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PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

MINUTES POST-CONVENTION MEETING JANUARY 21, 2018 – 8:00 AM HERSHEY

The Post-Convention meeting was called to order by David Hallstrom. Invocation by Jim Davis. Kevin Bieber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The 2018 PA Fair Queen Elizabeth Voight (Lebanon Fair) gave her background and her presentation.

Roll Call - present were C Sherman Allen, John Berne, Kevin Bieber, John Blaney, James Davis, Martha Ebersole, Tony Frazier, Susan Hahn, David Hallstrom, Dr. Seth Kensinger, Judy Kmetz, Craig Lash, John McMullen, Jeanne Miller, Dr. Sally Nolt, Dr. David Reese, Harry Reffner, Jeff Romesberg, Debbie Stephenson, Bryan Utegg, and George Witherite. Excused Roger Dirlam, Dale LeVan, and Samuel Zaffuto. Also in attendance - Bev Gruber, Ron Miller, Bruce Koppenhaver, Leon Carachilo, and Galla Higinbotham.

CONVENTION REGISTRATON (Harry Reffner) - Registration 1574 TRADE SHOW 160 booths.

ROOMS (Dr. Sally Nolt)
Few problems most were resolved. Possible open room earlier. November deadline for Queens. Cancellation of rooms moving from 48 hours prior to 1 week prior.

COMMUNICATIONS (Martha Ebersole)
Thank Dave and all that helped with convention. Thanked committee. 85 blue ribbons fairs. 42 Fairs. Kevin commented display of ribbons very nice.

FAIR PERSON (Bruce Koppenhaver)
Thanked committee & Jim Davis for presenting the award.

QUEEN PROGRAM (John Berne)
Problem occurred with a member of the Queen committee prior to the Coronation. 2018 Convention Income: Donations \$402, Sponsors \$9,800, 50/50 \$4950, Raffle \$4000, Souvenirs \$2388, Auction \$3495. Total \$25035.

FIRST TIMERS (George Witherite)
17 in attendance some shared in table topics. Thank you to the committee.

TRADE SHOW (Harry Reffner)
Discussion with Dick Horstman regarding placing a restriction in the acceptance of those applying for booth. A carnival upon research on web had 76 court actions.

TABLE TOPICS (Dale Levan) Corrected (Seth Kensinger)
Thank you for the support of his first year. Lot of feedback appreciates new topics. Discussion of overlapping table topics with seminars.

SEMINARS (Kevin Bieber)

Very pleased, had to bring chairs in. Saturday morning Money no Object 80, Food safety 37, Marketing 30. Gift cards may have worked. Marketing Phil Rice Cambria returned gift card. Blue valley won Ag Pavillion, first time Blue Valley has attended convention. Seminar speakers from out of state, awed at our conventnion.

SPOUSE (John Blaney)

114, 2nd largest. Have a heart Friday 22, Quilt on Saturday 24. 49 Baskets down a few, quality up. Raised \$5,724.

SPONSORSHIPS (Harry Reffner)

Sponsorship agreement was presented to me yesterday, was hoping to review with the Sponsorship Committee today but only 1 member was present. Tabled.

SHOWMAN (Leon Carachilo)

Thank you for inviting this morning, great convention

PSACF ASSOCIATE (Gala Higinbotham)

Thanks to the PSACF, Convention doing a lot right now. Best convention, good traffic.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SCHOLARSHIP CHANGES

Dr. Reese named as chair. Brian Utegg and Seth Kensinger named as new committee. Jim Davis to send all records to Dr. Reese. (CHANGES)

Dr. Seth Kensinger recommended the following changes from the Scholarship Committee:

Purpose

To provide financial assistance to students who are/had been active in their local fairs, and who would like to pursue further education after earning a high school diploma.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a PA resident and currently (or had been previously) active for at least two years in a fair that is a member of PSACF.
- Applicant must attend a college, trade or technical school, or an accredited higher education institution which requires a minimum of two full semesters for completion.
- Applicant can submit only one application per year.
- Applicant can receive this award only one time.
- Students will be awarded the scholarship upon submission of a transcript indicating satisfactory completion of the first semester in the post-high school program

Jim Davis made the motion to accept the changes, 2nd by Kevin Bieber, carried

ADDITIONAL YEAR TO HERSHEY CONTRACT/PSAV CONTRACT

Harry presented the contracts for the 2023 convention. John Blaney motioned to accept the contract, 2nd by Kevin Bieber, carried.

CHOCOLATE BALL ROOM was cold, need to work with Hershey to improve temperature for our banquets.

JUNIOR FAIR PERSON encourage young people to apply, proud of Austin Brown (this year's recipient).

DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT- Several questions asked, interesting how to get started. More about your directors.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS given to the board, speak with David if you would like changes.

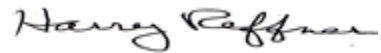
IAFE ZONE 1 Glen Falls, NY May 3 - 5
STATE BOARD MEETING – April 12
ZONE MEETINGS

Zone 4 – April 25 Manheim Comm. Farm Show
Zone 3 – April 26 Washington County Fair
Zone 1 – April 27 Christ the King Manor
Zone 2 – April 28 Wayne County Fair

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Adjournment at 9:23.

Respectfully submitted

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

Harry Reffner
Exec Secretary/Treasurer