

President:

JOHN D. BLANEY, JR.
247 Curfew Rd.
Perryopolis, PA 15473
(724) 677-2228

Vice President:

DAVID REESE, DVM
10 Dry Run Rd. - Left Branch
Pine City, NY 14871
(607) 733-3154

Exec. Secretary/Treasurer:

HARRY REFFNER
128 Cumberland Road
Bedford, PA 15522
(866) 814-6985
fax (866) 231-4829

Immediate Past President:

RON MILLER
612 Skyline Dr.
Bernville, PA 19506
(484) 955-8574

Executive Committee:

C. SHERMAN ALLEN
Meadville, PA 16335
(814) 382-2922

JOHN BERNE
Crosby, PA 16724
(814) 887-5396

KEVIN D. BIEBER
Oley, PA 19547
(610) 987-6529

LUKE E. BRUCKHART
Manheim, PA 17345
(717) 665-5198

JAMES H. DAVIS
Petersburg, PA 16669
(814) 669-4268

ROGER DIRLAM
Honesdale, PA 18431
(570) 253-3540

KAREN DOBSON
Pottstown, PA 19465
(610) 469-0263

MARTHA EBERSOLE
Duncannon, PA 17020
(717) 834-4435

SUSAN HAHN
Pen Argyl, PA 18072
(610) 863-6816

DAVID HALLSTROM
Clearfield, PA 16830
(814) 765-8366

DICK HORSTMAN
Burgessstown, PA 15021
(724) 729-3701

JUDY KMETZ
Shavertown, PA 18708
(570) 675-2952

CRAIG LASH
West Newton, PA 15089
(724) 872-8967

JOHN MCMULLEN
Armagh, PA 15920
(814) 446-6692

JEANNE MILLER
Girard, PA 16417
(814) 774-5703

DR. SALLY K. NOLT
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 367-7256

RODMAN R. RALSTON
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
(570) 759-0406

WILLIAM RITZMAN
Millerstown, PA 17062
(717) 589-9997

DEBBIE STEPHENSON
Prosperity, PA 15329
(724) 627-4752

GEORGE WITHERITE
Spring Mills, PA 16875
(814) 387-4916

SAMUEL J. ZAFFUTO
Sykesville, PA 15865
(814) 894-5723

Members At Large:

MILLIRON ASSOCIATES, Lobbyist
Harrisburg, PA 17101
(717) 232-5322

BOOTS HETHERINGTON
PA Dept. of Agriculture, Fair Fund Office
Harrisburg, PA 17110
(717) 787-6257

GALLA HIGINBOTHAM, Associates Rep.
Alexandria, PA 16611
(814) 669-4443



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

MINUTES

POST-CONVENTION MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2014 - 8:00AM HERSHEY,
PA

The Post-Convention meeting was called to order by John Blaney. Invocation was offered by Hazel Blaney and Lia Schmittel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The 2014 PA Fair Queen Lia Schmittel (Elizabethtown 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, Susan Hahn, David Hallstrom, Dick Horstman, Gala Higinbotham, Judy Kmetz, Craig Lash, John McMullen, Jeanne Miller, Ron Miller, Dr. Sally Nolt, Rodman Ralston, David Reese, Harry Reffner, Debbie Stephenson, George Witherite, and Samuel Zaffuto. Excused Roger Dirlam, Bill Ritzman. Also in attendance - Sarah Irvin, Byron Glessner, Beverly Gruber, Bruce Koppenhaver, Lee Robinson 2014 Fair Queen Lia Schmittel.

REGISTRATION (Harry Reffner) -
Registration down slightly - 1,665 (2013 count 1681, 2012 count 1,650).

TRADE SHOW (Dick Horstman)
172 booths, 3 no show, 2 re-rentals, largest show. Memorial table, nice memorials.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS (Martha Ebersole)
Display up, videos down. 43 fairs participated compared to 31 last year. 72 fairs went through the communications area.

