

Greater Ohio Showmen's Association

Board Meeting April 10, 2018 Rhodes Center

- I. **Call to order at 10:00 a.m. by David Drake, President.**
Pledge of Allegiance delivered by Drew Kissel.
- II. **Members present:** David Drake, Bill Sterling, Lori Freiling, Mike Tedrick, Jasmine Otterbacher, Randy Kissel, Al Bozich, Mike Tedrick, Drew Kissel, Brian Linville, Russell Clements, Doug Guinsler, Tim Lisko, and Brandy Daniels.
Absent: Louie Pilati, Mike Ray.
Guests: Mike Vartorella, Ohio Dept. of Agriculture; Casey White.
Al Bozich would like to recognize Casey for his contribution of lights and a photo booth to the Hit the Road party, and for sharing photographs for the yearbook.
Motion to approve minutes of the March 2018 meeting by Mike Tedrick.
Second: Drew Kissel. Motion passes.
- III. **Correspondence:** The secretary shared recent periodicals, letters, cards.
- IV. **Financial Report:** Secretary/treasurer updated the financials through current deposits and bills paid to date (attached).
Motion to approve current financial reports by Al Bozich.
Second: Randy Kissel. Motion passes.
- V. **Motion to approve Russell Kissel and Shaun Swartz as new members by Randy Kissel.**
Second: Russell Clements. Motion passes.
Bill Sterling would like to encourage membership in the OFMA, to support this organization as we work together to improve the industry here in Ohio.
- VI. **Legislative Report:** No report.
- VII. **Department of Agriculture:** Mike Vartorella reported that inspections at spring events and the major parks are moving along smoothly. He again encourages everyone to continuously review bulletins published by the Department of Agriculture. He urges a calm, measured approach toward inspectors from all state and local jurisdictions.
- VIII. **Ride Safety Campaign:** David Drake reported that Eric German gave a presentation on the "Moving Safely Forward" to all fair boards during the spring meetings. Fairs and festivals will be provided with information and are encouraged to designate a media point person. Press releases will be sent to all media outlets as soon as they are ready and will be available to refer to during the season. Information from ASTM is needed to finalize the program before this happens. In the meantime, refer media inquiries to the German Group or the Department of Agriculture. Eric German will be available all season to assist with media inquiries to fairs, events, and individual members.
- IX. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Budget & Audit:** Doug Guinsler referred to financial reports, and noted that the Glen Strong is invited to the May meeting to brief everyone on progress thus far. Bill Sterling presented information on a CD opportunity at Kemba at 4% for 44 months.
 - B. **Convention:** David Drake asked the board to begin considering seminars for the 2019 convention.
Mike Tedrick recommended the Department of Commerce be invited to do a fire code

presentation. He would also like to have a Person in Charge class for the 4H youth/junior leaders who work in food services at their fairs. As well, he wants to actively encourage concession managers attend the PIC classes. He also suggested that our seminars have catchier titles.

David Drake will ask Eric German to come and do a recap on the ride safety campaign. Mike Vartorella offered to do a presentation from the Department of Agriculture on rides and games, a year in review update.

Lori Freiling would like to have an electrician's roundtable discussion to give them a place to discuss the issues they face. We would need to specifically invite them along with fair boards, as well as ask GOSA member electricians to moderate.

Casey White inquired how we can get GOSA members to attend the convention. He feels that if we had more presentations geared toward membership, that might help. David Drake encouraged him to brainstorm on this issue and bring ideas to the board.

- C. **Health & Sanitation:** Mike Tedrick reported that the Retail Food Safety Advisory Committee meeting is coming up, and he will be in attendance as well as our lobbyists.
- D. **Membership:** Lori Freiling reported that she purchased cruise raffle tickets. She is still working on a drawing end date for the referral contest (\$50 value ticket entry to new member and \$50 value ticket entry to the referring individual). She asks that people do encourage attending the cruise as it is a great networking opportunity. February 22, 2020 is the next sail date for the seven-day cruise. The apparel page is up on the site. Bill Sterling encourages the board to visit the apparel site and purchase GOSA branded items to wear at spring meetings and other events (as well as wear GOSA trustee nametags for identification purposes).
Motion to approve \$250 to redesign new membership brochure at Matt's Web Design by Lori Freiling. Second: Drew Kissel. Motion passes.
- E. **Nominating & Awards:** David Drake reported that the spring meetings were proceeding in good order, and the PAC 50/50 tickets were selling well. He also encouraged the board to talk to people about nominating for these awards.
- F. **Publications & Media**
 - 1. **Newsletter:** Brian Linville reported that the next newsletter deadline is this Friday, April 13, 2018.
 - 2. **Yearbook:** Al Bozich shared final copies of the 2018 yearbook.
 - 3. **Website:** The secretary reviewed the new website layout and member directory.

X. Old Business

- A. **Clarification to Constitution:** Jasmine Otterbacher will continue to work on this.
- B. **Branding & Marketing:** Jasmine Otterbacher, Drew Kissel, and Mike Ray will create some sample stickers and clings to bring to the May meeting for approval.
Motion to add an additional \$500.00 (total \$1000.00, added to the \$500 approved at the May 2017 board meeting) for the BookOhio.com program to purchase stickers, clings, and other marketing materials by Drew Kissel. Second: Al Bozich. Motion passes.
Motion to approve \$500 to purchase a batch of shirts with the GOSA logo on the front and BookOhio.com on the back to use for Jamboree and other event door prizes by Lori Freiling. Second: Tim Lisko. Motion passes.
- C. **Goals:** The secretary will create more specific measurable goals and bullet points from this document and present at the May meeting.
- D. **Fire Code Changes:** According to communication with our lobbyists, the State Fire Marshal appears be making progress on the statewide variance for the 2018 season.

Russell Clements noted that the “No Smoking” signs on trailers that have propane fuel, placed outside the on the propane tanks, have to have letters that are 4” (four inches) high.

XI. New Business

- A. Mileage Forms:** The secretary will email (or mail if needed) the mileage forms to turn in at the May meeting.
- B. Statement of Commitment:** The secretary will email (or mail if needed) the form to turn in at the May meeting.

XII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at Rhodes Center

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:50 p.m. by Drew Kissel.

Second: Tim Lisko. Motion passes.