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PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

MINUTES**PRE-CONVENTION MEETING**

JANUARY 23, 2019-4:45PM

HERSHEY, PA

President David Hallstrom called the meeting to order. Invocation was offered by Karen Dobson the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Kevin Bieber. Roll Call - present were John Berne, Kevin Bieber, John Blaney, Karen Dobson, Martha Ebersole, Tony Frazier, Susan Hahn, Gala Higinbotham, Dr. Seth Kensinger, Judy Kmetz, Craig Lash, John McMullen, Jeanne Miller, Dr. Sally Nolt, Dr. David Reese, Harry Reffner, Jeff Romesberg, George Witherite, Bryan Utegg, and Samuel Zaffuto. Also in attendance – Ben Haagen, Andy Goodman, Byron Glessner, Kerry Lange, Jana Malot, Ron Miller, Bruce Koppenhaver, Tom Murray, Jim Reed. Count for Sunday Breakfast (45).

MILLIRON & GOODMAN –

Review of Fair Fund Act, more discussion, board to be prepared for more discussion. Committee to prepare for Fair Fund. Ride safety reviewing act. Reception in Spring. Andy and Harry to work to update emails to legislators.

CONVENTION REVIEW –

- Seminars Kevin – Hitches speakers stuck in weather related incidents. Keynote speaker just getting on his plane. IAFE speaker Barney Costner. Keynote speaker different will be painting on a 4x4 canvas. Painting will become ours, recommended given to the Queen auctions, Sally moved to give to the Queen committee, 2nd by Karen carried. 2 openings for introductions on Saturday. Basketball to be signed by directors and given to Elizabeth.
- Queen Program John Berne – 2018 Queen attended 34 events and Farm Show, traveled 4200 miles. 50/50 starts tonight. Gift cards 3 boards each \$500 in value. Signed Steelers shirt. Various items for auction, Quilt made with 1st place ribbons. Seminar Saturday morning.
- Table Topics Dr. Seth Kensinger– 18 topics ½ new ½ repeats.
- Spouse John Blaney– 50 a year baskets, ½ are in. Bag & Basket Bingo, Frilly Wreaths, Gifts Gifts Gifts.
- Communications Martha Ebersole– additional space available this year, spread out displays.
- Showcase Sam Zaffuto– 17 acts for tonight, all are here.
- Rooms Dr. Sally Nolt – Sold out November 1st.
- First timers George Witherite– ready to go
- Trade Show George Witherite– 160 booths expecting more.
- Junior Fair Person – Award to be given at Queen Fair Banquet.
- Associates Galla Higinbotham –Great trade show, strong showcase.

OLD BUSINESS –

An agreement from Deanna Mae Advertising LLC, was sent to all directors, with the following notation: “Please find attached the sponsorship agreement as discussed by Tony at our Fall meeting. Discussion at our Wednesday evening meeting.” Harry received the following emails: Debbie “Are we putting on the contracts that this is for the current year only? And also on hers with the right to terminate or renew for an additional year with no percentage increase?” Sherman “All It looks like it would be a NO brainer... Getting \$\$\$ that We did not have before. Question: Are State Board Members also permitted to get "Sponsorship" \$\$\$, AND then also receive a 15% commission on the amount received ?? I would be interested to hear pros & CONS to both issues above.”

Discussion followed, Open ended no way to get out of contract. Control over \$ and who is solicited. Tony indicated that Harry would have final ok on many aspects of the contract. Harry indicated that he did not want total control over the contract and that it should be a decision of the sponsorship committee, and presented to the board. John Blaney motioned to review the contract to suit PSACF, sent to Deanne Mae and working with her a contract and bring to the April board meeting, 2nd by Dr. Nolt, carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

Shirts, see Dr. Nolt if you would like to order.

Adjournment at 5:40

Respectfully Submitted



Harry Reffner
PSACF Executive Secretary/Treasurer