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## PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

### MINUTES

POST-CONVENTION MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2015 - 8:00AM HERSHEY,  
PA

The Post-Convention meeting was called to order by David Reese. Invocation was offered by Jim Davis and Alana Eisenhour led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The 2015 PA Fair Queen Alana Eisenhour (York Fair) gave her background and her presentation.

Roll Call - present were C Sherman Allen, Lisa Bartlebaugh, John Berne, Kevin Bieber, John Blaney, Luke Bruckhart, James Davis, Karen Dobson, Martha Ebersole, David Hallstrom, Dick Horstman, Gala Higinbotham, Judy Kmetz, Craig Lash, Dale LeVan, John McMullen, Jeanne Miller, Tom Murray, Dr. Sally Nolt, David Reese, Harry Reffner, Jeff Romesberg, Debbie Stephenson, George Witherite, and Samuel Zaffuto. Excused Roger Dirlam, Susan Hahn, Rod Rodman. Also in attendance - Dick Horstman, Ron Miller, Byron Glessner, Boots Hetherington, Bruce Koppenhaver, Lee Robinson, 2015 Fair Queen Alana Eisenhour.

### CONVENTION

REGISTRATION (Harry Reffner) -  
Registration down 1593 - 1,665 (2014-1665, 2013-1681, 2012-1,650).

TRADE SHOW (Dick Horstman)  
157 booths, 2 no show.

ROOMS (Dr. Sally Nolt)  
Glitches in rooms, waited too long to reserved rooms. Encourage to register early at Zone meetings. Easier to cancel then to make a reservation. 1 person on wait list.

COMMUNICATIONS (Martha Ebersole)  
43 fairs participated. Discussion on using the state theme on exhibits, instructions to fairs indicate only floor displays must use the state theme. Thumb drives were purchased to record the exhibits, intent to be given to the Fairs. Discussion put on web site, have our video recorded do this for us. Harry indicated that he was presented a bill for the thumb drives, he indicated he would not pay without board approval. Discussion follow, Martha made the motion to pay ½ of the bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Davis, carried.

SHOWCASE (Sam Zaffuto)  
Many good applicants. Larger stage. Chubby Checker and The Large Flowerheads.

FAIR PERSON (Bruce Koppenhaver)  
3 applicants, John Berne received the award, 35 page application, 22 endorsements.

QUEEN PROGRAM (John Berne)  
The 50/50 payout - Wed \$918, Thurs \$924, Fri \$809 and Sat \$683 total of \$3,334 compared to \$3,136 last year. Raffle table was \$3,018; live auctions were \$4,272, total of \$10,624 compared to \$10,691 last year.

FIRST TIMERS (George Witherite)

15 in attendance, Thank you to the committee.

TABLE TOPICS (Debbie Stephenson)

809 attendees. Received some new topics for next year.

SEMINARS (Kevin Bieber)

Went very well. Kevin received great comments about the Keynote speaker. Saturday attendance was low for seminars.

SPOUSE ( David Reese)

Best year. \$4,386 for raffle, \$994 bingo.

SPONSORSHIPS (Harry Reffner)

Lost two major sponsors – Power Pulling and Waste Management. Powers Great American Midways and Saffire was only two Premier Sponsors. Challenged the committee and board to find sponsors for 2016 convention.

SHOWMAN (Lisa Bartlebaugh)

Good year, looking forward to next year. Problem with new Hershey policy regarding drinks in the lobby. PSSA and PSACF have worked with Hershey to resolve problem for next year.

PSACF ASSOCIATE (Gala Higinbotham)

Good year, excitement to come into the trade show. Layout good. Best convention in the East, Pennsylvania welcoming vendors. Showcase professional.

**OLD BUSINESS**

JUDGING SCHOOL (Bev Gruber)

104 in attendance, 15 walk ins who paid \$10.00 to attend. \$200-\$300 profit. New judges will be listed on web as soon as possible.

PDA (Boots Hetherington)

Thank you to Dan & Galla. Thank you for our support to Secretary Greig and Mrs. Greig. Mrs. Greig wants to go to all fairs that she did not attend with the Secretary. New Secretary Russell Redding at the Coronation Banquet. Boots thanked us for our support, meeting with Russell next week, not sure what decisions will be made.

**NEW BUSINESS**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ZONE 1 BUFFALO MEETING MAY 14 – 16

SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE

Discussion as to what the law allows us to do at Hershey and what licenses need to be display. President Reese formed a fund raising committee to review:

John Blaney  
John Berne  
Judy Kmetz  
Debbie Stephenson

MEETING WITH HERSHEY Hospitality rooms overflowing into Lobby

Meeting with Patrick, PSSA, PSACF, Rep. David Millard. Resolution was implemented for 2016 Convention. Hershey will be advised of a list from both organizations to be called if a problem occurs.

ADDITIONAL YEAR TO HERSHEY CONTRACT/PSAV CONTRACT

Harry presented the contracts for the 2020 convention, and the PSAV contracts for 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. After discussion John Blaney made the motion to sign the contracts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John McMullen, carried.

ZONE MEETINGS

Zone 4 – April 22  
Zone 3 – April 23  
Zone 1 – April 24  
Zone 2 – April 25

BOB HOUSTON

Jeanne Miller report that Bob is at home and planning on going to Florida.

REQUEST FOR HONORARY DIRECTOR

Harry received a letter requesting honorary director from Dick Horstman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam, carried.

IAFE ZONE ONE TRIP TO NORTH & SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIRS

Bus will be leaving from Harrisburg/Hershey area. Contact Jessica Underberg if interested in going on trip.

FRIENDS OF FARM SHOW

Bev Gruber thanked PSACF for the sponsorship of the Mike Waugh Driving Team, Lia Schmittel drove and came in 4<sup>th</sup>.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Davis reported that there was a number of young people in attendance at seminars, a great indication for our future.

SCHOLARSHIP

Jim Davis permanent funding of scholarship. A motion was made at our October 17, 2013 meeting for PSACF to supply the additional monies to fund 6 scholarships.

THANK YOU

John thanked the board for their support during his years of the presidency.

President Reese reminded us Harvest the Fun is the 2015 Theme.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Adjournment at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry Reffner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Harry Reffner  
Exec Secretary/Treasurer