

G.O.S.A. MINUTES FEBRUARY 22, 2007

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Albanese

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

Various items of correspondence were shared.

The monthly financial report for January was presented and approved with a motion made by Dick Pilati and seconded by Stan Connell. Motion carried. Bills owed by the organization were reviewed including the bill for expenses from the recent convention. A motion to approve the payment of the bills presented was made by Dick Pilati and seconded by Stan Connell. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Kevin Koski suggested moving the end of the fiscal year for the organization from October 31st to June 30th to create a better financial representation of the organization. The budget committee will consult an accountant on the procedure to follow and provide a report a future meeting. The proposed change would need to be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting.

It was determined that our organization cannot legally form a Political Action Committee (P.A.C.) as proposed at the January meeting. It was mentioned that the O.F.M.A. is forming one and may be contacting our members for contributions.

President Kevin Koski reported on the review of Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty conducted by the committee consisting of himself, First Vice President Kurt Otterbacher and Trustee Stan Connell. He reported that the committee requested that a complete job description be written for the Policies and Procedures manual. The committee will also develop a formal contract since there had not been one in place previously. A motion was made by Stan Connell and seconded by David Drake to retain Suzanne McCarty as Secretary-Treasurer for one year with a review to be held in February of 2008. Motion carried.

The Extravaganza event was discussed emphasizing the need for our organization to have a greater role in the planning of the event.

Discussion was held on the Department of Transportation laws regarding weight limits for equipment and the increased numbers of Motor Carrier Enforcement vehicles with the closing of several weigh stations in Ohio. It was mentioned that there are no specific laws and that most avoid the weigh stations. Trustee Bud Downs would check with Ohio Trucking Association for guidelines and information.

The selection of the new Ohio Department of Agriculture Director, Robert Boggs, was discussed. A letter of introduction will be sent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Tony Albanese brought up the possibility of renting office space in the Grove City area as a place to hold meetings, store records, and conduct the business of the organization. The space is available for \$400.00 per month.

The need to hire Carolyn Towner and Towner Policy Group to represent us for the upcoming state Budget Bill planning was discussed. A motion was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Bill Sterling to retain the services of Towner Policy Group for four months (through June 2007) at a rate of \$800.00 per month. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the abundance of the Skilled Slot gaming centers in various areas of the state. Trustee Dave Gallapoo suggested that a news release be done on this topic to present the position of the organization on the issue while increasing our awareness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Nominating & Awards Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock distributed a list of nominations received from members for the Spring Awards. Voting for the awards and selection of presenters was conducted.
- B. Yearbook Committee**-Chairman Stan Connell reported that materials would be taken to Shreve on Friday following the meeting. Necessary changes and updates for the book were reviewed.
- C. Health & Sanitation Committee**-No report.
- D. Policies and Procedures Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock shared a Policies and Procedures Manual from another organization as a model for ours. He reminded committee chairs to work on their areas of the manual and submit them to him as soon as possible. He thanked the Convention Committee for their early submission.

- E. Membership Committee**-Chairman David Drake reported that he was unable to contact member Kenny Smith regarding logo apparel. He also reported that Western-Southern had not yet contacted him with any information on insurance plans. Al Harrington of A & S Concessions was approved as a new member with a motion made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried.
- F. Roundup Committee**-Chairman Tony Albanese proposed increasing the prize amounts for this year's Round Up. After discussion, it was decided that the new prize amounts will be as follows: 1st Prize-\$3,000.00, 2nd Prize-\$1,000.00, 3rd Prize-\$500.00, 4th Prize-\$500.00. A TV will still be given away as well.
- G. Ride Safety Committee**-Reported earlier in the meeting.
- H. Newsletter Committee**-Chairman Ryan Kuzma reviewed items needed for the upcoming newsletter.
- I. Scholarship Committee**- No report.
- J. Games Committee**-
- K. Web Site Committee**-Jo Ellen Albanese reported that they are still trying to arrange for training for the website program.
- L. Convention Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reported on the positive survey results for sessions conducted by our organization. Discussion was held on possible topics for next year.
- M. Sponsorship Committee**-No report.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.