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PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

MINUTES**FALL MEETING**

OCTOBER 17, 2013 – 11AM

CENTRE HALL, PA

John Blaney called the meeting to order. Kevin Bieber led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Huston gave the prayer. Roll Call - present were C Sherman Allen, John Berne, John Blaney Jr., Kevin Bieber, Luke Bruckhart, James Davis, Roger Dirlam, Karen Dobson, Martha Ebersole, Susan Hahn, David Hallstrom, Boots Hetherington, Judy Kmetz, Craig Lash, Jeanne Miller, Sally Nolt, Rodman Ralston, David Reese, Harry Reffner, William Ritzman, Debbie Stephenson, George Witherite, and Samuel Zaffuto. John McMullen, William Ritzman, and Gala Higinbotham were excused. Also in attendance – Bev Gruber, Bob Houston, Bruce Koppenhaver, Larry Krome, Andrew Goodman, Lloyd Serfass, Jack Snyder and Bitsey Kopfinger.

MINUTES OF SPRING MEETING – were posted on the website. Ron Miller made the motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Roger Dirlam. Carried

TREASURER’S REPORT – Harry Reffner

On the General Acct Income & Expense, Harry noted the following:

Line item “ACCTG” (accounting), the invoice from Ferraro for \$1,623.59 for the partial year audit was not received until first part of this week. Line item shows us under budget for this year.

Line item “QFAIRT” (Queen travel to fairs), invoice from the Queen Committee has not been received for the year. Line Item shows us under budget for the year.

Line item “PRNTG” (Printing), over budget by \$1,595.00 due to the printing of the Economic Impact Study.

Referring to the Bedford Scholarship register:

In October two donations were made to the Scholarship:
\$500.00 from Huntingdon and
\$100.00 from the Hallstroms.

Debbie Stephenson made the motion to accept the treasure’s report 2nd by Kevin Bieber, carried.

ASSOCIATION UPDATE

- 109 fairs have paid their dues, including Transfer Harvest for both 2012 and 2013.
- There are 231 associate members
- Convention & Queen packets will be available at the Zone meetings next week.
- Checks for baking contest mailed end of September.
- Convention website, hosted by Saffire is being updated; the BEO from Hershey was sent to us yesterday. Room assignments for all activities will be updated to the site.
- 2014 theme as announced by John today, Treasure The Memories.

REPORT FROM THE PA SHOWMEN’S ASSOCIATION – Lloyd Serfass

A thank you for having him here today, offers his support to PSACF.

REPORT FROM THE PA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE – BOOTS HETHERINGTON

Visited 97 fairs.

Reimbursements received to date – 8.

Department 22 CAP has changed, \$4300 maximum for the department.

Expressed appreciation to both horse organizations for their support.

Advisory board convening in November.

Regulations have not been reviewed for 27 years.

LOBBYIST REPORT – see website report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHOWCASE – Sam Zaffuto

31 -32 applications, normal that applies. Price for lightning at Convention will be an additional cost to the Association. Cost not known at this time. Ron made the motion that when the committee and officers are presented a cost, they will made the decision, 2nd by Roger, carried.

BUDGET – Ron Miller

Ron reviewed the proposed budget by line item. Ron made the motion to accept the committee report, 2nd by George. It was to be noted that the Queen Fair travel expense and the Ferraro audit will be carried over from previous year. Jim recommended an insertion of a line item for Msgr. Scholarship at next budget committee meeting. Money would be taken out of convention account to support the scholarship. Question was called, motion to accept the 2013-2014 budget, carried. Ron made the motion to support the Msgr. Scholarship with funds from the Convention account the funds would be the difference between the spouse program contribution and \$6,000. The scholarship fund would then maintain a balance of \$12,000., Sally 2nd, carried.

ANIMAL HEALTH – Dr. David Reese

Animal health senate bill 526, no special line for VCPR, with the exception of rabbits and poultry. Sally asked if the line could be left on the entry forms to avoid confusion, Ron replied yes it could be left on the form.

SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS – Karen Dobson, see website report.

QUEEN – John Berne, see website report.

FAIR PERSON – Bruce Koppenhaver

Application is on web, take along to zone meetings.

JR. FAIR PERSON – Sherman Allen

Zone chairs to get nominees to Sherman.

ECONOMIC IMPACT – John Blaney

Bev to send press release. Was printed and will be distributed to each fair at the Zone meetings.

CONVENTION –

SPOUSE PROGRAM – David Reese

Saturday usual raffle, two workshops one Lights and the other Bows. Requesting a donation of a basket.

COMMUNICATIONS – Martha Ebersole

Urged entries, new category.

TRADE SHOW – Dick Horstman

Letters out 15 returned.

ROOMS – Dr. Sally Nolt

Rooms assigned for directors, has been in touch with Hershey.

SEMINARS – Kevin Bieber

Outlined in FairTalk. Consumer protection workshop, deadline December 27th to register. Bev commented every fair should attend.

TABLE TOPICS – Debbie Stephenson

18 table topics, volunteers needed to lead the topics.

AG COUNCIL – Jim Davis

New Ag Dean in November, as well as a new president. Council of Farms – farm bill FDA Food safety. Research meeting Roadside Stands. Research of deer spreading disease.

MSGR. SCHOLARSHIP – Jim Davis

19 candidates. 2013 winners are:

1. Laura Metrick, Zone 1 Butler Farm Show
2. Anna Sajeski, Zone 3 Huntingdon County Agricultural Association
3. Chelsea Folmar, Zone 1 Clearfield Fair
4. Katherine Beckman, Zone 4 Oley Fair
5. Amy Metrick, Zone 1 Butler Farm Show

6. Brittany Hawn, Zone 3 Huntingdon County Agricultural Association

JUDGING SCHOOL –

Not being held this year. Superintendents school being held.

MEMORIAL DISPLAY – John Berne

At Zone Meetings solicit displays, also fairs with memorials should come to the Memorial Service.

WEBSITE UPDATE – Harry Reffner

2 companies have submitted quotes, the prices vary, further review needs to be done. Will report in April.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

C. Sherman Allen --

1. Pets at fairgrounds, table topic schedule.

2. Guns at Fairs, by laws must state No drugs, firearms, or alcohol. Must be advertised.

Visitations summaries to zone chairman.

Adjournment at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted

Harry Reffner

Exec Secretary/Treasurer