SHOWCASE (Sam Zaffuto)
40 applicants, chose 15 to showcase. Went well. Problem with rigging working with Hershey. Those from IAFE had favorable comments. Barney Cosner, speaker, commented top convention.

FAIR PERSON (Bruce Koppenhaver)
4 applicants, Kevin Bieber received the award, well deserved. Bruce suggested using the IAFE application; John gave committee the assignment of designing new application.

QUEEN PROGRAM (John Berne)
The 50/50 payout - Wed \$863, Thurs \$865, Fri \$637 and Sat \$771 total of \$3,136 compared to \$2,699 last year. Raffle table was \$3,380; live auctions were \$4,175, total of \$10,691 compared to \$8,074 last year.

FIRST TIMERS (George Witherite)
26 in attendance, interesting group.

TABLE TOPICS (Debbie Stephenson)

Attendance ranged from 35 to 100. She was given 10 new topics for next year.

SEMINARS (Kevin Bieber)

Great group of seminars. 100% good comments. Consumer Protection Workshop went very well, IAFE was pleased with the attendance. Workshop next year again. There will be a certificate for those that attended. Barney Cosner thanked us for allowing him to come and speak. Danny Aguilar good comments, want to bring him back. Family Feud success. Superintendents very good. Judges school next year, possibility on Saturday.

SPOUSE PROGRAM (Dr. David Reese)

Went well, thanks to the committee, 50 baskets. \$4,807 up from last year. Bag & Basket growing. Welcomed Eleanor Lash to the committee.

SPONSORSHIP (Harry Reffner)

Received a \$1000 sponsorship from Waste Management, thanked Debbie for obtaining it.

SHOWMAN (Judd Good)

Banquet very good. Suggestion instead of tickets when purchased from PSACF have a voucher that does not look like a ticket, people were using the pre-sale ticket to enter the banquet.

PSACF ASSOCIATES (Galla Higinbotham)

Trade show and show case up. Thanked everyone. Diversity, great connections, jam session well received. Showcase no tables set up in hall, ok to hand out pamphlets. Sam & Galla change wording on trade show application. Showcase application indicate they must have a trade show booth.

OLD BUSINESS

Baking Contests – (Kevin Bieber & Karen Dobson)

Baking seminar well attended.

Egg sponsor on board for next year.

Apple Pie new contact, sponsoring again wants to expand.

Junior Fair Person – C. Sherman Allen

Thanked the Queen committee for allowing the award to be given prior to the Queen program.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 Committee Assignments – New committee for Sound & Lights

Zone I Meeting Salem MA – Ron checked on Bus, will need 44 people, \$72 a person. Harry will sent out email to all the Fairs requesting by February 15th a response.

Additional Year to Hershey Contract – Hershey gave to Harry the extended contract for 2019. Discussion followed, Ron Miller made the motion to hold the dates for us, 2nd by Dr. Sally Nolt, carried.

Exec. Summit for State Assns.—Harry indicated the summit will be held in Springfield, Missouri May 1st, he will be attending.

Zone Meetings – With the IAFE Zone Meeting April 10th, and April 17th being Holy Week, the State Board Meeting will be held April 3rd.

Zone 4 – April 23

Zone 3 – April 24

Zone 1 – April 25

Zone 2 – April 26

By-Laws – President John, asked if all directors have been given a copy of the Policy Manual. Copies will be distributed at the April 3rd Board meeting. The By-Law committee will receive a copy shortly for review, and recommend changes at the April 3rd Board meeting.

Thanks to committees, from Martha, for the great convention we had. Thanks to John for table seating and to Dan & Galla for the entertainment.

From Jim Davis, Banners behind podium were not appealing. PSSA banner was absent. Suggestion for one large banner for both PSSA & PSACF, Harry to work with Bev.

President John reminded us of new theme for 2014 “Treasure The Memories”.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ron Miller called for adjournment at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry Reffner".

Harry Reffner
Exec Secretary/Treasurer