

G.O.S.A. MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 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, Ray Prowant and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Albanese

The start of the meeting was delayed due to the lack of a majority of the board members present for a quorum. Prior to the opening of the meeting, discussion was held on developing a closer relationship with other state showmen's organizations as well as N.I.C.A. The possibility of both organizations participating in the other's annual conventions was discussed.

President Bill Prowant called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and board members and guest were welcomed. Various items of correspondence were shared including the recent health issues of a few of our members.

A motion was made by Kevin Koski and seconded by Bill Sterling to refrain from reading the minutes aloud. Motion carried. A motion to approve the October minutes as written was made by David Drake and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved with a motion made by Kevin Koski and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The letter written by Andy Pocock concerning deposit requirements by fairs was reviewed. The letter will be printed as a newsletter article first and eventually sent out to all of the fair boards. The same will be done with a letter concerning the issue of twenty ounce bottles.

The discussion of the pursuit of a possible challenge to the Ohio Revised Code concerning the increase in ride licensing fees was tabled until the December meeting.

A report was given from the meeting with O.F.M.A. concerning the Extravaganza. The original plan will be followed with the exception of the band playing two sets. A band has not yet been finalized.

Bill Sterling shared plans for the Tuesday Night Membership Appreciation event. A comedian will be hired for entertainment for the evening. All sponsorships for the event should be finalized by the December meeting.

The Ohio Festival and Events Association convention was discussed. Bill Sterling and Michael Albanese would attend. Bill Sterling is updating the pictures for the trade show booth. It was decided that a maximum of \$100.00 will be spent on a door prize.

Brief discussion was held on the new Commercial Activity Tax (CAT) that came into effect in Ohio July 1, 2005 as part of the biennial budget bill. An article will be in the next newsletter to inform members of changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

The organization's involvement in the 100th anniversary celebration of the Circleville Pumpkin Show to be held in 2006 was discussed. The possibility of having a float in one of the parades was mentioned. A committee was formed to make plans for our organization's participation consisting of the following board members: Tony Albanese, Dave Drake, Bud Downs, Kevin Koski, Bill Prowant and Bill Sterling.

The upcoming election to be held at the annual meeting during convention was discussed. Five possible trustee seats on the board will be available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee-**It was decided that packets would be sent out soon to new members that didn't receive them earlier in the year. All membership benefits providers will be contacted to review membership participation in the programs currently offered.
- B. Roundup Committee-**A report of the income and prize winners from the roundup was distributed and reviewed. This year's event was the most successful one held in several years.
- C. Yearbook Committee-**A few changes and corrections for next year's edition of the book were noted.
- D. Ride Safety Committee-**The ferris wheel incident that occurred at the Muskingum County Fair in Zanesville was discussed. The lack of correct procedures being followed in the stop orders placed on all similar ferris wheels in the state by the director of agriculture was also discussed.
- E. Newsletter Committee-** It was mentioned again that Ryan and Kelly Kuzma will be taking over putting together the newsletters soon. All committee members were reminded that each committee should have a report in every newsletter.
- F. Scholarship Committee-**It was announced that the committee would meet prior to the next meeting at 9:30a.m. to select 2006 recipients.

G. Games Committee-Kurt Otterbacher reported that due to the lack of complaints from buildup games in 2005, O.D.A. will continue to allow them in 2006. A detailed lengthy discussion was held on the electrical requirements by fairs and inspectors. The need for a standard electrical requirement to be put into place throughout the state was emphasized within the discussion.

H. Health & Sanitation Committee-Nothing reported.

I. Website Committee-Suzanne McCarty reported that she has been working on the new website.

J. Membership Appreciation Committee-Discussion was held earlier.

K. Convention Committee-Reported earlier.

L. Sponsorship Committee-A form will be made up to aid in soliciting sponsors for the membership appreciation night.

Board members were reminded to be thinking about the upcoming election of board members and officers at the convention and award selections to be voted on at the December meeting.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Ray Prowant. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.