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## PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

**MINUTES****FALL MEETING**

OCTOBER 13, 2016 – 11AM

CENTRE HALL, PA

David Reese called the meeting to order. Kevin Bieber led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jim Davis offered prayer. Roll Call – directors present were C. Sherman Allen, John Berne, John Blaney Jr., Kevin Bieber, James Davis, Roger Dirlam, Martha Ebersole, Susan Hahn, Craig Lash, Dale LeVan, Jeanne Miller, Tom Murray, Sally Nolt, Rodman Ralston, David Reese, Harry Reffner, Jeff Romesberg, George Witherite, and Samuel Zaffuto. Excused; Luke Bruckhart, Karen Dobson, David Hallstrom, Judy Kmetz, John McMullen, and Debbie Stephenson. Also in attendance – Zach Gilhorski, Ron Miller, Bruce Koppenhaver, Byron Glessner, Bev Gruber, and Jack Snyder.

MINUTES OF THE SPRING MEETING – were posted on the website. Roger Dirlam made the motion to accept the minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Blaney, carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Harry Reffner**

Baking checks were mailed in September, but the \$12,500 from PA Preferred has not been received.

Scholarship Fund has sufficient balance to pay the 6 Awards.

Roger Dirlam motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Blaney, carried

**ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

- Showcase invitations have been mailed, number of new associates wanting to Showcase.
- Associate due invoices have been mailed.
- Convention packets/trade show have been mailed to our associates, will be available at Zone meetings next week.
- Turn your fair visitations to your zone chairs and myself. Zone chairs prepare a summary of our visitations.
- Kempton Country Fair is now Mountain Springs Country Fair
- Litigations to be discussed in correspondence

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Daniel Weiss Litigation – Gratz Fair
- Elizabeth Norr Litigation – Cochranon Community Fair  
Both Fairs have contacted their insurance carriers. An attorney was quoted that when lawsuits are initiated all possible are named, wait and see if further action is taken, or if we are dropped.
- Kempton Country Fair changing to Mountain Springs Country Fair, I received the paper work from the state of Pennsylvania with regards to the name change.

#### REPORT FROM THE PA SHOWMEN'S ASSOC – BEV GRUBER

Showmen will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At convention this year their banquet will be a Hawaiian theme with a Luau, no Tuxes. They will be conducting the food safety course.

#### REPORT FROM THE PA DEPT OF AG. – ZACH GIHORSKI

Sec. Redding thanks for hosting. Fair fund reimbursements due. Poster contest Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, wants to put all on display at Farm Show. PA display contest. Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Fair advisory board meeting. Reimbursements sent 6 weeks ago to comptroller should be soon. 150 applications for grants of 3.2 million, 200 – 300 thousand short of funding all. Deputy Fred working with Horseman trying to get horse racing back to fairs. Confederate flags had complaints of them being displayed at Fairs. Set policy at each fair level. PA Preferred new contest no chocolate. Open to junior competition \$10,000. Discussion of chocolate cake sponsors.

#### REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT – ANDY GOODMAN(PRESENTED BY HARRY)

2016 was nice budget. Had warning that 2017 budget could be worst then 2015 depending on elections. Budget line item difficult will do anything they can to meet a \$5 million for 2017, may stay at \$4 No movement on the utility bill. Open to a 2017 reception in Harrisburg. Will give us a report of the 2017 election.

#### QUEEN REPORT – JOHN BERNE

PSACF \$2,000 toward Queen's travel, Queen Board to make difference. Zone 2 & 4 election of Queen Board members. Nov 1<sup>st</sup> applications dues, Dec 15 registration due, Dec 28 Hotel registrations due.

Garth Brooks signed jacket may be supplied by Variety Attractions

#### MEMORIAL TABLE –JOHN BERNE

Remind at zones to bring pictures.

#### BUDGET –RON MILLER

Review of proposed General and Convention Budgets. Kevin made the motion to approve the budgets 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger, carried. Ron thanked the committee.

