

## **G.O.S.A. MINUTES OCTOBER 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, David Drake, Mick Orosz, Jeff Otterbacher, Dick Pilati, Kevin Pope, Bill Sterling and Mike Tedrick.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Carolyn Towner and Bill Prowant

President Kurt Otterbacher called the meeting to order at 11:08 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 Dick Pilati. Motion carried.

Various items of correspondence were shared and guests were welcomed and thanked for attending.

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

Carolyn Towner of Towner Policy Group gave an update on various legislative issues relevant to the outdoor amusement industry. Candidates supported by the OFMA PAC were also reviewed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on the feasibility of continuing to use the services of Towner Policy Group for legislative issues affecting our industry and organization. The discussion included various ways to raise funds to cover the expense. A motion was made by David Drake and seconded by Bill Sterling to retain the services of Towner Policy Group for another year with the same terms as the previous year. Motion carried.

The impact of the change in dates by the Ohio State Fair was discussed. No action will be taken by the organization at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Second Vice President Andy Pocock and Lobbyist Carolyn Towner updated the board on the current status of the ordinance being written in the city of Marysville requiring background checks for all operators and employees of carnival equipment within the Marysville city limits. A lengthy discussion was held including similarities with H.B. 246, the need for statewide presence and the possibility of an agency such as O.D.A.

regulating the background checks. Andy and Carolyn will continue to attend meetings and provide updates to the board on the status of the ordinance.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Membership Committee**-Chairman Kevin Pope gave a report on the Hit the Road Party held in April. He announced that he as well as Concessions by Cox would be requiring membership in our organization to all operators that contract events with them. The following new memberships were submitted for approval: Lyle and Kathy Clifton, Scott Crites, Mankowski Concessions, and Garrett Enterprises-Bud Eichels. A motion to approve all new memberships submitted was made by Andy Pocock and seconded by Jo Ellen Albanese. Motion carried.
- B. Yearbook Committee**-No report was given.
- C. Roundup Committee**-Chairman Tony Albanese reported that everything was ready for the round up.
- D. Newsletter Committee**-Chairman Jo Ellen Albanese requested materials for the upcoming newsletter to be printed in November. She also reported that she would be getting bids from various printers on the cost of printing the newsletters.
- E. Ride Safety Committee**-It was reported that Pony Rides would continue to be licensed by the O.D.A.
- F. Scholarship Committee**-Chairman Dick Pilati reported that he would have an update at the November meeting concerning how many new and returning applicants there are to the scholarship program.
- G. Games Committee**-Chairman Dick Pilati reported that he would be contacting O.D.A regarding changes for 2009. He mentioned that he felt that buildups should no longer be permitted.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee**-Trustee Mike Tedrick reported on the need to get more professional minded individuals involved in the industry and the increasing use of mobiles as restaurants in the Columbus area.
- I. Website Committee**-Chairman Jeff Otterbacher reviewed the updates being made to the website.
- J. Convention Committee**-Chairman Doug Guinsler reviewed sessions to be conducted by our organization at the upcoming convention.

**K. Sponsorship Committee**-Board members were reminded of the need to obtain at least \$200.00 in sponsorships for the reception to be held following the Annual Meeting.

**L. Nominating & Awards Committee**-Chairman Andy Pocock asked the opinion of the board on the format used for the selection of awards for the Spring Awards so that presentations were made at each of the OFMA District meetings.

**M. Policies & Procedures Committee**-No report was given.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Andy Pocock and seconded by Dick Pilati. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.