prowant. Motion carried. Ballots were cast and counted. The results were as follows: David Drake 48 votes, Carole Kowatch 26 votes. David Drake was elected to a three-year term.

At the close of the election, Bill thanked Tom, Michael and Brent and their families for their service to the organization. All in attendance were invited to the Membership Appreciation event in the Second Floor Lounge. With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Jen Koski and seconded by David Miller. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m. The date of the next annual meeting is January 3, 2006.