

**G.O.S.A. MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 20, 2005 11:00 A.M.**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Michael Albanese, Howard Call, Shane Comer, Paul Oechsle, Jon Overmyer, and Kevin Pope.

President Bill Prowant called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken and guests in attendance were welcomed.

At this time, the floor was opened for discussion of the Extravaganza event. The changes made from 2004 to this year were reviewed. A detailed discussion was held concerning possible improvements for the event in the future. Feedback from attendees of the Extravaganza will be considered in planning the event for next year.

Various items of correspondence were shared and reviewed.

Minutes of the December 2004 meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Doug Guinsler. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report for the month of December and bills to be paid were presented. A motion to accept the report as given was made by Matt Gallapoo and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Further discussion was held on the Gala and Extravaganza event. Various ideas to help to improve the event for the future were discussed. A motion was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher to continue with the event for next year with the planning to be done by the Extravaganza committee. Motion carried. A roll call vote of those in favor of continuing with the Extravaganza event was taken. The roll call vote resulted in a unanimous "yes" vote.

The attendance and success of all sessions held at the convention was reviewed. Session topics for the 2006 convention should be decided by March.

The Membership Appreciation Night was discussed. The total cost for the event was \$2,190.00 including the food, band and cost of having the banners hung up. The possibility of having the event in a different room was discussed. A motion to have the Membership Appreciation Night again next year with the planning to be done by the committee was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Todd Sipe. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Committee assignments for 2005 were distributed and reviewed with a few changes made.

Discussion was held on the selection procedures used for choosing award recipients. The Awards Committee will develop criteria for use in selecting future award winners.

The possibility of enacting term limits for board members was mentioned. A motion was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Kevin Koski for a committee consisting of Dave Gallapoo, Ray Prowant, Kurt Otterbacher and David Drake to look into the feasibility of putting term limits in place. Motion carried.

The O.D.A. Ride and Game workshop scheduled for February 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup> was reviewed and discussed. A flyer with the information for the workshop will be sent with the next newsletter.

It was mentioned that Representative Jim Jordan is interested in attending one of our meetings. He will meet with us prior to the next meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

The possibility of having our trade show booth at all of the O.F.M.A. District Meetings to promote our organization was discussed.

The need to conduct the annual review of Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty was mentioned. A committee consisting of Bill Prowant, Kevin Koski, Kurt Otterbacher, Ray Prowant, and Dave Gallapoo will meet following the February meeting and provide their recommendations at the March meeting.

A short discussion was held on meeting or sharing ideas with other Showmen's organizations. Further discussion will be held at future meetings.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Membership Committee**-Nineteen new memberships that were sold at the convention were reviewed for approval. They were as follows: Gallia Co. Fair, Sam Mazzola, Dean Crumpler, Bryan Block, Kelly Otterbacher, Edward Shelpman, Leeanne Bush, Gary Hegler, Columbus Wholesale Produce, Kevin Mortin, Brian Fravel, Arthur Peters, Gary Bowman, April Bowersox, David Shinn, Rodd Hale, Stacey Hare, James Hodson, and Joseph Gallo. A motion to approve all new members was made by David Drake and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried. Options for the open Life Memberships were discussed. A list of members who have not yet paid their dues was reviewed. A second billing will be sent out immediately.
  
- B. Roundup Committee**-No report. A full report will be given at the next meeting. Andy Pocock will take care of ordering both the Roundup and Extravaganza tickets.

- C. Yearbook Committee-**Doug Guinsler will serve as chairman with the resignation of former chairman Tom Linn. A list of unpaid Ads was distributed. A second billing would be sent out soon. Doug reminded everyone that all ads must be paid for by February 15<sup>th</sup> in order to be published.
- D. Ride Safety Committee-**Bill and Ray Prowant reported on the sentencing of O.D.A. Ride Inspector Kalin Turner resulting from charges in the 2003 Lake County accident. The lack of support shown to both inspectors from O.D.A. was discussed. A motion to write a letter to O.D.A. expressing our disappointment in the lack of support shown to the inspectors and their families was made by Bill Sterling and seconded by Andy Pocock. Motion carried. Bill Prowant will take care of sending the letter.
- E. Newsletter Committee-**Kurt Otterbacher reported that the next newsletter would be sent out soon. The deadline for articles for the February newsletter to be sent to Kurt will be February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Scholarship Committee-**A list of 2004-2005 recipients was reviewed. Doug Guinsler thanked the board again for the extension of funding for this year.
- G. Games Committee-**It was reported that O.D.A. is looking to us for self-policing of the build-up games.
- H. Health and Sanitation Committee-**No report.
- I. Website Committee-**Todd Sipe and Suzanne McCarty will check into updating the website with the O.F.M.A. web hosting program.
- J. Joint Membership Committee-**No report.
- K. Convention Committee-**Report given earlier in the meeting.
- L. Sponsorship Committee-**No report.

Todd Sipe distributed information on a new health insurance plan available for the self-employed that could be used by our members.

President Bill Prowant reminded everyone to be thinking of goals for the year.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Todd Sipe. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.