

J.G.O.S.A. MINUTES

MARCH 15, 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, David Drake, Jeff Otterbacher, Dick Pilati, Andy Pocock, and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Bill Prowant

President Kevin Koski called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Various items of correspondence were shared.

The monthly financial report for February was presented and approved with a motion made by Dick Pilati and seconded by David Drake. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Press Release written by Trustee Dave Gallapoo on the organization's position on the skilled slot gaming centers within the state was reviewed and discussed. The press release will be sent to several Newspapers in Ohio as well as the offices of the Governor, Attorney General and Ohio Department of Agriculture. The need for our organization to do more Press Releases in general was also discussed.

Committee chairpersons were asked to turn in their budget requests for the year. A spreadsheet will be created to keep track of budgets compared to actual expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS:

The upcoming I.A.F.E. Zone 3 Annual Meeting hosted by the Ohio State Fair was discussed. Board members were encouraged to attend. After discussion, a motion was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by David Drake to participate as a gold sponsor at a cost of \$500.00. After further discussion, it was suggested by Jeff Otterbacher to increase the sponsorship to the platinum level for \$750.00. The original motion was amended in favor of the increase. Motion carried.

President Kevin Koski and Trustee Dick Pilati reported on the session on the importance of recycling at fairs they would be assisting with at the I.A.F.E. Zone 3 Annual Meeting. This was also mentioned as a possible convention topic.

Possible meeting dates for the remainder of 2007 and spring of 2008 were discussed. Dates will correspond to the current meeting dates with the exception of moving the January meeting one week later due to the convention.

Discussion was held on the sales of alcoholic beverages at Ohio fairs and whether or not our organization should take a position on the issue. It was decided that it would be better to leave this to the individual opinion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Roundup Committee**-Ticket prices and updated prize amounts for this year's Roundup were reviewed. Tickets will be distributed at the April meeting.
- B. Membership Committee**-Chairman David Drake gave a report of several ideas for the year discussed by the committee including the following: the suggestion to have a social event in the Spring, the need to send notices and information to past members, the possibility of having a membership drive with an incentive, offering a shipping discount program, and obtaining group life or A. D. & D. insurance for all members. Discussion was held on the procedure to follow to fill the vacant life memberships of the deceased and the future need to replace the \$1,000.00 death benefit program for new members. The committee also wanted to explore the possibility of using membership cards from our organization for admission at the fairs in Ohio. The possibility of working with fairs to offer a discount in privilege fees to members of our organization and O.F.M.A. was also discussed. David also reported that the minimum of 50 applicants for the health insurance program through Western-Southern had been met. The following new membership was presented for approval: John Pilati of Miller & Company. A motion to approve the membership was made by Kurt Otterbacher and seconded by Andy Pocock. Motion carried.
- C. Yearbook Committee**-Chairman Stan Connell reported that the yearbook is in progress and that it should be out by the end of April. He also mentioned that the amount of new ads and dropped ads were about the same.
- D. Ride Safety Committee**-Bill Prowant reported that the Ride Safety Advisory Council is trying to arrange a meeting with the new Director of Agriculture and that they are still working on budget issues.
- E. Newsletter Committee**-Items that need to be published in the newsletter were discussed and would be reported to chairman Ryan Kuzma.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reported that he would provide a list of current recipients to Ryan Kuzma for the newsletter.

- G. Games Committee**-Chairman Dick Pilati reported on his correspondence with the Ohio Department of Agriculture regarding trade-ups in games. He reported that no changes will be made for this year but public hearings will be held in the fall to determine the future of allowing trade-ups in games.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-No report.
- I. Website Committee**-Chairman Jeff Otterbacher reported that he will be taking a class on the current website program. He also presented various quotes from other website providers to update and improve the website including Matt's Web Design and a local company. After discussion, a motion was made by Stan Connell and seconded by JoEllen Albanese for Jeff to take the class on the current program and to move forward with updates using Matt's Web Design. Motion carried.
- J. Convention Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler presented previously mentioned session topics for the 2008 convention. He will request times for four sessions to be conducted by our organization. Extravaganza and Ticket committees chairman Andy Pocock reported that the tickets would be distributed at the April meeting. President Kevin Koski mentioned the need for the computer destroyed from the water spill during the Extravaganza to be replaced. After much discussion, a motion was made by JoEllen Albanese and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher to offer to pay half of the replacement cost of \$1,500.00 and be prepared to pay the full amount if necessary. Motion carried.
- K. Sponsorship Committee**-Chairman Bill Sterling shared the rough draft of a letter to be used to solicit sponsors for the food after the Annual Meeting at the convention. The letter will be updated and accompanied by a form and distributed at the April meeting.
- L. Nominating & Awards Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock reported that the plaques for the Spring awards had been ordered and the presenters were contacted.
- M. Policies & Procedures Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock asked committee chairpersons to begin working on their portions of the manual and send them to him as soon as possible. He shared a copy of the Convention committee part of the manual as an example.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pocock and seconded by David Drake. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.