

# *Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program*

## **PROGRAM REPORT**

April 11, 2013

PSACF Meeting

### **BOARD:**

The following were elected officers at the Feb 6 Annual Meeting: Chairman: John Berne; Vice Chairman: Sarah Irvin; Secretary: Karen Dobson and Treasurer: Gary Moore. Committee appointments were Contest Correspondence: Bitsey Kopfinger; State Contest: Karen Dobson and Shelly Shaffer; Events/Publicity: Martha Ebersole; and Fundraising: John Berne and Judy Kmetz.

Zones 1 and 3 will each need to hold elections at their Fall Zone meetings to appoint a member to the PA Fair Queen Board of Directors.

### **EVENTS/PUBLICITY:**

#### **2013 PA Fair Queen Rhonda Carl** (Schuylkill County)

Attended Cornucopia on Feb 5 - greeted approximately 35 legislators (an increase from previous years). Returned to the Capitol the following week, met the Governor and was introduced as the new PA Fair Queen to the entire House of Representatives. PCN covered the event live on TV. Also attended a legislative dinner in her home county, two local parades and visited local elementary schools. Has been invited to (8) PSACF fairs so far. Request Forms will be distributed at the Zone meetings.

The Queen Program thanks PSACF for budgeting \$2,000 for the PA Fair Queen's mileage reimbursement. We will reimburse the PA Fair Queen's mileage (\$0.40/per mile) upon receipt of a signed Voucher from the inviting Fair that verifies the correct mileage and the visitation date. The inviting Fairs are only responsible to reimburse the PA Fair Queen for: a) her meals during her time on the fairgrounds and b) her overnight lodging (if necessary).

**4/11/13: PSACF's decision: PA Fair Queen Program will fund the mileage reimbursements throughout the fair season; then the Queen Program will invoice PSACF up to the approved amount of \$2,000 for the fair year.**

### **STATE CONTEST APPLICATIONS:**

67 Letters of Request for the 2014 State Competition application were received by the Feb 28 deadline. **Application Packets will be distributed at Spring Zone meetings** to those requesting Fairs. A pick-up signature will be required.

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## **FUNDRAISING**

Flyers about the gift basket, auction and raffle fundraisers will be distributed at the Zone meetings. Variety Attractions is working on getting several well-known artists to autograph a guitar through the 2013 Fair Season. That guitar will then be auctioned off at the 2014 Convention. Any ideas for other unique auction items are welcomed for next January's event (ex: plans are in the works for a 5' LED Tree covered with gift certificates valued at \$400-500). Any Fair or individual interested in donating or in becoming a program sponsor should contact John Berne (McKean County Fair) or Judy Kmetz (Luzerne County Fair) for the information.

## **STATE CONTEST**

The 2014 contest will be held Jan 23-25. "Drum the Bucket" has already committed to sponsoring the Contestants' Pizza party on Friday night.

### ***CLARIFICATION ON THE MOTION FROM FALL PSACF EXEC BOARD MTG:***

*Can the \$2,000 from PSACF earmarked for PA Fair Queen mileage reimbursement be used to cover the Alternate's mileage if she attends a fair in place of the PA Fair Queen? NOTE: PA Fair Queen always gets first choice to attend, but if she cannot, the Fair can request the Alternate. Ex: fairs in western PA but Queen is from east. APPROVED 4/11/13 by PSACF*

**4/11/13 – PSACF approved that the 2014 State contestants can pay a convention registration fee of \$15 rather than the normal \$25.**

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