

## **G.O.S.A. MINUTES**

### **APRIL 13, 2006**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Harvey Bevins, Carole Kowatch, Immediate Past President Bill Prowant

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, a meeting was held with a representative of the state Fire Marshall's office concerning tents and electrical requirements and inspections. A presentation was also given by Kim Farthing and Trent Stucky of Western Southern Insurance to discuss options available for members.

President Kevin Koski called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken and board members and guests were welcomed. Various items of correspondence were shared.

The O.F.M.A. Spring District meetings were reviewed.

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion made by Jeff Otterbacher and seconded by Michael Albanese. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for March was presented and approved with a motion made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by David Drake. Motion carried. Bills owed by the organization were presented and approved for payment with a motion made by Stan Connell and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

An update was given on the organization's participation in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Circleville Pumpkin Show. It was reported that several committee members met with Keith Summers of the Pumpkin Show the night before the meeting to discuss the details of our participation. A lengthy discussion was held on the need for donations from members to cover the cost for the float. The mural being painted was also discussed. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Jeff Otterbacher and seconded by Doug Guinsler to approve the expenditure of a total of \$4,500.00 with \$2,000.00 to be spent on the float and \$2,500.00 for a cornerstone of the mural. All monies would come from the donations of members and each contributor would receive the following: a banner to display in their trailer during the show, a sign to be placed on the back of the float, and their name placed on a plaque recognizing their donation. Motion carried.

Immediate Past President Bill Prowant gave an update on behalf of the Ride Safety Committee. He reported that the Ride Safety Council is looking into ways to have funding from the G.R.F. put back into the department.

A proposed schedule of the Extravaganza event for the 2007 convention was reviewed.

Tickets for the lemonade cart raffle fundraiser were distributed to each board member.

The need to review and update the By-Laws of the organization was mentioned. Dave Gallapoo and Kurt Otterbacher are conducting the review and will present their findings at a future meeting.

A discussion was held on the implementation of new benefit programs and endorsements. Jeff Otterbacher suggested that an article about each presenter and/or prospective benefit provider be written and published in the newsletter.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jeff Otterbacher shared his idea of organizing a “travel club” within the organization by planning social events and trips for members to participate in. A ski trip was mentioned as an example. Further details will be provided in the future.

Stan Connell presented his correspondence with C.I.E.E. (Council on International Educational Exchange) concerning their decision to discontinue placing foreign students in jobs within the outdoor amusement industry.

A brief report was given from board members that participated in the discussion with the representative of the State Fire Marshall’s office regarding laws concerning tents and electrical inspections of equipment.

President Kevin Koski shared with the board that the I.A.F.E. is interested in working with our organization to increase the membership of both organizations. A letter drafted by Steve Siever of the I.A.F.E. to be sent to our members was distributed and reviewed. A motion to trade memberships with the I.A.F.E. was made by Bill Sterling and seconded by Andy Pocock. Motion carried.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2006 and beginning of 2007 were presented for approval.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Membership Committee**-The employee membership cards were distributed.

**B. Roundup Committee**-Tickets were distributed for this year’s event.

**C. Yearbook Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reported that the proof was being reviewed.

- D. Ride Safety Committee**-No updates were reported. It was reported that the first inspections of the year had been completed.
- E. Newsletter Committee**-No report was given.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-New and improved applications were distributed.
- G. Games Committee**-Discussion was held on the “skilled slots” that have recently appeared in several areas of the state and the possibility of them being set up at fairs. Kurt Otterbacher volunteered to e-mail Jim Truex at O.D.A. to determine whether or not these games could be licensed for operation at fairs.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-No report was given.
- I. Website Committee**-Chairman Jeff Otterbacher reported that he would place pictures on the website.
- J. Membership Appreciation Night Committee**-Nothing reported.
- K. Convention Committee**-Topics for sessions for the 2007 convention were reviewed.
- L. Sponsorship Committee**-Nothing was reported.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Andy Pockock. Motion carried.