

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

### **MARCH 13, 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, Dick Pilati, Kevin Pope, and Bill Sterling.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Wilbur Drake, Renee Tedrick, and Carolyn Towner

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 February meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Dick Pilati and seconded by Travis Downs. Motion carried.

Guests in attendance were welcomed and thanked for attending. Lobbyist Carolyn Towner presented her report on legislative issues affecting our industry. She reported that the proposed games rules changes would not be put into effect this year. She also reported that there had not been any recent progress on H.B. 246.

The financial report for February was presented and approved with a motion made by Dick Pilati and seconded by Jo Ellen Albanese. Motion carried. Bills owed by the organization were presented for payment including a bill for printing the Extravaganza and Roundup Tickets. Ticket committee chairman David Drake reported that he was able to save a significant amount by having the tickets printed by a printer in Lancaster. A motion to approve all bills submitted was made by Dick Pilati and seconded by David Drake. 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.

Reservations were taken for each of the four O.F.M.A. Spring meetings.

Proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization submitted by Parliamentarian Harry Faint were reviewed. It was decided that a final draft of changes would be prepared soon and be submitted at the 2009 Annual meeting. A response from five of the Past Presidents of the organization regarding qualifications for members to run for trustee or officer positions was also presented. Requirements of membership in the organization for a minimum of one year for eligibility for running for a trustee position and board experience as a requirement of running for an office were the guidelines recommended.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A schedule of tentative board meeting dates for the remainder of 2008 and early 2009 were reviewed by the board. The dates will be secured with the meeting facilities and distributed in printed form at the April meeting.

The mileage reimbursement rate for Officers and Trustees was discussed. A motion was made by Andy Pocock and seconded by Doug Guinsler to start using the current IRS standard mileage rate effective immediately. Motion carried.

The need to reinstate the use of welcome packets for new members was discussed. It was decided that a welcome letter and list of benefits and contact information should be included as well as a promotional item.

Discussion was held on updating the website to include a question and answer format for health issues with Mike Tedrick. The possibility of including an area for financial advice from Susan Sukys was also discussed. It was suggested that enough sponsorships be obtained to cover the cost of the website. A fee could be charged for a sponsor's link to be attached to the website.

Membership Committee Chairman Kevin Pope reported that a membership event would be held in late April in Crestline with further details to be announced at the April meeting. Discussion was held on the proposed membership incentive program. A motion was made by Andy Pocock and seconded by Travis Downs that for 2008, a program be instituted where any member who signs a new member shall receive a ten percent discount per new member signed on the cost of their annual dues. Discounts in excess of the total dues amount owed shall be paid a rebate in the form of a check. Board members and their spouses are excluded. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held on a possible method and cost for re-selling the seven life memberships formerly held by members who are now deceased. A proposal will be submitted at the April meeting. Information on a possible membership benefit program for shipping through both UPS and Fed Ex was distributed and presented. Additional information will be provided when it becomes available.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Membership Committee-**Report given earlier in the meeting.
- B. Yearbook Committee-**Chairman Stan Connell reported that only a few advertisers had discontinued their ads for this year. Discussion was again held on auctioning the advertising rights to the cover pages of the yearbook for the 2009 edition. It was decided that the auction would be held following the Annual Meeting during the Convention.

- C. Roundup Committee**-Chairman Tony Albanese reported that tickets for the Fall Round Up were distributed to trustees. He also reported that tickets for the Dolly Raffle would not be sold prior to the Round Up.
- D. Newsletter Committee**-Chairman Jo Ellen Albanese reported that the next newsletter would be mailed 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 Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- E. Ride Safety Committee**-It was reported that the next Amusement Ride Safety Council meeting would be on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-Chairman Dick Pilati reported that he has received various thank you notes and updates from the current scholarship recipients.
- G. Games Committee**-Chairman Dick Pilati reported that no further action would be taken concerning the proposed games rules changes as recommended by Lobbyist Carolyn Towner.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-It was reported that the 8 hour Serve Safe Certification that was available online would no longer be recognized in 2009.
- I. Website Committee**-Report was given earlier in the meeting.
- J. Convention Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reported that planning was taking place for the 2009 convention. He reported that topics for sessions held by our organization would need to be finalized by the April meeting.
- K. Sponsorship Committee**-Chairman Bill Sterling reported that each board member should obtain a minimum of \$200.00 in sponsorships. Possible signage and benefits from sponsorships were discussed. The committee will develop a program and provide a report at the next meeting.
- L. Nominating & Awards Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock reported that plaques for the OFMA Spring meetings would be distributed to those attending.
- 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.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Travis Downs and seconded by David Drake. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.