

G.O.S.A. MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2007

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mick Orosz, Ron Puglisi and Bo Ramsey

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 October meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Jeff Otterbacher. Motion carried.

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

The financial report for October was presented and approved with a motion made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried. Bills owed by the organization were presented and approved for payment with a motion made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Dave Gallapoo. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The contract for services from Towner Policy Group for representation on House Bill 246 and other industry related issues was presented and accepted.

Carolyn Towner gave an update on the progress of House Bill 246. She reported that one set of hearings had been held and additional hearings on the bill will be coming up. The importance of the association developing a position on the bill was discussed. A lengthy discussion was held on how the hearings should be approached. Carolyn asked that board members e-mail her suggestions on handling the hearings. After additional discussion, a motion was made by Jeff Otterbacher and seconded by Doug Guinsler for the organization to take the position of opposition to House Bill 246. A roll call vote was held with 11 voting in favor and 0 voting against the motion. Motion carried.

The Ohio Festivals and Events Association convention was discussed. Plans were finalized for the trade show booth. A portable DVD player will be donated for the fundraiser.

NEW BUSINESS:

The issue of sales tax being charged on carry out orders on some food items by large corporate food chains in the Columbus area as brought to the board's attention by member Ted Noel was discussed. This issue will continue to be monitored by the organization.

President Kevin Koski asked those present to be thinking of goals for the organization for the coming year.

Dave Gallapoo brought up the need to revisit amending the By-Laws to contain the requirement of a member holding the position of trustee prior to running for an officer position. He also mentioned encouraging the membership to remember the organization in their estate planning. The importance of turning cell phones off or putting them on silent mode during the meetings was also discussed and will be revisited at future meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee**-Chairman David Drake reported that no progress had been made on the insurance program. He also reported that he would still work on getting a discount program with Coca Cola. Examples of GOSA logo sweatshirts were presented. The following new members were presented for approval: Brian Foegen, Sam Hamilton, Amanda Hamilton, and Mike Ray. A motion to approve all new members presented was made by Kurt Otterbacher and seconded by David Drake. Motion carried.
- B. Roundup Committee**-A report of the income and expenses of the Roundup was distributed and reviewed.
- C. Yearbook Committee**-It was reported that the bills for membership dues and yearbook ads would be sent out soon.
- D. Ride Safety Committee**-Doug Guinsler reported on the recent meeting of the Ride Safety Advisory Council. He reported that it was a safe year overall and that the majority of the incidents occurred on permanent rides in the amusement parks or inflatables.
- E. Newsletter Committee**-The importance of submitting content for the newsletter in a timely fashion was discussed. Articles and information for the next newsletter was reviewed.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reported that the number of scholarships for the coming year would be close to the same as last year.

- G. Games Committee**-The importance of meeting with ODA concerning the trade ups in games was discussed.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-No report.
- I. Website Committee**-Chairman Jeff Otterbacher reported on changes and updates to be made to the website.
- J. Convention Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reported on session topics and times for the upcoming convention.
- K. Sponsorship Committee**-Forms for obtaining sponsorships for the reception following the annual meeting were distributed.
- L. Nominating & Awards Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock reported that nominations are being taken for the awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting. The nomination form is posted on the website and will be in the next newsletter. After discussion, a motion was made by JoEllen Albanese and seconded by David Drake to send the Awards Nomination form to all members through a direct mailing. Motion carried.
- M. Policies & Procedures Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock reminded committee chairpersons to submit their portions of the policies and procedures manual to him as soon as possible.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Andy Pocock and seconded by Bud Downs. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.