

G.O.S.A. MINUTES FEBRUARY 23, 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, Ryan Kuzma, Jeff Otterbacher, Andy Pocock, and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Carole Kowatch, Wilbert Drake, Harold Hudson, Immediate Past President Bill Prowant, J.R. Woods.

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.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Stan Connell and seconded by Doug Guinsler. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for January was presented and approved with a motion made by Andy Pocock 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:

Our organization's participation in the 100th Anniversary of the Circleville Pumpkin Show was discussed. The possibility of obtaining sponsorships through the newsletter was mentioned. The committee planned to meet immediately following the meeting.

The Extravaganza event at the convention was discussed. Kurt and Doug reported on several improvements to the event proposed at the recent OFMA meeting. Board members were reminded to think about possible session topics and an event for Tuesday evening.

Michael Albanese reported on the status of the Gibtown Museum. He reported that they are currently in a holding pattern and that they would contact him when they are ready to accept materials. He also mentioned that they are accepting donations to aid in completing the project. Various other reports were given from those who attended the trade show in Gibtown.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations were presented and voting took place for the awards to be given at the O.F.M.A. Spring District meetings. A motion was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Bill Sterling to present a special award to the Circleville Pumpkin Show in recognition of their 100th anniversary this year. Motion carried.

The possibility of having a raffle of a lemonade cart was discussed. Income would go to the scholarship fund and ticket prices would be 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. Matt Gallapoo will provide further details at the March meeting.

The necessity of reviewing the By-laws was mentioned. Parliamentarians Kurt Otterbacher and Dave Gallapoo will make necessary changes.

The IAFE Spring Zone Meeting to be held March 10-12 in Goshen, Indiana was announced. All board members were encouraged to attend.

Doug Guinsler reported that member Gary Butcher requested a letter be written to Pepsi in Dayton, Ohio to encourage them to deliver product to fairs in their service area. In the past, no deliveries have been made. Kevin Koski will contact them.

A brief discussion was held on the procedures for ordering flowers upon the death or illness of members or their families. It was decided that the current chairpersons and procedures would be kept in place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee**-David Drake reported on the insurance information presented prior to the meeting by representatives of Western & Southern. Quotes will be obtained for comparison before a membership program is established. David also reported on prices to print the Employee membership cards. A motion to approve funding to print the cards for employee members up to \$250.00 was made by Kurt Otterbacher and seconded by Doug Guinsler. Motion carried. He also mentioned that he and the committee would begin to look into a group pricing program for Coca Cola. Tony Albanese requested to have a representative from the National Association of the Self Employed give a presentation on health insurance prior to the next meeting at 9:30 a.m. The following new members were presented for approval: Champaign County Fair, Luc Ice, Virgil Strickler and Luis Perez. A motion to approve all new members was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried.
- B. Roundup Committee**-Nothing new was reported. Tickets will be distributed at the March meeting.
- C. Yearbook Committee**-A letter received from a member wishing to reinstate their ad was shared with the board. The committee will attempt to accommodate their request.
- D. Ride Safety Committee**-Bill Prowant reported that no changes had taken place since his last report. He reported that a meeting concerning the fee increase would be held in March. He also mentioned a study in progress to compare the length of inspection time of portable rides versus the rides in the

parks in the state. Discussion was held on requirements of licenses and inspections being required for tents.

- E. Newsletter Committee**-Ryan Kuzma reported that biography information on scholarship winners would begin being printed in the newsletter. The possibility of going to in house printing was also discussed.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-No report.
- G. Games Committee**-No report.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-Nothing new was reported.
- I. Website Committee**-Jeff Otterbacher reported that he registered the domain name for 10 years at a cost of \$150.00. He also reported that updates are continuing and asked for suggestions for links to other websites.
- J. Membership Appreciation Night Committee**-No report.
- K. Convention Committee**-Board members were reminded to think of topics for sessions to be held at the convention. It was also suggested that we return to having appetizers and drinks immediately following the Annual Meeting rather than having an event Tuesday evening. The possibility of holding a Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament was also discussed.
- L. Sponsorship Committee**-No report.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Andy Pocock and seconded by David Drake. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.