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PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

MINUTES POST-CONVENTION MEETING JANUARY 24, 2016 - 8:00AM HERSHEY, PA

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

The 2016 PA Fair Queen Darby Kasper (Tioga Fair) gave her background and her presentation.

Roll Call - present were C Sherman Allen, John Berne, Kevin Bieber, John Blaney, Luke Bruckhart, James Davis, Karen Dobson, Martha Ebersole, David Hallstrom, Judy Kmetz, Craig Lash, Dale LeVan, John McMullen, Jeanne Miller, Tom Murray, Dr. Sally Nolt, David Reese, Harry Reffner, Jeff Romesberg, Debbie Stephenson, and Samuel Zaffuto. Excused Roger Dirlam, Susan Hahn, Rod Ralston, George Witherite. Also in attendance - Bev Gruber, Dick Horstman, Byron Glessner, Bruce Koppenhaver, Steve Swika III, Paula Swika 2016 Fair Queen Darby Kasper.

CONVENTION

REGISTRATION (Harry Reffner) -
Registration 1666

TRADE SHOW (Dick Horstman)
187 booths. 2 free, plus W.A. Dehart, due to storm ½ left Friday. Discussion if people leave early they may have a bad spot next year. Zone meetings ask to book from trade show. Largest trade show on East Coast.

ROOMS (Dr. Sally Nolt)
2017 Convention, Hershey will open rooms for reservations June 1st.

COMMUNICATIONS (Martha Ebersole)
Went well, some down, power point description.

SHOWCASE (Sam Zaffuto)
40 applications up from last year. Best Showcase & best convention.

FAIR PERSON (Bruce Koppenhaver)
At zone meetings had only 2 applications, had 8 prior to convention. All good quality. Karen thank you. Bev more letters of support, helps person giving the award to announce the winner.

QUEEN PROGRAM (John Berne)
Fundraising, Raffle - \$5048, 50/50 - \$4086, Auction - \$2625, Sponsors - \$4,050. Total 15,809. We need to resolve the issue with Hershey regarding the area 50/50 tickets can be sold. Souvenir Revenue \$4,572.

FIRST TIMERS

17 in attendance, Thank you to the committee.

TABLE TOPICS (Debbie Stephenson)

Wednesday over 100 people in 3 round tables. Rest of week was normal 22 with 1270 attending. Debbie was asked if she needed help.

SEMINARS (Kevin Bieber)

Attendees appeared to be happy. 2 seminars canceled due to snow. Small game of chance to come back. Keynote speaker was very well received. Sponsorship review met with 12 fairs, will attempt to get back for next year. Opening ceremonies need to have equipment moved off stage prior to keynote speaker enters the stage.

SPOUSE (John Blaney)

Best year. \$4,865 for raffle, \$994 bingo.

SPONSORSHIPS (Harry Reffner)

Powers Great American sponsor of \$2,000 for Dr. Rigsby.

SHOWMAN (Steve Swika III)

Enjoyed convention, any questions contact him. Sales tax battle.

PSACF ASSOCIATE (Gala Higinbotham)

Showcase far better, professional. Commended Sam, best sound. Trade show moral up, very excited, use our associates stress at zone meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

BAKING CONTEST – nothing new, well attended.

MILLIRON/GOODMAN 2016 FEES – Harry reviewed and reported that the Budget that was passed at our October 13, 2015 meeting did include the increase for the 2016 fees to Milliron/Goodman.

NEW BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL YEAR TO HERSHEY CONTRACT/PSAV CONTRACT

Harry presented the contracts for the 2021 convention. After discussion John Blaney made the motion to sign the contracts, 2nd by David Hallstrom, carried.

MEMORIAL FOR ARCHIE KNAUF – Kevin made the motion to place \$100 in the scholarship fund in Archie's name, 2nd by David Hallstrom, carried.

HERSHEY – a letter of appreciation to be sent to Hershey for the staff's accommodation during the snow storm. Also a letter to Hershey with regards to the fine job Steve Walters did his first year.

SHERMAN – Thanked the Queen Program for having him do the auction Saturday. Sponsorship IAFE at zone meetings. Saturday night program would like to investigate PCN to cover the Queen program. Possible to record auction, seminars and round tables. Junior Fair Person forms not filled out properly, deadlines not met. John Berne made the motion for Sherman to contact PNC to review the possibilities of covering the Queen Program, 2nd by Jim Davis, carried.

QUEEN PROGRAM – Jim Davis requested a committee to be formed to review the Queen program to have them become self-sufficient. Kevin Bieber volunteered to be on the committee.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS to be forth coming.

ZONE 1 NEW HAMPSHIRE MEETING MAY 5 - 7

ZONE MEETINGS

Zone 4 – April 20

Zone 3 – April 21

Zone 1 – April 22

Zone 2 – April 23

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Adjournment at 9:50.



Harry Reffner
Exec Secretary/Treasurer