

G.O.S.A. MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2005

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Bill Prowant, First Vice President Kevin Koski, Second Vice President Kurt Otterbacher, Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty, Trustees: Stan Connell, Travis Downs, Dave Gallapoo, Matt Gallapoo, Doug Guinsler, Andy Pocock, Ray Prowant, and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Hodson

President Bill Prowant called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of recently deceased member Gary Duncan.

Roll call was taken and guests were welcomed. Minutes of the March meeting were read and the following corrections were made: Term limits were only discussed, no recommendations were given. "Goals of the G.O.S.A." will be a topic at the 2006 convention rather than "Hiring of Foreign Students". A motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting was made by Kevin Koski and seconded by Travis Downs. Motion carried.

A brief Treasurer's report was given due to the computer problems. Suzanne McCarty reported that the organization's operating checking account will be changed to a new account created for non-profits that doesn't charge a service fee. She also reported that a debit card has been obtained for the operating account. The Treasurer's report was approved as given with a motion made by Andy Pocock and seconded by Bill Sterling. Motion carried. Bills owed by the organization were presented for approval. A motion was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Plans for the 2006 O.F.M.A. Convention and Gala/Extravaganza event were discussed. Numerous possible changes to improve the Extravaganza event were mentioned. Ideas for the membership appreciation night to be held again on Tuesday night were presented. The Extravaganza committee will take care of planning the event.

An update was given on House Bill 64. No changes had been implemented yet.

Bill and Ray Prowant and Doug Guinsler reported on their experience testifying to the Ohio Senate Finance Committee regarding the ride licensing fee increase within the biennial budget bill. They reported that inflatables were exempt from the fee increase because of their backyard use. Additional testifying will take place in May prior to the final voting on the budget. The necessity for support from our members against the proposed fee increase was mentioned. A sample letter will be sent to our members to encourage them to write to their Senators to encourage them to vote against the fee increase. The need to register and report our representation by the Towner Policy group

was discussed. A motion to use the services of Towner Policy Group on an as needed basis was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried.

The possibility of enacting term limits was discussed. An article had been published in the newsletter regarding term limits. After exploration of the whether or not the need for term limits exists, it was decided that no changes are necessary at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

The tax payment issue in Summit County was discussed.

Kevin Koski gave a report on the IAFE spring meeting. He reported that they are aware of the needs of our organization. A motion to pursue an in kind membership with IAFE was made by Kevin Koski and seconded by Doug Guinsler. Motion carried.

The need for giving an award to an Ohio festival this year was mentioned. This must be done in October so that the presentation can be made in November at the festival convention.

The tax form received by some our members from the Circleville Pumpkin show was discussed. The forms concern the tax on pop only.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee-**The need to meet with other state showmen's organizations to pool ideas was brought up again. The possibility of offering an employee membership for \$25.00 was also mentioned again. Details on beginning this will be left to the committee. One new membership submitted by Ron Smith of Lebanon, Indiana was presented for approval. A motion to approve the new membership was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried.
- B. Roundup Committee-**No report.
- C. Yearbook Committee-**The cover designed for the yearbook was presented. The computer problems have caused some delays with getting the book finished.
- D. Ride Safety Committee-**No report.
- E. Newsletter Committee-**Kurt Otterbacher reported that the next newsletter would be coming out soon. He also reported that he always welcomes any submissions for the newsletter.
- F. Scholarship Committee-**No report.
- G. Games Committee-**The policing form for games developed by our organization will be sent to all fairs by O.D.A.

H. Health & Sanitation Committee-No report.

I. Website Committee-No report.

J. Joint Membership-No report.

K. Sponsorship Committee-Additional sponsorships will be obtained for the membership appreciation night and other activities for the year.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kurt Otterbacher and seconded by Travis Downs. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.