#### BY-LAWS

Review of two proposed by-law changes. Notifications of changes to be placed in the packets to be handed out at next week's Zone meetings. Roger moved to accept the changes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Blaney, carried.

#### ANIMAL HEALTH – DR. DAVID REESE

Ron to get new copy of rules. Dr. David Wolfgang.

#### SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS – KAREN DOBSON/KEVIN BIEBER

John Blaney made the motion to accept PA Preferred as proposed and amended for the chocolate Cake contest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, carried. Get baking contest summaries in.

#### FAIR PERSON – BRUCE KOPPENHAVER

2 applications. Encourage at zone meetings.

#### JUNIOR FAIR PERSON – C. SHERMAN ALLEN

Follow rules. Troy Fair has the junior Fair board plan Monday's activities. Do a project but not an entire week, junior board members have other activities.

#### PROMOTION – PRESENTED BY HARRY

PCN presented to Karen a proposal to provide coverage of the Queen program amounting to \$3750.

Starbright Media presented Judy a proposal for coverage of the opening ceremony and the Queen Program at no charge. They did request a trade show booth free gratis. Kevin has to check if coverage is acceptable to the keynote speaker. Jeff made the motion to proceed with Starbright depending on what Kevin finds out, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally, carried.

#### COMMUNICATION – November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for entries.

#### SPOUSE – John Blaney

Outlined the events for the 2017 convention. Donations of gifts for prizes.

## ROOMS – SALLY NOLT

3 different registrations numbers. Half the rooms have been booked. Hershey has changed their Policy, they will be charging one night up front on the credit card. Will be refunded if canceled.

## SEMINARS – KEVIN BIEBER

Reviewed seminars

## TABLE TOPICS – DEBBIE STEPHENSON (John Blaney)

Topics set, looking for individuals to conduct them.

## SHOWCASE – SAM ZAFFUTO

Deadline the 15<sup>th</sup>. 27 applications excepts 40 or more. Moving to all electronic application next year.

## PENN STATE AG COUNCIL – JIM DAVIS

Tours next Thursday.

## JUDGING SCHOOL – Bev Gruber

6 classes to be held.

## MSGR. MINOT/PSACF SCHOLARSHIP – JIM DAVIS

Finances good at \$15,000. Reviewed the 6 winners of the scholarship. 19 had submitted. Read a Thank You for Jeff's daughter. Jim will have article in December's FairTalk.

## SOUND & LIGHTS – SAM ZAFFUTO

Agreement through 2021 at same rate.

## QUEEN ADVISORY BOARD – KEVIN BEIBER

Meeting canceled, sharing financials on web site. Queen Board will pay a portion of the Sound and lights for the 2017 convention.

## 2017 ZONE 1 IAFE MEETING – KEVIN BIEBER

Met before this meeting. Accomplished a lot. Theme - Back Door Roots Moving Toward the Future. Jim working on seminars. Friday Allentown tour, over to AgPlex chicken dinner. Need sponsorships Letters to fairs. Registration \$115, late registration March 1<sup>st</sup> \$125. Auction bring an item to be auctioned, going to Tucker Scholarship fund.

## OLD BUSINESS – NONE

## NEW BUSINESS

Courtesy Passes: Reported abuse of number of persons entering fair and grandstand. After discussion the following will be listed on the courtesy passes:

To All Fairs: Please allow entrance to fair grounds only, limited to a maximum of 4(four) people.

Roger made the motion to change the passes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan, carried.

Hershey 2022 contract: Harry reported that Kalahari has made some overtures for our Convention to be held there. Exhibition areas, banquet areas will be larger than Hershey. Banquet pricing can be negotiated. Rooms are \$129 as opposed to Hershey's \$109. Harry suggested have incoming President Hallstrom appoint a committee to review. Kevin suggested that our Spring Board meeting be held at Kalahari. Harry was instructed not to sign the 2022 contract in January.

President Reese announced the theme for the convention as "Country Scenes – Blue Ribbon Dreams"

## GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Shirts see Sally.

Adjournment at 3:10pm.

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.

Harry Reffner

Exec, Secretary/Treasurer