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PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

MINUTES**FALL MEETING**

OCTOBER 18, 2018 – 11AM

CENTRE HALL, PA

David Hallstrom called the meeting to order. Kevin Bieber led the Pledge of Allegiance and Karen Dobson offered prayer. Roll Call - present were C Sherman Allen, John Berne, John Blaney Jr., Kevin Bieber, Roger Dirlam, Karen Dobson, Tony Frazier, Susan Hahn, David Hallstrom, Judy Kmetz, John McMullen, Jeanne Miller, Sally Nolt, David Reese, Harry Reffner, Bryan Utegg, George Witherite, and Samuel Zaffuto. Absent Jim Davis, Martha Ebersole, Craig Lash, Seth Kensinger, Dale LeVan, Jeff Romesberg, Debbie Stephenson. Honorary members, Byron Glessner, Bruce Koppenhaver, Larry Krome, John Lyon and Fred Trump. Members at Large – Tracy Barone, Gala Higinbotham and Kerry Lange (Milliron & Goodman). Guest from PSSA Allen Bartlebaugh.

MINUTES OF SPRING MEETING – Harry Reffner

Minutes of the meeting were posted on the website. The minutes had noted that Jack Snyder was present, which he was not. Roger Dirlam made the motion to accept minutes, 2nd by George Witherite, carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Harry Reffner

The balance sheet is showing an increase of approximately \$7,000 from the same time last year. The IAFE sponsorship for Zone 1 has been made for next year, Maine had asked for the sponsorship early.

John Blaney made the motion to accept the treasurer's report 2nd by John Berne, carried.

ASSOCIATION UPDATE – Harry Reffner

- Lackwanna apply for fair status, they intend to joining PSACF as an associate.
- 108 Count of fairs in PSACF, NorthEast Fair did not join, an email received from Lackwanna indicated that they wanted to join the new fair.
- Legislature of the year, non being selected this year
- Update on Jim Davis, Bitsey Kopfinger, Jack Snyder cards to be sent.
- Showcase activity, Sam will update
- Convention packets mailed to associates, responding
- Associate dues and information update mailed, returning
- Convention packets are ready and will be distributed at the zone meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE – Harry Reffner

- Baking
Letter send to PSACF and Secretary Redding, regarding no ribbon for the Angel Food contest. Kevin contacted.
- Political
Letter regarding the two political parties and their participation at the Fayette County Fair, forward to President.

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

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- Political
Letter regarding the two political parties and their participation at the Fayette County Fair, forward to President.
- Fish Bite Vendor
Call from the Vendor regarding an underpayment of contract from Mason Dixon Fair. Email from Mason Dixon Fair outlining the reason for the underpayment.
- Charm City Helicopters (Stoneboro, Spartansburg, Wattsburg, Mckean)
Failure for Charm City to provide helicopters to their fairs. Emails back and forth from some of the Fairs and Charm City. Charm City provide me with emails that they had told Fairs they would not attend.
- Mike Waugh Farm Show \$850, request from Friends of the Farm Show to sponsor the draft.
- Farm Bureau Annual Banquet, invitation to attend. \$51 charge.
- Zone 1 IAFE Conference \$1,000, request for our sponsorship, mailed.

PA SHOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION – Allen Bartlebaugh
Rainy summer. Need anything contact him.

ASSOCIATES REPRESENTATIVE – Galla Higinbotham
Sam & Galla working on showcase. Encourage fairs to come to Trade Show & use our associates. Read a tribute to Jim Davis.

REPORT FROM THE PA DEPT. OF AG. – Tracy Barone
Holly had her baby. Capital improvements 2017-2018 running late. 13 have come back, Checks should be forth coming. Fair reimbursements will be on line next year. Capital improvements for 2018-2019 in place. 57 applied totaling \$954,000 for first selections \$380,000 2nd selections. Fair Advisory meeting in December. Only 4 reimbursements received.

REPORT FROM LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS. – Kerry Lang
See separate report from Milliron & Goodman.

LUNCH

QUEEN – John Berne
See separate report.

BAKING CONTESTS – Karen Dobson
Change of premium payment dates. Still using the old PA Preferred banners

SEMINARS – Kevin Bieber
See Fair Talk

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET – John Blaney
Review of the Budget committee's proposed Budget. John made a motion to accept, 2nd by Roger, carried.

ANIMAL HEALTH – David Reese
With all the rain, West Nile virus. Sherman rabies, animal vaccinations.

FAIR PERSON – Bruce Koppenhaver
Only 1 applications, encourage at zone meetings.

JUNIOR FAIR PERSON – C. Sherman Allen
Moving along.

CONVENTION:

SPOUSE PROGRAMS – John Blaney

Bag & Basket Bingo, Gifts, Gifts, Gifts, and Saturday's to be announced.

ROOMS – Dr. Sally Nolt

Room blocked will be filled by Nov. 1st.

SHOWCASE – Sam Zaffuto

Offered online applications, deadline 10/15/18. 35 applications. Early November committee will get together. Drum kits to be used by all groups. Set up drums kits \$500. 35 – 40 applications from associated members, have shortened the time to perform. Possible room to play if not selected to showcase. Variety chooses act for Thursday, PSSA selects their own.

FARM SHOW COMMITTEE – John Blaney

Meeting tonight. Hoping for answer on baking contests at Farm Show.

SCHOLARSHIP - David Reese

17 applicants.

Katrina Bliss – Huntingdon County Fair

Austin Brown – Sykesville Ag & Youth Fair

Madeline Kauffman – Oley Valley Community Fair

Lexie Mooney – Greene County Fair

Madeline Musser – Elizabethtown Fair

Emma Spackman – Mifflin County Youth Fair

MEMORIAL DISPLAY – John Berne

Growing, encourage at Zone meetings.

SPONSORSHIP – Tony Frazier

Amusement of America, Tony to approach.

Discussion of sponsorship by Deanna Mae

Roger Motion pending approval of the contract move forward at looking at sponsors, _____ 2nd, carried. 1 opposition. _____

JUDGING SCHOOL –

Will be held at convention with 6 categories.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS --

Determination letter from IRS placed all fairs as 501c6 instead of 501c3, Harry to contact IRS for clarification.

Zone meeting dates:

| | Spring /April | Fall/October |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <u>Zone 1</u> | 26 | 25 |
| <u>Zone 2</u> | 27 Tioga | 26 |
| <u>Zone 3</u> | 25 | 24 |
| <u>Zone 4</u> | 24 | 23 |

2019 Theme

Fairs Feature Agriculture

Rotation of elections:

Suggestion from Zone 3 to rotate election of State Directors. John Lyon spoke that This would be going back to the old way of elections, would require By-Law change. Suggestion died without a motion.

Payment of Honorary for visitations:

Zone 3 had an honorary director do fair visitations. Harry received an expense for these visits, and indicated to Debbie that he could not pay due to the By-Laws stating only Directors are entitled to this reimbursements. Harry read a letter from Debbie with regards why she felt payment should be made. After discussion Kevin made the motion that the answer lies in the By-Laws, and payment could not be made, 2nd by Judy Kmetz, carried.

Zone 1 having their meeting at Grove City November 3rd.

Sherman stressed that the Friends of the Fairs sponsored by the Department of Ag, does not have good response from our Fairs, only 44 used the program.

Sherman offered additional questions for the Fair Visitations. Do you have a Queen, Junior Fair Person, Memorial, and others.

Sherman create a spotlight on directors in Fair Talk.

Sherman a waste of money using Milliron for lobbyist.

April 18th, next board meeting.

Adjournment at 1:54.

Respectfully submitted



Harry Reffner
Exec Secretary/Treasurer