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## PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

**MINUTES****FALL MEETING**

OCTOBER 13, 2015 – 11AM

CENTRE HALL, PA

David Reese called the meeting to order. Kevin Bieber led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jim Davis offered prayer. Roll Call – directors present were C. Sherman Allen, John Berne, John Blaney Jr., Kevin Bieber, Luke Bruckhart, James Davis, Karen Dobson, Martha Ebersole, Susan Hahn, David Hallstrom, Judy Kmetz, Dale LeVan, John McMullen, Jeanne Miller, Sally Nolt, Rodman Ralston, David Reese, Harry Reffner, Jeff Romesberg, George Witherite, and Samuel Zaffuto. Excused; Roger Dirlam, Craig Lash, Tom Murray and Debbie Stephenson. Also in attendance – Zach Gilhorski, Byron Glessner, Bev Gruber, Gala Higinbotham, Bitsey Kopfinger, Larry Krome, Lydia Messner, and Jack Snyder.

MINUTES OF THE SPRING MEETING – were posted on the website. Kevin Bieber made the motion to accept the minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Blaney, carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Harry Reffner**

Baking checks were mailed in September, but due to an invoicing problem the \$12,500 from PA Preferred has not been received.

A new auditing firm has been engaged Kendall, Prebola and Jones CPAs from Bedford.

Scholarship Fund has sufficient balance to pay the 6 Awards with approximately \$2,000 overage for next year. received \$4,700 from the spouse's

John Blaney motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Romesberg, carried.

**ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

- Sponsorship requests have been mailed, Powers Great American Midway \$2,000 for keynote speaker.
- Associate due invoices have been mailed.
- Convention packets/trade show have been mailed, will be available at Zone meetings next week.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- An invitation from Farm Bureau for their Annual Banquet. November 17.
- IAFE has chosen San Antonio, Texas for the 2018 and 2019 Conventions.
- IAFE is asking for suggestions from fairs doing a good job in certain areas. They are also asking for people to participate as part of a panel.

**PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – Zach Gilhoski**

Zach visited 92 fairs, thanked for the hospitality. He outlined the events at the 100<sup>th</sup> Farm Show in January, letters to be mailed to fairs. 24 problems with Fair reimbursements, he is reviewing. Ashley Dugan is new PA Preferred coordinator. Fair Advisory committee to meet November 3 at 1pm. Letters should be sent to Zach regarding the distribution of the fair funds, pros and cons.

**LOBBYIST REPORT – Lydia Messner**

See separate report from Milliron & Goodman

## REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATES – GALLA HIGINBOTHAM

Appreciate the relationship with Fairs.

## ZONE AFFAIRS – ZONE CHAIRS

2 zones reported no applications for Fair Person

## ANIMAL HEALTH – DR. DAVID REESE

Nothing currently. Watching southern migration of birds for Avian Flu

## SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS – KAREN DOBSON/KEVIN BIEBER

PA Preferred had bad publicity on social media regarding the availability of PA Preferred in the western part of the state. Zach and Karen to discuss.

Apple marketing Kevin working with.

Egg sponsor Kevin indicated with the Avian Flu there could be a negative effect on the sponsorship.

Discussion followed about funding of the baking contest. Jim Davis made the motion if funding does not come from the sponsors PSACF will fund the Farm Show contest but not the individual fair premiums. Estimated at \$4,500. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Blaney, carried.

## JUNIOR FAIR PERSON – C. SHERMAN ALLEN

Sherman is waiting on zones to submit their applications.

## COMMUNICATION – November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for entries. Harry suggested that as the directors visit the

Fairs, we should encourage entries.

## TRADE SHOW – DICK HORSTMAN

Dick reported via email that he has 22 applications, entries are coming in early

## ROOMS – SALLY NOLT

Reserve as soon as possible.

## SEMINARS – KEVIN BIEBER

FairTalk outlined the seminars. May be one additional – Sponsorships, this would be a one on one meeting, limited number of participants.

## TABLE TOPICS – DEBBIE STEPHENSON

Debbie requested (via email) if anyone would like to lead a topic to please contact her.

## SHOWCASE – SAM ZAFFUTO

Deadline tomorrow. Have 22 acts currently.

## COUNCIL OF FARM ORGANIZATION – JIM DAVIS

See separate report of recommendations.

## PENN STATE AG COUNCIL – JIM DAVIS

Beaver County Stockmen club, the club has total separation from 4-H. Hookstown determined they will come through the situation. Discussion of standardizing livestock sales. No action taken.

## FARM SHOW COMMITTEE – JOHN BLANEY

100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary. Parking may go from \$10 to \$15.

## MSGR. MINOT/PSACF SCHOLARSHIP – JIM DAVIS

See separate report of scholarship recipients. Lack of applications – discussions followed.

## MEMORAIL DISPLAY – JOHN BERNE

Zone meetings reminder to bring picture to convention. Great way to remember those people and what they have done for Fairs.

## QUEEN – JOHN BERNE

Zone 1 and 3 will hold elections. See separate report.

## SPONSORSHIPS – HARRY REFFNER

Harry has challenged the committee to seek new sponsors. Several possibilities were suggested.

## 2017 ZONE 1 IAFE MEETING – KEVIN BIEBER

Kevin indicate the committee has chosen March 30 to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, at the Crown Plaza in Reading PA. A good area, mall, restaurants, outlets. 60 double, 10 single, \$119 per night. \$12,500 guarantee for food and beverage. Hospitality room Thursday evening being served by Crown Plaza. Friday and Saturday we will host the room. Committee wants to announce at the zone meetings and more details at convention. Plans to publicize at New Hampshire Meeting. Committee is planning 2 dinners at local Fairs, Oley on Saturday, and possibility Allentown on Friday. John Blaney made the motion to contract with Crown Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen, carried.

## BUDGETS – JOHN BLANEY

GENERAL BUDGET - after review of the proposed budget, John Blaney made the motion to accept the budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin, carried.

CONVENTION BUDGET – after review of the proposed budget, John Blaney made the motion to accept the budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George, carried

## OLD BUSINESS – NONE

## NEW BUSINESS

President Reese announced the theme for the convention as “We Have Good Things Growing”

President Reese has had inquires as to what the attire will be for convention, asking for a secret ballot the majority of the directors choose Semi-formal.

## GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Shirley McIntire of Zone 1 will be hosting a round table discussion November 14.

12 volt kids demo derby – liability – how being handled.

Firearm on fair grounds discussion.

Shirts for convention see Sally.

Adjournment at 2:32.

Respectfully submitted



Harry Reffner  
Exec, Secretary/Treasurer