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PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

MINUTES**FALL MEETING**

OCTOBER 17, 2019 – 11AM

CENTRE HALL, PA

Sally Nolt 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, Kevin Bieber, John Blaney Jr., Roger Dirlam, Karen Dobson, Martha Ebersole, Tony Frazier, Ben Haagen, Susan Hahn, David Hallstrom, Judy Kmetz, Craig Lash, Jana Malot, Jeanne Miller, Sally Nolt, Jim Reed, David Reese, Harry Reffner, Jeff Romesberg, Bryan Utegg, and Samuel Zaffuto. Absent Seth Kensinger, John McMullen, Debbie Stephenson. Honorary members Ron Miller, Fred Trump and George Witherite. Members at Large – Tracy Barone & Laura England, Kerry Lange, Gala Higinbotham. Guest from PSSA Allen Bartlebaugh.

MINUTES OF SPRING MEETING – Harry Reffner

Minutes of the meeting were posted on the website, and were asked to be printed down and brought to the meeting. Roger Dirlam motioned to the Minutes , 2nd by John Blaney, carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Harry Reffner

Referring to the Balance Sheet:

Compared to last year we there is an increase of \$2,600.

Convention Account:

Trade show applications have begun to come in.

Scholarship:

Continues to grow due to the Spouses program at Convention, individuals, Fairs, and the Zones. The account is required to keep 2 years scholarship \$12,000 before scholarships can be given.

Kevin Beiber motioned to accept the treasurer’s report, 2nd by Roger Dirlam, carried.

ASSOCIATION UPDATE – Harry Reffner

Showcase invitations mailed in early September. Associates dues invoices mailed earlier this month. 2020 Fair Information were mailed out, will be requesting Fair dates at our Zone Meetings. Convention packers are ready to be distributed at the Zone Meetings. Fair Fund Advisory will be meeting again this year after our Annual Meeting. Possible Swine seminar during convention.

CORRESPONDENCE – Harry Reffner

Request from Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show to sponsor Mike Waugh Celebrity Draft Horse Team Driving competition. Has been budgeted and we will sponsor.

Invitation to the 93rd Canadian Association of Fairs. Banquet meals \$99.

Harford Fair asking if any Fair had Butterfly Encounter, Harford contracted with them at Convention, did not set up, left and requested Harford personnel to man the exhibit.

REPORT FROM THE PA SHOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION – Allen Bartlebaugh
Department of Charitable organizations auditing wants to see all of a Showmen's records. Audit could affect all charitable.

REPORT FROM ASSOCIATES REPRESENTATIVE. – Galla Higinbotham
Encourage Fairs to come to trade show. Longer hours for trade show possible next year.

REPORT FROM THE PA DEPT. OF AG. – Tracy Barone
Capital improvements 17-18 still processing. 18-19 by end of October 17 will be paid.
19 – 20 Received \$1.5 million funds available for priority 1 at a reimbursement of 86%.
January will know if 100%. Process on line. Poster contest April 1st. Only 9 fairs
reimbursements for 2019. PA Farm bill grants possible to Fairs.

REPORT FROM LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS. – Kerry Lange
See report from Milliron/Goodman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET – Ron Miller

Ron presented the 2019-2020 proposed general budget. John Blaney moved to accept the budget, 2nd by Dave Hallstrom, carried. Ron then presented the 2019-2020 Convention budget, Roger motioned to accept the budget, 2nd by Jana, carried.

ZONE AFFAIRS – Kevin Bieber

Question if zones are noticing a decrease in attendance at the zone meetings.

AUDITING – Kevin Bieber

Committee will meet after the opening ceremonies on Thursday.

ANIMAL HEALTH – Dr. David Reese

Swine flu recommendations. Vet Client relation, Code of Ethics recommendations, however a Fair can add to the recommendations.

BAKING CONTESTS – Karen Dobson

Banner up dated. Banners from Pa Preferred.

FAIR PERSON – Harry Reffner

Bruce reported no applications have been received.

JUNIOR FAIR PERSON – C. Sherman Allen

Changing dates from September 15 to October 1st. After October 6th the zone will be responsible to obtain the award. \$60 for Junior Fair person, \$75 for a Zone Fair Person. Invoices to be submitted to PSACF treasurer and the zone will be reimbursed. Web site has been changed no password required.

CONVENTION:

SPOUSE PROGRAMS – John Blaney

Bag & basket. Cake decorating demonstration Saturday, Friday program to be announce. Bring baskets for raffle. Harry reported that a Bingo license is required this year, he will be obtaining both the bingo and raffle license.

COMMUNICATIONS – Martha Ebersole

November 1st deadline. New contest Facebook. Looking at tee shirts with your fair design for 2021. Asking for tee shirts to be brought to 2020 convention for display only.

ROOMS – Dr. Sally Nolt

Almost full. Showmen block will be open after November 1st. Queen has their own room block.

SEMINARS – Kevin Bieber

All set ready to go. Get AV to Bruce.

TABLE TOPICS – Kevin Bieber

Had some moderators cancel out. Lot of things going on overlapping. Start at 12:30 instead of 1:00 Thursday & Friday infringes on the Trade Show. Galla would like the 1.2 hour back for the Trade Show. Kevin will be revamping the tentative schedule and distribute it.

SHOWCASE – 36 received, another good showcase

MEMORIAL DISPLAY – John Berne

At the zone meetings reminder of the display. Picture or article.

LUNCH

QUEEN – John Berne

Zones 1 & 3 at their fall meeting will select a representative. Mikara awesome queen. Traveled over 7500 miles

MSGR. SCHOLARSHIP – Dave Hallstrom
17 Applications.
AMELIA MILLER -- CENTRE COUNTY GRANGE FAIR
ELIZABETH BAKER MIKESELL -- JUNIATA COUNTY FAIR
JENNA HARNISH -- TROY FAIR
MIKARA ANDERSON -- HUNTINGDON COUNTY FAIR
ETHAN B STASS -- WESTMORELAND FAIR
ETHAN BRUNNER -- PERRY COUNTY FAIR

Dave requested that when the zones forward the scholarships to the chair, that there are 4 copies of the applications sent to the chair. Doc indicated that he mailed a flash drive.

SPONSORSHIPS – Tony Frazier

Received \$2,250 to date.

TOURISM PARTNERSHIP – Sally Nolt

No Meeting.

COUNCIL OF FARM ORGS – John Blaney

Spotted lantern fly.

PENN STATE AG COUNCIL – Jana Malot

Meeting next Thursday.

PA FARM SHOW COMMITTEE – John Blaney

Meeting tonight, John will be there.

JUDGING SCHOOL – Sally Nolt

2020 school in Fair Talk and in the Convention packets.

RIDE SAFETY – John Blaney

October meeting was canceled.

NEW BUSINESS --

Junior Fair Boards Harry suggested that a reduced registration be given to Junior Fair Board members. Discussion of 3 reduction of a Fair, the seminar and table topic committees reviewing a youth day at convention, further discussion will take place at our Sunday Breakfast.

Tour of Big E and Fryeburg in October. Sally will try to recruit at the zone meetings

Miss Agricultural problem at Fairs. Queen program will be discussing with the Queen coordinators.

Zone 1 meeting with Shirley McIntire in Grove City November 2nd

Albion Fair ice cream packages

Queen Program Policy, election material

Computer entries Martec, Showtime.

Roger reminded directors to give their zone visitations to Harry.

January 22nd, next board meeting at Convention.

Dave Hallstrom moved to adjourn, 2nd by Roger Dirlam, carried adjournment at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted



Harry Reffner

Exec Secretary/Treasurer