

G.O.S.A. MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2005

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: Brent Bair

President Bill Prowant called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and guests were welcomed.

Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Todd Sipe and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried.

An abbreviated Treasurer's Report was given due to computer problems. A motion to accept the report given was made by David Drake and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried. Bills currently owed by the organization were reviewed and presented for approval. A motion was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Todd Sipe to pay the bills. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A proposal for the 2006 Gala/Extravaganza event was presented and discussed. The committee will present this proposal to the O.F.M.A. soon. The importance of sticking to the schedule set for the timing of drawing tickets, auction items, door prizes, etc. was mentioned. A motion was made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Doug Guinsler for the committee to pursue the plan for the event as presented. Motion carried. A motion to spend up to \$1000.00 for food for the event in was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Dave Gallapoo. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the membership appreciation event held on Tuesday night of the convention. Several possible changes to improve the event were mentioned including moving it to a larger room, having a large prize drawing based on membership card numbers, as well as other ideas. The committee will meet with Jeff Maxwell from the Hyatt and present a proposal at the April meeting.

Proposed House Bill 64 was discussed. The solution proposed by the Ride Safety Council Advisory Committee was also reviewed. A letter to be sent to Representative Cassell regarding the bill was read and necessary changes were made. A letter concerning the State Budget and increase of fees for rides will also be sent to every State Representative.

Reservations were taken for each of the O.F.M.A. Spring meetings. The awards to be given and presenters were reviewed.

Tony Albanese suggested that we look into offering an “employee membership” for employees of our members. The membership could include a yearbook listing and would not include any other membership benefits. The proposed cost is \$25.00 per member. A formal proposal will be made by the membership committee at the April meeting.

The review of Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty was discussed. Additional responsibilities and procedures to be followed including attending fairs to promote membership and take pictures were discussed. A motion was made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by David Drake to increase the salary rate to \$750.00 per month from the current rate of \$7000.00 per year effective February 2005. Motion carried.

The increase in the mileage rate by the Federal Government to approximately \$.40 per mile was mentioned. A motion was made by Andy Pocock and seconded by Ray Prowant to increase the mileage fee paid to officers and trustees to \$.40 per mile effective immediately. Motion carried.

Kurt Otterbacher gave a report on the findings of the committee formed to explore the options of term limits. The committee discussed the following: the Immediate Past President can participate in an advisory capacity only for one year until they will be eligible to run for a position on the board again.

NEW BUSINESS:

The options for purchasing and leasing a new computer for the organization to be used by the Secretary-Treasurer were compared and discussed. A motion to allow \$1500.00 to be used toward the purchase of a new laptop computer was made by Bill Sterling and seconded by Stan Connell. Motion carried. The options available must be thoroughly researched to find the best deal to meet the needs of the organization within the \$1500.00 budget.

Meeting dates for the remainder of this year and for next year were discussed. The monthly meetings will continue to be held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds with the exception of the October meeting held at J.R. Hooks Restaurant in Circleville. All meetings will begin at 11:00 a.m. The meeting dates are as follows: October 17, 2005, November 10, 2005, December 8, 2005, January 19, 2006, February 23, 2006, March 16, 2006, and April 13, 2006.

The updating of plaques was discussed. Michael Albanese has taken care of updating most of the plaques. The others will be updated prior to the 2006 convention.

Insurance program information from the Rhinehart Insurance Agency was not yet available.

The possibility of making up a form letter to send out with mailings including the membership dues billing to encourage sales of tickets for the Extravaganza/Gala was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee**-The following two new memberships were reviewed for approval: Steven Wymer-Wymer's Amusements, and Kitchen Craft International. A motion to approve both new members was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried. Committee chairman David Drake challenged every board member to sign up at least 3 new members this year. The list of members with unpaid dues was reviewed. It was suggested that notices be sent out in September or October this year rather than in November as in the past.
- B. Roundup Committee**-No report.
- C. Yearbook Committee**-Doug and Suzanne reported that they would be going To Shreve to work on the yearbook within the week. The books should be sent out sometime in the month of May.
- D. Ride Safety Committee**-Report given earlier in the meeting.
- E. Newsletter Committee**-Kurt Otterbacher reported that the next newsletter is about ready and will be sent out shortly. He welcomed and input for articles and pictures.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reported that he had received several thank you notes from the scholarship recipients.
- G. Games Committee**-Bill Sterling presented the reporting sheets that will be distributed to the fairs to report problems with games. O.D.A. will take care of sending the sheets to each fair.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-No report.
- I. Website Committee**-It was reported that a training session for the new website program would be held on March 26th in Columbus.
- J. Joint Membership Committee**-No report.
- K. Convention Committee**- Topics for seminars for the 2006 convention were discussed. They will include: Building a Better Bottom Line and Goals of the G.O.S.A. instead of Hiring of Foreign Students. A "Person in Charge" health seminar may also be held.
- L. Sponsorship Committee**-Board members were asked to begin finding sponsors for the 2006 convention.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ray Prowant and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.