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# PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

**MINUTES** PRE-CONVENTION MEETING JANUARY 22, 2014-4:45PM HERSHEY, PA

John Blaney called the meeting to order. Invocation was offered the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call - present were C Sherman Allen, John Berne, John Blaney Jr., Luke Bruckhart, James Davis, Roger Dirlam, Karen Dobson, Martha Ebersole, Susan Hahn, David Hallstrom, Gala Higinbotham, Judy Kmetz, Craig Lash, John McMullen, Jeanne Miller, Rodman Ralston, David Reese, Harry Reffner, William Ritzman, Debbie Stephenson, George Witherite, and Samuel Zaffuto. Also in attendance - Andy Goodman and Lydia Messner from Milliron Associates, Bruce Koppenhaver, Sarah Irvin, and Galla Higinbotham. Count for Sunday Breakfast. CONVENTION REVIEW -

Seminars - Off to a great start. Consumer Protection Workshop had 41 registered, 38 in class, 30 different fairs.

Table Topics – Good day 4 table topics, 2 presenters did not show.

Communications – Setup additional space needed.

Trade Show – Very busy today, 170 booths last year 144.

Rooms – few glitches. At zone meetings remind to register early.

Queen - registration up, causing fairs to be moved, working with

Showcase -15 acts. 40 applications.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

None

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Rigging in ballroom - Sam reported an additional \$4,740 to cover the rigging. 25% increase over the years. Working with Hershey & Larry Starcher.

Msgr. Minot Scholarship – Jim reported 3 scholarships have been paid for 2013. For more visibility Jim made the motion to change the name of the scholarship to: Msgr. John Minot/PSACF Scholarship, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron, carried.

Junior Fair Person - Sherman will present the award at the Queen Banquet. Committee to review 100 word essays.

IAFE Zone 1 & 2 meeting in Salem MA, \$1000 in the budget to sponsorship.

Boots 5 fairs have changed their classification.

# PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

John – Intros at Opening Ceremonies

John reminded the board of their activity during the convention.

## ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment made by Ron.

Respectfully Submitted

Harry Reffree

PSACF Executive Secretary/Treasurer