

## **G.O.S.A. MINUTES OCTOBER 15, 2007**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mick Orosz

President Kevin Koski called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Various items of correspondence were shared.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A new date or location for the April meeting was discussed since the scheduled date of April 10 is unavailable at the Ohio Expo Center. A motion to hold the April meeting on April 17, 2008 at the Rhodes Center at the Ohio Expo Center was made by David Drake and seconded by Doug Guinsler. Motion carried.

Doug Guinsler reported on the status of the PAC formed by the O.F.M.A. Discussion was held on the methods for obtaining contributions.

A brief discussion was held on the issue of limited locations at the Madison County Fair. Since this was an individual issue no action was taken by the organization.

Dick Pilati reported on the recycling program proposed for Carroll County. He reported that the fair board was given a grant to get a program started and he would check with them and report on their progress.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was started on House Bill 246. It was decided that we should look into hiring the Towner Policy Group for representation on this legislation. President Kevin Koski would contact Carolyn Towner to see if she would be interested in representing our organization again.

The Ohio Festivals and Events Association convention was discussed. Our organization will have a booth in the trade show once again.

The Ohio Fair Managers Association Hall of Fame Awards nomination was discussed. On behalf of the Nominating and Awards committee, Andy Pocock moved and Dick Pilati seconded that Dominic Albanese be nominated by our organization for the Associate Category of the OFMA Hall of Fame Awards.

Discussion on House Bill 246 was continued. President Kevin Koski reported that Towner Policy Group would be willing to represent us on this issue for a fee of \$800.00 per month as they have on other issues in the past. After discussion was held a motion was made by David Drake and seconded by Doug Guinsler to retain Towner Policy Group for representation on industry related issues including but not limited to House Bill 246, the Budget Bill, and legislation regarding skilled slot gaming. A roll call vote was held with 11 voting in favor and 0 voting against the motion. Motion carried. It was mentioned that Carolyn Towner should be invited to attend our November meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Membership Committee**-Chairman David Drake reported on the logo apparel made for the organization. He also reported that no progress has been made by Western Southern on the insurance program. The following new members were presented for approval: John Stevison, Missy Wilson, Don Wawsczyk, Dan Heck, Chuck Flint and Trent Hulbert. A motion to approve all new members presented was made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried.
- B. Roundup Committee**-Chairman Tony Albanese reported that everything was in place for the Roundup and that tickets were still available.
- C. Yearbook Committee**-Chairman Stan Connell reported that there were still a few advertisers that had not paid for their ads in the 2007 edition of the yearbook. He also reported that the billing for the 2008 book would be sent out soon.
- D. Ride Safety Committee**-No report.

- E. Newsletter Committee**-It was reported that the next newsletter would be sent out soon and would include an awards nomination form as well as information from the Round Up.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reported that applications for scholarships for the upcoming year are due November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- G. Games Committee**-Chairman Dick Pilati reported that O.D.A. will most likely do away with allowing build ups in games after this year. More information will be available at the November meeting. Jim Truex will be invited to attend the meeting.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-The new camping rules for Circleville were discussed.
- I. Website Committee**-Chairman Jeff Otterbacher reported that the website is up and running with the new design and layout. He asked for input and additional information to be added to the site.
- J. Convention Committee**-Topics for sessions to be held at the upcoming Convention were reviewed. The need to have sessions spread out on Tuesday and Wednesday was mentioned.
- K. Sponsorship Committee**-The need to obtain sponsors for the reception following the annual meeting was discussed.
- L. Nominating & Awards Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock reported that a nomination form would be put in the upcoming newsletter asking for award nominations for the awards presented at the annual meeting.
- M. Policies & Procedures Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock asked all 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 Doug Guinsler and seconded by JoEllen Albanese. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.