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## PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

### MINUTES

#### FALL 2012 PSACF BOARD MEETING

#### CENTRE HALL, PA

The Executive Board of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs met on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at the Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair, Centre Hall, PA. President Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 11AM. Kevin Bieber led the Board in The Pledge of Allegiance followed by Prayer by Robert Houston.

Introductions & Roll Call – present were Ron Miller, John D. Blaney Jr, Bruce Koppenhaver, Jim Davis, C. Sherman Allen, John Berne, Kevin Bieber, Luke Bruckhart, Roger Dirlam, Karen Dobson, Martha Ebersole, David Hallstrom, Dick Horstman, Galla Higinbotham, Robert Huston, Larry Krome, Sarah Long, John McMullen, Dr. Sally Nolt, Rodman Ralston, Dr. David Reese, Harry Reffner, Debbie Stephenson, George Witherite, Samuel Zaffuto, Boots Hetherington, Fred McKillop. Excused - Craig Lash. Also in attendance – Larry Johnson, Bitsey Kopfinger, John Lyon, Jason Bartlebaugh, Rick Houston.

#### MINUTES (Harry Reffner) -

“Minutes” (attached). A motion to accept the minutes of the Spring Meeting as presented was made by Larry Krome, seconded by Roger Dirlam and carried.

#### TREASURER’S REPORT (Bruce Koppenhaver) –

“Financial Reports” (attached). \$16,354.18 transfer. Less than we usually take in, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary used funds. Missed by a few days a CD transfer. Next CD will cash and place in general account due to transfer to Harry next year. Kevin Bieber made the motion to accept the Financial Reports, seconded by Roger Dirlam and carried.

#### ASSOCIATION UPDATE (Bruce Koppenhaver) –

110 fairs all paid except Transfer Harvest of \$400. Convention packets available and queen packets will be available at Zone meetings. Associate packets next week. Grange Heritage Quilt signs are available from Barb Gross. See December issue of Fair talk for “Dream Big” food drive for Fairs. Saffire Events is offering free web site design. The Association will maintain, easier then DreamWeaver, no charge. Will start with Convention event, and after consider the web site. Current web site was created in 2003. Document retention-officers to discuss.

#### REPORT FROM THE PSACF ASSOCIATES (Galla Higinbotham) –

Out in the field doing their things. Looking forward to Convention. As noted in Fair Talk looking for strolling acts.

#### REPORT FROM THE PSSA (Larry Johnson) –

Economic Impact Survey mailed out to showmen. Bev working on seminar issues. 64 Fairs have responded to the Economic Impact Survey, only 9 vendors.

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## REPORT FROM THE PA DEPT OF AG (Boots Hetherington) –

Estimating 70-72% reimbursement from Horse racing development funds. Payment to Fairs in April. Fair application forms redone. Thanks to the horsemen for all their efforts to the association. Adjustable premiums, once printed in premium books you must pay what is printed, or lose money for disbursements. Michelle emailed request for livestock entries, need if a contact due to a disease. Teeth found in steak at a Fair, lab testing to determine animal they came from, USDA and locker plant informed of incident. Governor went to Bloomsburg Fair. PA Preferred checks will be given out at Farm Show, if not there at Convention. CWD found in Adams County 3 farm quarantined. Some states have quarantined deer from Pennsylvania. Game Commission has set up stations for testing, special station in Adams County. Great season for Fairs, Boots has seen most Fairs in the State. Bruce good resource for Boots.

