

G.O.S.A. MINUTES JANUARY 18, 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, Ryan Kuzma, Jeff Otterbacher, Dick Pilati Andy Pockock, and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Jerry Otterbacher, Kevin Pope

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 December meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Dick Pilati and seconded by Doug Guinsler. Motion carried.

Guests were welcomed. Guest Jerry Otterbacher shared some concerns with the board including changing the size of the membership cards to business card size, the need for festival addresses to be listed in the yearbook, and Motor Carrier Enforcement patrols since weigh stations are closed in various parts of the state. Discussion was held on the increased patrols with the closing of the weigh stations. Further information will be obtained and shared at the next meeting. Various items of correspondence were shared.

The monthly financial report for December was presented and approved with a motion made by Jeff Otterbacher and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Goals for the organization for 2007 were reviewed and discussed. Establishing a list of past accomplishments of the organization was discussed. Board members were reminded of the I.A.F.E. Zone Meeting in March.

The organization's participation in the I.I.S.F. Trade Show in Gibtown was discussed. It was decided that the trade show booth would be displayed and staffed by board members in attendance and membership applications and newsletters would be distributed.

The need to update our membership forms to include the joint and employee membership options was mentioned. The membership committee will take care of making needed changes and our current form will be updated soon.

A possible "winter getaway" ski trip was discussed. A cruise trip for November of 2007 will also be planned and proposed to the membership.

Member Kevin Pope joined the meeting and the following were discussed: employee members receiving newsletters, the need for dates of upcoming events to be published in

the newsletter, and various types of logo apparel available to members. The idea of having a member make the logo apparel was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sessions held at the recent convention were reviewed. All three sessions conducted by the organization were well attended and well received. Thank you notes needing to be sent out were discussed. A lengthy discussion was held on the Extravaganza event. Possible improvements to make the event more appealing to our members were examined.

Committee assignments for 2007 were distributed and reviewed. Further discussion evaluating the Extravaganza was held.

A letter received from Jackie Woods regarding concerns about the organization was reviewed and discussed. A reply addressing her concerns will be sent.

President Kevin Koski mentioned that a review of Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty would be conducted prior to the next meeting by himself, First Vice President Kurt Otterbacher and Trustee Stan Connell. Feedback was requested from board members.

A date for the April board meeting was discussed. The original date of April 12, 2007 was unavailable with the Ohio Expo Center. It was decided that the new date for the April meeting would be April 19, 2007.

Second Vice President Doug Guinsler brought up the possibility of creating a Political Action Committee or P.A.C. in conjunction with the one recently formed by the O.F.M.A. as a way to open doors to legislators in the future. The P.A.C. would be governed by a separate board or committee and contributions for funding must be collected from individuals only. Carolyn Towner of Towner Policy Group would act as the administrator of the P.A.C. if desired by the board. It was suggested that our organization form a separate P.A.C. rather than joining with the one formed by the O.F.M.A. After discussion it was decided that additional information would be gathered and a decision would be made at a later date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee-** Chairman David Drake reported on the progress of the insurance program with Western Southern. He reported that several members expressed interest in the program and submitted applications. He also reported that additional information on the progress of the program will be provided at the February meeting. The following new members were presented for approval: Buckeye Modified Truck Pullers Association-joint, Eric Bates-joint, Roth Produce Co.-joint, King George Hygiene Service-joint, Ohio Classic Tractor Pullers Assoc.-joint, Rhode Island Novelty Co., Dave Fabig-Pepsi Americas, William Sams, Patricia Sams-spousal, Fun Services, Robert Waggoner, Sandra Bowman-spousal, Charlie Bauer, Carey Morlock-

spousal, Cynthia Woodman, Todd Kensler, and Western Southern. A motion to approve all of the new members was made by Kurt Otterbacher and seconded by Bud Downs. Motion carried.

- B. Roundup Committee**-Chairman Tony Albanese reported that a full report would be given at the next meeting.
- C. Yearbook Committee**-Deadlines to be followed to have the yearbook published by the beginning of April were discussed. A list of members who had not yet paid their dues was reviewed. These members will be contacted by committee members.
- D. Ride Safety Committee**-It was reported that a letter is being drafted to request that the funding for inspections come from the General Revenue Fund.
- E. Newsletter Committee**-Chairman Ryan Kuzma requested articles from committee chairmen and convention session leaders for the upcoming newsletters. Discussion was held on whom to send the remaining newsletters to. A motion was made by Jeff Otterbacher and seconded by Stan Connell to send the remaining newsletters to Ohio festivals and other potential members in a rotation. Motion carried.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-No report.
- G. Games Committee**-Kurt Otterbacher reported that the O.D.A. is unanimously against trade-ups in games.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-Discussion was held on the new law requiring the use of commercial refrigerators.
- I. Website Committee**-Chairman Jeff Otterbacher requested any feedback and information from board members for the website.
- J. Convention Committee**-Possible sessions for next year's convention were discussed including a session on how to recondition and improve equipment. It was suggested that the session be done providing ideas of various budget levels.
- K. Sponsorship Committee**-It was reported that very little sponsorship money was received in support of the food following the Annual Meeting. A sponsorship form will be developed so that sponsorships can be solicited by board members during the summer months.
- L. Nominating & Awards Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock reported that very few nominations had been received for the spring awards. He reminded board members of the positive response from the direct mailing done for the

convention awards and requested that a direct mailing be done for the spring awards. A motion was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by David Drake to spend up to \$200.00 for a direct mailing for spring award nominations. Motion carried.

M. Policies & Procedures Committee-Chairman Andy Pocock shared information on the policies and procedures manual with the board. He explained that the manual would be in a 3 ring binder format and act as guidelines for the activities of the organization. Committee chairpersons were asked to work on their portion of the manual as soon as possible.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Sterling and seconded by Jeff Otterbacher. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.