

G.O.S.A. MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2008

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Carolyn Towner

President Kurt Otterbacher called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The financial report for January was presented and approved with a motion made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by Dick Pilati. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

An update was given 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.

President Kurt Otterbacher reported that Harry Faint is currently working on revising the Constitution and will attend the March meeting to present the proposed changes. Immediate Past President Kevin Koski is also working with the other past presidents in conducting the constitutional review.

President Kurt Otterbacher reported on the review of Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne Guinsler that was conducted prior to the meeting. He reported that Suzanne will continue to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

Lobbyist Carolyn Towner presented the Legislative Report. She reported that the changes to the Games Rules had not yet been filed. Discussion was held on the details of the filing process and the amount of time involved in the final changes taking affect. Carolyn also reported on other current legislative issues impacting our industry.

Trustee Mike Tedrick reported that he recently took the Serv Safe test to become a certified instructor and that this would enable him to assist with conducting a Serv Safe seminar and certification for our members. He also reported on various health related and food safety topics that would be published in the newsletter and posted to our website for reference by the membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations were reviewed and voting was held for awards to be presented at the O.F.M.A. Spring District meetings. The organization of the format for selecting the awards was modified to select recipients by district rather than by categories.

President Kurt Otterbacher asked board members to continue to think of goals for the organization for the year.

Yearbook committee chairman Stan Connell reviewed a list of members that had not yet paid their dues for 2008. Board members were asked to contact any members on the list to determine their intentions of renewing their membership in the organization. It was decided that members whose dues are not paid will not be listed in the 2008 edition of the yearbook and they would be dropped from the membership roster.

Discussion was held on updating the system used for membership dues and yearbook ad billing. It was decided that a single computerized invoice would be used for both the yearbook and membership dues billing rather than the current method used of sending two separate invoices for yearbook ads and membership dues. It was also decided that invoices would be sent out in late October or early November and a second billing would be sent immediately following the convention. Members will be informed of these changes by an insert included in the yearbook mailing and announcement in the newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Yearbook Committee-**Chairman Stan Connell reported that he checked into upgrading the book to full color for the 2009 edition. Discussion was held on increasing ad prices to cover the additional costs of going to a full color book. It was decided that Stan would get an exact amount of the cost increase to change the book to full color from Shreve Printing and that new ad prices would be determined at the March meeting. Various choices for a cover were presented and the cover was selected by a vote of the board. After further discussion, it was decided that in the future the front and back covers of the yearbook would be sold by auction at the Fall Round Up. Proceeds from the auction of the covers would be used to offset the additional cost involved in printing the book in full color. The number of books to order was also discussed. It was decided that the same amount of books (600) would be ordered as in recent years.

- B. Membership Committee**-Chairman Kevin Pope encouraged board members to obtain new members by compiling a list of people they come into contact with in our industry that are not current members and encouraging them to join. He also started discussion on looking into establishing a clubhouse to encourage member fellowship and participation. An exploratory committee would be established to look into the feasibility of having a clubhouse for the organization. The need to update the current membership application and re-establish a new member “packet” with a welcome letter and benefit information was discussed. It was also mentioned that contacts for the benefits are also in need of updating. Discussion was also held on giving a discount on the current year’s dues to members for each new member they obtain for the organization. Further details on this program will be established and finalized at a later date. The need to sell the life memberships vacated by deaths of members was also discussed.
- C. Roundup Committee**-Chairman Tony Albanese reported that prize amounts and ticket prices would be the same this year as they were last year.
- D. Newsletter Committee**-Chairman Jo Ellen Albanese reported that the next newsletter was in process and would be out shortly. She also reviewed the contents of the next newsletter and asked board members for any additional information to be published in the newsletters. It was also reported that the deadline for the next newsletter would be Monday, March 3rd.
- E. Ride Safety Committee**-No report was given.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-Chairman Dick Pilati reported that he is still planning to gather information for an update on past scholarship recipients to be published in the newsletter.
- G. Games Committee**-Chairman Dick Pilati reported that he would be setting up a meeting with Jim Truex of O.D.A. to get an update on the status of the Games Rules changes for this year.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-Report was given earlier in the meeting.
- I. Website Committee**-Chairman Jeff Otterbacher shared a report of the amount of hits to various pages of the website. He also reported that he would be updating several of the pages soon.
- J. Convention Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reported that the majority of the feedback received on the recent convention was positive. Discussion was held on the possibility of starting the Extravaganza later.
- K. Sponsorship Committee**-Chairman Bill Sterling reported that updated sponsorship forms were available.

L. Nominating & Awards Committee-Report was given earlier in the meeting.

M. Policies & Procedures Committee-Chairman Andy Pocock reported that he was currently editing the Nominating and Awards portion of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by David Drake and seconded by Jeff Otterbacher. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.