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MINUTES POST-CONVENTION MEETING JANUARY 27, 2013 - 8:00AM HERSHEY, PA

The Post-Convention meeting was called to order by John Blaney. Invocation was offered by Robert Houston and Kevin Bieber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - present were C Sherman Allen, John Berne, Kevin Bieber, Luke Bruckhart, James Davis, Karen Dobson, Martha Ebersole, Susan Hahn, David Hallstrom, Jim Davis, Dick Horstman, Gala Higinbotham, Robert Huston, Judy Kmetz, Bruce Koppenhaver, Larry Krome, Craig Lash, John McMullen, Jeanne Miller, Ron Miller, Dr. Sally Nolt, Rodman Ralston, William Ritzman, David Reese, Harry Reffner, Lloyd Serfass, Debbie Stephenson, George Witherite, and Samuel Zaffuto.. Excused Roger Dirlam. Also in attendance - Byron Glessner, Beverly Gruber, Bitsey Kopfinger, 2013 Fair Queen Rhonda Carl.

The 2013 PA Fair Queen Rhonda Carl (Schuylkill Fair) gave her background and her presentation.

REGISTRATION (Bruce Koppenhaver) -
Registration up slightly - 1,681 (2012 count 1,650; 2011 count 1638).

TRADE SHOW (Dick Horstman)
Same as last year, coffee provided, few complaints.

ROOMS (Dr. Sally Nolt)
Reported an incident in the Showman's area. Lloyd does not condone the action of the person(persons) involved.

COMMUNICATIONS (Martha Ebersole)
31 fairs entered. Thank you for the help. Went well. Sponsors for a 1st place drawing for a Bunn coffee pot. New class – scrapbook digital.

SHOWCASE (Sam Zaffuto)
Showcase went a little longer. Few issues. Wednesday Hershey had an issue with the sound equipment.

FAIR PERSON
4 good candidates

QUEEN PROGRAM (John Berne)
The 50/50 payout - Wed \$862, Thurs \$781, Fri \$408. and Sat \$648 total of \$2,699 compared to \$2,889 last year. Baskets were \$3,260, live auctions were \$1,925, silent auction \$ 190, total of \$8,074 which was an increase over last year. Issue with Hershey regarding the Queen Pizza Party. The Hershey contract does not allow pop & chips unless supervised by the Hershey staff.

FIRST TIMERS (Robert Houston)

Good session, 17 attended. Thanked Bryon, George, and Luke. Bob has enjoyed his 20 attendances at convention.

TABLE TOPICS (Debbie Stephenson)

Table topics attached. Attendance was slightly higher than last year.

SEMINARS (Kevin Bieber)

Went well, well attended. Only 29 people attended the seminar with Sally Conway. 8 seminars. Attempt next year to have Family Feud.

SPOUSE PROGRAMS (Dr. David Reese)

Baskets received \$4,652, Bingo \$711. PHHA donation of \$2,000. Thanked his committee.

SPONSORSHIPS (Harry Reffner)

Thanks to the committee, and all the sponsors.

SHOWMEN (Lloyd Serfass)

new seminars.

PSACF ASSOCIATES (Galla Higinbotham)

Solid trade show. Showcase 16 acts instead of 14.

JUNIOR FAIR PERSON-(C. Sherman Allen)

Feedback has been excellent about the new program

OLD BUSINESS

ZONE AWARDS - will continue at the Annual meeting.

SPECIAL BASKING CONTESTS (Karen Dobson/Kevin Bieber)

Attached.

NEW BUSINESS

WASHINGTON COUNTY NEW YORK – impressed with our convention.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (John Blaney)

As posted on website.

ZONE 1 MAINE MEETING APRIL 19-20

Attempt to get bus for trip to Maine. Start at Centre Hall, then Bloomsburg, and one other pickup. 48 are needed for the bus.

Suggestion when we host the IAFE Zone meeting to be held at same time of our Convention. Question as to whether Hershey could handle the increased attendees.

ADDITIONAL YEAR TO HERSHEY CONTRACT

5 year guaranteed date, need to discuss if we wish to sign an additional contract for 2018. After discussion, Ron Miller made the motion to sign a contract for 2018, 2nd by Dick Horstman, carried. Ballroom was very cold this year. Room rates are only guaranteed 1 year.

ZONE MEETING:

Due to the IAFE Zone meeting, the annual board meeting will be held April 11th in Centre Hall.

Zone 4 – April 24

Zone 3 – April 25

Zone 1 – April 26

Zone 2 – April 27

FAIR DUE INVOICES:

With the Fair Funding not being sent out to April, should we invoice Fairs as we have done in the past in March. Consensus was to bill in March.

HONORARY DIRECTORS REQUEST:

Robert Houston, Sarah Irvin, and Bruce Kopenhaver have requested honorary directorship. Larry Krome will be granted Honorary director, with his serving as Past President. Jim Davis made the motion to grant the 3 Honorary directorships, 2nd by Kevin Bieber, carried.

LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT

The two proposals as presented by the search committee at the Pre-Convention meeting were discussed. A motion from the search committee was made to hire Milliron Associates as the PSACF lobbyist, 2nd by Rod Ralston, carried with 18 Ayes, and 3 Nays. John Blaney will make the necessary arrangements with McKillop, and a personal visit and Thank you in the next 2 weeks. Cornucopia arrangements will have to be made with Milliron. Lobbyist disclosures are done with Milliron. The PSACF wishes to thank the McKillop association for all its years of service to our organization.

MEMORIAL DISPLAY

There were not many displays at the Convention this year. When traveling to the Zone meetings the display needs to be stressed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Harry Reffner
Exec Secretary/Treasurer