

## **G.O.S.A. MINUTES**

### **APRIL 15, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Kurt Otterbacher, First Vice President Doug Guinsler, Second Vice President Andy Pocock, Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne Guinsler, Trustees: Stan Connell, Travis Downs, David Drake, Jeff Otterbacher, Dick Pilati, Kevin Pope, Bill Sterling and Mike Tedrick.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mike Calif, Harry Faint, Sam Hamilton, Ray Mowry, and Susan Sukys.

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

Roll call was taken. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Travis Downs and seconded by Dick Pilati. Motion carried.

Various items of correspondence were shared including positive feedback received on the newsletter and the organization's efforts to continue to allow buildups in games for another year.

Guests in attendance were welcomed and thanked for attending. Susan Sukys gave a presentation on the importance of financial planning for members of our organization including various options for consideration by small business owners in our industry. Ray Mowry and Sam Hamilton were present to share their progress on the planning of a golf outing for the organization. The date for the event will be Saturday, October 4, 2008 at The Landings at Rickenbacker in Grove City. Details were discussed including the possibility of obtaining sponsorships for the event. It was decided that since sponsors were being solicited for the annual meeting event, no sponsors would be obtained for the golf outing. Detailed information will be published in the next newsletter and a mailing will be sent out sometime in mid summer.

Discussion was held on the feasibility of continuing to use the services of Towner Policy Group for legislative issues affecting our industry and organization. Our current contract expires October 31, 2008. President Kurt Otterbacher will contact Carolyn Towner to determine if any changes are necessary to our current agreement. A decision will be made at the October meeting prior to the expiration of the current contract.

The financial report for March was presented and approved with a motion made by Dick Pilati and seconded by Bill Sterling. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No new information was available on the issue of privilege fees being changed from a flat rate to a percentage base at the Clark Co. Fair in Springfield. It was reported that a meeting time with fair management is still being established.

Reports were given on each of the four O.F.M.A. Spring meetings by those who attended them. It was reported that all of the awards given were very well received.

Trustee Kevin Pope shared the details and distributed flyers for the “Hit the Road Party” to be held Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in Crestline. All trustees were encouraged to work to obtain new members during the season. Updated applications will be printed and distributed to all board members. The importance of encouraging fairs to recommend membership in our organization was discussed.

Parliamentarian Harry Faint was present to review his proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization. It was decided that a final draft of changes would be prepared soon and would be mailed to all members in early November to be submitted for adoption at the 2009 Annual meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A schedule of board meetings and event dates for the remainder of 2008 and early 2009 were distributed to those present.

Trustee Stan Connell reported that he was working on a possible insurance benefit for the membership with Anthem. He will share further details at a later date.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Membership Committee-**Trustee David Drake reported on a benefit for tires and vehicle service with Best One Tire & Service including emergency service honored by various stores throughout Ohio. The membership card given to all members of our organization would be the only identification needed to use the benefit. Credit accounts can be applied for by individual interested members. A membership application received from Bobby Morgan of Bob’s Wings and Things was approved with a motion made by Andy Pocock and seconded by Bill Sterling. Motion carried. It was reported that Trustee Jo Ellen Albanese is still working on a benefit for shipping through Fed Ex. Further information will be distributed at a later date.
- B. Yearbook Committee-**Chairman Stan Connell reported that an insert will be included in the book notifying members of the many changes for the 2009 edition of the book. Details for the auction of the yearbook covers to be held following the annual meeting were discussed.
- C. Roundup Committee-**Trustees were encouraged to sell tickets for the event throughout the summer.
- D. Newsletter Committee-**It was reported that the deadline for the next newsletter would be April 25<sup>th</sup>.

- E. Ride Safety Committee**-Nothing to report.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-Chairman Dick Pilati reported that he had a list of past scholarship recipients and he would begin contacting them for updates to be published in future newsletters.
- G. Games Committee**-Chairman Dick Pilati reported that build ups would continue for this year.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-Chairman Mike Tedrick reported that he recently became certified to conduct the ServSafe certification.
- I. Website Committee**-A lengthy discussion was held on the details for setting up the discussion forum for industry related issues and concerns in the areas of rides, health, games, fairs and festivals and miscellaneous items. The creation of a members only page for access only by members to content including a PDF version of the yearbook and other items was also discussed. A motion to approve expenditures up to \$1,000.00 for updates and creation of a forum and member access page was made by Andy Pocock and seconded by Bill Sterling. Motion carried. The need to obtain advertisers to help defray the costs of the website was also discussed.
- J. Convention Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reported that planning was taking place for the 2009 convention. Topics for sessions held by our organization were finalized.
- K. Sponsorship Committee**-It was reported that the sponsorship form would be added to the website for use in obtaining sponsorships for the annual meeting event.
- L. Nominating & Awards Committee**-No report was given.
- M. Policies & Procedures Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock asked committee chairpersons to submit brief descriptions of the work done by their committees as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Andy Pocock and seconded by Stan Connell to approve the proposed membership benefit with Best One Tire and Service as presented within the Membership Committee report given earlier in the meeting. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Travis Downs and seconded by Bill Sterling. Motion carried.