

G.O.S.A. MINUTES DECEMBER 14, 2006

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Kevin Koski, First Vice President Kurt Otterbacher, Second Vice President Doug Guinsler, Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty, Trustees: Stan Connell, David Drake, Dave Gallapoo, Ryan Kuzma, Matt Gallapoo, Jeff Otterbacher, Andy Pocock, and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Jo Violand, Immediate Past President Bill Prowant

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 minutes of the November meeting were approved with a motion made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Andy Pocock. Motion carried.

The monthly financial report for November and the annual report for 2006 were presented and approved with a motion made by Jeff Otterbacher and seconded by Andy Pocock. Motion carried. Bills owed by the organization were presented for payment. A motion to approve all bills for payment was made by Kurt Otterbacher and seconded by Matt Gallapoo. Motion carried.

Scholarship committee chairman Doug Guinsler gave the Scholarship Committee report. He reviewed the applications submitted, and on behalf of the committee's recommendation, he asked that an additional \$7,000.00 in scholarships be awarded for the 2006-2007 year. A lengthy discussion was held concerning awarding the additional scholarships. A motion was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Dave Gallapoo to award the additional scholarships for one year only with applications to be reviewed annually and additional criteria to be developed. A roll call vote was held with all board members voting in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Topics for the sessions at the upcoming convention were reviewed. Dave Gallapoo reported on the details for the session focusing on issues at fairs in Districts 5 and 9. He asked for input from the board on specific problems to be targeted. The other sessions conducted by the organization were also reviewed. The budget for the food for the reception following the annual meeting was discussed. The need for board members to attend various sessions being held was mentioned.

Goals for the organization for 2007 were reviewed and discussed. It was decided that a letter (to be developed by the membership committee), application and newsletter would be sent to prospective members to encourage them to join.

Andy Pocock, David Drake, and Bill Sterling reported on the Ohio Festival and Events Association convention. Our organization's participation was well received.

NEW BUSINESS:

The need to update our membership forms to include the joint membership option with O.F.M.A. was mentioned. Our current forms will be updated prior to the convention.

President Kevin Koski mentioned that the Gibtown Showmen's Club had invited us to participate in their convention in February. More details will be discussed at a later date.

Trustee Andy Pocock shared his idea of the need for a Policies and Procedures manual for tasks to be done by board members and committees. All committee chairs were asked to write descriptions of their committee's responsibilities.

Nominating and Awards committee chairman Andy Pocock presented nominations for awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting at the convention. Voting for the awards followed.

A lengthy discussion was held on the letter received by the board from the Ohio Department of Agriculture concerning trade-up games and the position our organization should take. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Matt Gallapoo to refer the issue to the games committee for a determination and correspondence with O.D.A. as soon as possible. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Membership Committee -The following new members were presented for approval: Duane McCune and the Ohio Gourd Society -Joint. A motion to approve all of the new members was made by Kurt Otterbacher and seconded by Ryan Kuzma. Motion carried.

B. Roundup Committee -No report was given.

C. Yearbook Committee -Discussion was held earlier in the meeting.

D. Ride Safety Committee -It was reported that the Ride Safety Council would be meeting during the convention and they are working on receiving funds from the General Revenue Fund (G.R.F.) for inspection fees.

E. Newsletter Committee -Chairman Ryan Kuzma reported that the next newsletter would be out soon.

F. Scholarship Committee -Report was given earlier in the meeting.

G. Games Committee -Report was given earlier in the meeting.

H. Health & Sanitation Committee -Discussion was held on the new law requiring the use of commercial refrigerators.

I. Website Committee -No report.

J. Convention Committee -Report was given earlier in the meeting.

K. Sponsorship Committee -No report.

L. Nominating & Awards Committee -Report was given earlier in the meeting.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kurt Otterbacher and seconded by Stan Connell. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.