

G.O.S.A. MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Albanese, Kim Bozich, Bill Merritt, Mick Orosz, Kevin Pope, Ron Puglisi and Carolyn Towner.

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

Roll call was taken. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Doug Guinsler. Motion carried.

President Kevin Koski recognized the guests in attendance. Carolyn Towner of Towner Policy Group presented a legislative report and update of issues concerning our industry.

The financial report for November was presented and approved with a motion made by Dick Pilati and seconded by David Drake. Motion carried. The Annual Financial Report for 2007 was presented and reviewed. Bills owed by the organization were presented and approved for payment with a motion made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried. Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne Guinsler informed the board of the need to purchase a new printer and copier for use for the office. A motion to purchase a printer and copier within a budget of \$500.00 was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Bill Sterling. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carolyn Towner gave an update on the progress of House Bill 246. She reported that she met with Representative Jimmy Stewart and committee chairman Scott Oelslager concerning the bill. Carolyn emphasized the use of the new hire law currently in place and mentioned that at this point in time, no further action needed to be taken by the membership. She also reported that no changes had been made to the Sales Tax laws except for the payment schedule. Kim Bozich shared information on the new law in place in Illinois that is similar to what is proposed for HB 246.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Doug Guinsler reviewed the new and renewal scholarship applications received for the 2007-2008 year. Discussion was held on the number of scholarships to award according to the financial status of the organization. A motion to award a total of \$20,000.00 worth of scholarships was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Dick Pilati. A roll call vote was held with all board members present voting in favor of the motion. Motion carried. The need to amend the Constitution and By-Laws in order to allow for flexibility in the number of scholarships awarded on a

yearly basis was discussed. An amendment will be written to be presented for voting by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

The progress on the achievement of the goals of the organization for 2007-2008 was reviewed and evaluated. A lengthy discussion was held on ways to gain membership and the importance of adhering to the deadlines set for renewing memberships and paying for yearbook ads. It was decided that the majority of the goals should remain in place for the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS:

The daily schedule of meetings, sessions and events for the upcoming convention was reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee**-Chairman David Drake gave an update on the logo apparel available from T & L Graphics and reported that they would be present at the convention to take orders from the membership. The following new members were presented for approval: Bill Merritt, Bill Fauth-Ohio Tobacco Festival, Ron Fritz, and T & L Graphics. A motion was made by Kurt Otterbacher and seconded by Stan Connell to approve all new members presented. Motion carried.
- B. Roundup Committee**-Chairman Tony Albanese thanked the rest of the committee for their assistance and the board for their support of the Round Up event.
- C. Yearbook Committee**-Chairman Stan Connell reported that the deadlines for renewing membership dues and yearbook advertising would be adhered to in order to have the yearbook published earlier than in recent years.
- D. Ride Safety Committee**-No report was given.
- E. Newsletter Committee**-It was reported that the next newsletter was in process and would be out shortly.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-Report was given earlier in the meeting.
- G. Games Committee**-Chairman Dick Pilati reported that he would continue to communicate with Jim Truex of the O.D.A. regarding the future of trade ups in games and that he was working on his portion of the Policies and Procedures manual for the Games Committee.

- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-Chairman Stan Connell reported that the use of commercial appliances would be required in food trailers in 2008.
- I. Website Committee**-Chairman Jeff Otterbacher reported on changes that had been made and future upgrades to be made to the website.
- J. Convention Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reported that details had been finalized for our portion of the convention including the Annual Meeting. All sessions being conducted by our organization were reviewed. Ticket committee chairman Andy Pocock reported on the status of the number of Extravaganza Tickets sold.
- K. Sponsorship Committee**-It was reported that two sponsorships for the reception following the annual meeting had been received to date. Board members were reminded and encouraged to obtain sponsorships.
- L. Nominating & Awards Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock reviewed the open positions on the board to be filled at the election held at the upcoming annual meeting. The voting for awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting was conducted.
- M. Policies & Procedures Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock reported that the progress of the Policies & Procedures manual is in a holding pattern until committee chairpersons submit their portions of the manual.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by David Drake and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.