## LEGISLATIVE (Fred McKillop) –

“Legislative” Report (attached). Pennsylvania Community Banking magazine article about Fairs, suggest setting up a meeting with them. Banks can work with the association. David Mallard committed to achieving the \$5,000,000 for Fairs. 2 legislators of the year – David Millard & John Maher. Request for \$10,000 for Queen program was rejected, attempting another source. Bills are dead for the year, talk to your legislators.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **BUDGET (Larry Krome)**  
John Berne made a motion to fund \$2,000 to the Queen Program for mileage traveling to Fairs that request her presence; all other expense will be covered by the Fair contacting her, mileage to be calculated at 40 cents a mile, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Sally Nolt, carried. Larry made the motion to accept the proposed General budget with the addition of the queens mileage, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rod Ralston, carried.
- **ZONE AFFAIRS ( Sam Zaffuto)**  
Zone 3 has 8 nominations to board.
- **LEGISLATIVE (Ron Miller)**  
Kevin Bieber made the motion for Dick Horstman’s committee to search for a Legislative replacement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Stephenson, carried.
- **AUDITING (Rod Ralston)**  
Bruce has been in contact with Clyde, Ferraro & Co., LLC for a review through September at a cost of \$2,750, and then an audit when the transfer occurs to Harry for \$2,000. Rod Ralston made the motion to approve the \$2,750 plus out of pocket expense for the audit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Dirlam, carried.
- **SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS (Karen Dobson/Kevin Bieber)**  
“Baking Contests” Report (attached).
- **QUEEN (John Berne)**  
“Queen” Report (attached).
- **FAIR PERSON**  
Applications due November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **JUNIOR FAIR PERSON (Martha Ebersole)**  
Promote at Zone meetings.
- **SPOUSE PROGRAM (David Reese)**  
Pretty well set. Baskets for raffle.
- **COMMUNICATIONS (Martha Ebersole)**  
Fair committee to work with each other. Only place 1 item on display, as if placing many they may be picked up by the public. Forms online for communication entries.

- **TRADE SHOW (Dick Horstman)**  
Applications on line he has received 4.
- **SEMINARS (Kevin Bieber)**  
See FairTalk where they are outlined, all set. Bruce indicated there will be a web site design and social media seminar. Patrick will have to make arrangements for wireless connections. Possible additional expenditures.
- **TABLE TOPICS (Debbie Stephenson)**  
See FairTalk, needs presenters.
- **SHOWCASE (Sam Zaffuto)**  
Monday deadline, almost 30 have been received, down a little. Trying strolling acts – 3 applications.
- **PA TOURISM (Bruce Koppenhaver)**  
No longer in existence as of July 1<sup>st</sup> has become Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association. Roger Dirlam made the motion to drop out of that organization, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Horstman, carried.
- **PA STATE AG COUNCIL (Jim Davis)**  
Will meet next Thursday. Dean is leaving for Ohio State, interim Barbara Chrisp.
- **FARM SHOW**  
Quite happy with the contests. Showmen have something to boast about with merry-go-round program.
- **MSGR MIGNOT SCHOLARSHIP (Bruce Koppenhaver)**  
Following were recipients this year:  
Ashley Mohn...Reading Fair  
Jacqueline Foulke...Elizabethtown Community Fair  
Jena Sigel...Bedford County Fair  
Stefany Alexander...Jefferson County Fair  
Marra Aurand...Huntingdon County Fair  
Cassandra Orndorff...Greene County Fair  
See December FairTalk for information on the recipients. After completion of Fall semester they will receive the scholarships in January. Approximately \$1,200 is needed to fund the scholarships this year.
- **EVALUATIONS ( Karen Dobson)**  
Asked for Zone Chairs to get feedback to Karen.
- **SECRETARY/TREASURER (George Witherite)**  
On schedule for transition.
- **2012 IAFE ZONE (Bruce Koppenhaver)**  
Last meeting we hosted there were 250 attendees, this year 163. Expenses not a lot out-of-pocket. Convention gifts and food were used for the IAFE zone meeting.
- **ROOMS (Dr. Sally Nolt)**  
Reservations are coming in.

#### OLD BUSINESS –

- Tuxedos will be the dress as last year.

#### NEW BUSINESS –

- A band that entertained at a Fair this year, was found to have a member convicted of corruption of minors, and endangering of minors. Investigation on the internet found this to be true. It was suggested that we make Fairs aware of background checking of events coming in to our Fairs.

- John McMullen had a successful year of horse racing.

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion to adjourn made by Dick Horstman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Dirlam, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Reffner

PSACF Incoming Executive Secretary