

G.O.S.A. MINUTES FEBRUARY 22, 2005

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Bill Prowant, First Vice President Kevin Koski, Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty, Trustees: Tony Albanese, Travis Downs, David Drake, Dave Gallapoo, Matt Gallapoo, Doug Guinsler, Ray Prowant, and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Albanese and Kevin Pope.

President Bill Prowant called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and guests were welcomed.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Kevin Koski. Motion carried.

Various items of correspondence were shared. A brief discussion was held on the meeting with Senator Jim Jordan. Topics to be discussed within the meeting were reviewed.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of January and bills owed by the organization were presented and approved with a motion made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Dave Gallapoo. Motion carried. The bill received from O.F.M.A. for Convention expenses was reviewed and discussed. It was suggested that we find sponsors for the coffee provided in our office in order to decrease costs. It was also mentioned that all plaques would be updated by the 2006 Convention.

At this point in the meeting, Ted Wendling and Marc Pfizenmayer representing Rinehart Insurance gave a presentation on Health Savings Accounts and other Insurance programs. A motion was made by David Drake and seconded by Kevin Koski to explore the options of providing an insurance benefit to our members. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Gala and Extravaganza was discussed. The event will again be sponsored by both organizations with each selling 300 tickets as in the past. The committees of both organizations will handle all details for the event. The tickets for both the Gala/Extravaganza and the Fall Round Up have been ordered.

Changes for the Membership Appreciation Night on Tuesday of the Convention was also discussed. The possibility of moving the event to a separate room was discussed. The committee will develop a plan and propose it at the March meeting.

Ohio House Bill 64 that was recently introduced by Representative Cassell was discussed. The bill would require that all rides be double grounded and only applies to portable rides. A proposed press release was distributed and reviewed. A motion to send

the press release to the appropriate parties after the grammar and usage are revised was made by Kevin Koski and seconded by Bill Sterling. Motion carried. A second press release in reference to the proposed fee increases will also be sent out.

The upcoming O.D.A. Ride and Game seminars were mentioned.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for awards for the O.F.M.A. Spring District Meetings were presented and awards winners were determined as follows:

A motion was made by David Drake and seconded by Kevin Koski to nominate Dan Bullen of the Montgomery County Fair to receive the Secretary/Manager of the Year award. Motion carried. The award will be presented at the District 3, 4, & 6 meeting in Washington Court House on April 10, 2005.

A nomination was received through the mail for Jim Stout former O.F.M.A. District 2 Director to receive the District Director of the Year Award. A motion to accept this nomination and give the District Director of the Year Award to Jim Stout was made by Kevin Koski and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried. The award will be presented at the District 1 & 2 meeting in Lima on April 2, 2005.

A motion was made by Matt Gallapoo and seconded by Ray Prowant to award Gordon Greene of the Lorain County Fair with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Motion carried. The award will be presented at the District 5 & 9 meeting on April 3, 2005.

A motion was made by Bill Sterling and seconded by Ray Prowant to award Frank Newlon of the Perry County Fair with a Special Appreciation Award for his support to our organization. Motion carried.

It was mentioned that the Dayton City Schools changed the start date for classes for the 2005-2006 school year to prior to the Montgomery County Fair. O.F.M.A. is writing a letter to request that 4-H members be allowed to participate.

A motion was made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Ray Prowant for Suzanne McCarty to look into either purchasing or leasing a new computer. Motion carried. Suzanne will have a report and a decision will be made at the March meeting.

Bill and Ray Prowant reported that the Showman of the Year plaque was presented to Auggie DiRusso in Florida.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee**-The following four new memberships were reviewed for approval: The Just Us Band-Jerry Neighbarger, Roger Patrick, Center for Cultural Interchange, and Todd Bidlack. A motion to approve all new members was made by David Drake and seconded by Bill Sterling.

Motion carried. A list of members who have not yet paid their dues was reviewed and board members volunteered to make phone calls to these members.

- B. Roundup Committee**-It was reported that the tickets have been ordered.
- C. Yearbook Committee**-Doug and Suzanne reported that they will be going to Shreve within the next few weeks.
- D. Ride Safety Committee**-Report given earlier in the meeting.
- E. Newsletter Committee**-Bill Prowant asked everyone to continue finding articles to be published in the newsletter.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-No report.
- G. Games Committee**-Bill Sterling presented a proposal for policing build-up games to be used by fairs. A form will be used to track complaints reported to the office during the fair. O.D.A. and O.F.M.A. are being consulted on the format of the form.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-No report.
- I. Website Committee**-A training session for the O.F.M.A. website development program will be held on March 12th.
- J. Joint Membership Committee**-No report.
- K. Convention Committee**-A topic report summary from the sessions held at the convention this year was given. A total of 76 sessions were held with 2,869 attendees and an average of 40 people per session. Seminars that will no longer be held were also mentioned. The committee will have our sessions for next year decided on by the March meeting.
- L. Sponsorship Committee**-No report.

The possibility of our membership participating in the spousal activities during the convention was discussed.

The committee established to conduct the evaluation of Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty met immediately following the meeting. Their recommendation will be discussed at the March meeting.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Drake and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

