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MINUTES

CONVENTION SURVEY REVIEW MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 7:00PM

ZOOM MEETING

Review of Zoom procedures

Sally Nolt called the meeting to order.

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, Debbie Stephenson, Glenn Stotlfus, and Samuel Zaffuto. Absent Lyn Klingerman, John McMullen. From the Associates Galla Higinbotham. Guest from PSSA Jeff Good.

Harry reviewed the survey regarding the 2021 Convention. 92 Fairs responded with a return rate of 85%. The survey consisted of 3 sheets. Each was noted. Based on the survey Fairs indicated 236 members would attend, this is compared to 1032 members that attended the 2020 Convention. A decline of 77%. A possible 90 would attend from the Queen program, and 28 from PSSA. The option of beginning Thursday thru ½ Saturday had 33 Fairs selecting, compare to the option of all day Friday and ½ day Saturday with 26 Fairs.

Karen Dobson reviewed a possible modified Queen Program. With 30 possible contestants. Sleeping room block of 30, Friday registration and a dinner of 150. Saturday the Coronation ceremony, commencing with a Luncheon of 300. Discussion of 25 in a room, however Hershey indicated the count would be by square footage.

Kevin Bieber reviewed the meeting with Hershey, indicating they realized the disastrous affect if PSACF was charged a cancellation fee.

Discussion followed regarding seminars round tables. Kevin limitation of 25 at a meeting. Has not attempted to schedule speakers, not sure now difficult to obtain them.

Question if Convention canceled, or impossible to hold the Queen program at Hershey how would it be handled. Karen indicated virtually.

Discussion of regular Flu season, increase COVID cases in the area, insurance.

Kevin Bieber made the motion to cancel the 2021 Convention with the exception of the Queen program according to Karen's schedule with PSACF covering the costs of meeting rooms to alleviate a potential penalty. 2nd by Roger Dirlam. Debbie Stephenson asked if she could modify, Kevin agreed. Debbie stated the motion would include Hershey would not charge us \$2,000 for a room. Kevin amend his motion to include that there would be no other penalty from Hershey and a reasonable amount. Roger Dirlam again 2nd. No further discussion. Harry will do a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote

Those voting Yes on the motion:

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, Jim Reed, David Reese, Debbie Stephenson, Glenn Stotlfus, and Samuel Zaffuto.

Voting No on the motion:

C Sherman Allen

Motion carried.

Sally asked the directors not to share with anyone until we speak with Hershey. Harry will let everyone know after the meeting.

Sally asked for a motion to extend the Hershey agreement for an additional year. C. Sherman Allen made the motion, 2nd by Roger Dirlam and Debbie Stephenson. Motion carried with no dissension.

Martha asked when we would be meeting with Hershey, Harry indicated hopefully Friday. Hershey is working from home, and we want to meet with them as quickly as possible.

Sherman asked how the Zone meetings going to be conducted. Zones 1, 2, & 4 will have a Zoom meeting on October 21, Zone 3 will be a live meeting October 22.

Sally indicated the Director's meeting October 15th will be a face to face meeting at Clearfield. Karen asked if there was any way directors could call in if they were not comfortable in attending. Dave Hallstrom indicated the meeting would be in the Ag building, with no phone service. Kevin asked with the cancellation of the Convention would there be enough content to have people travel. Sally asked if there was a need for the Clearfield meeting. Kevin made the motion the Director's meeting be a zoom meeting due to not enough content. Roger Dirlam 2nd. No Discussion, Sally called for a vote, majority Aye, 1 Nay from Glenn Stoltzfus. Meeting will be at 7pm.

Jeff from PSSA will support whatever decision we make. Please keep us in the loop, and offered any help.

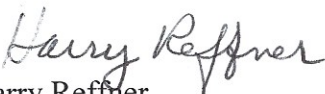
Friday zoom meeting will be through Karen.

Sally Thanked Dave for his offer of Clearfield, in person meeting.

Roger offered kudos to Executive Committee and Karen.

Roger motioned for adjournment at 8:04, 2nd by Sherman Allen. Carried.

Respectfully submitted



Harry Reffner
Exec Secretary/Treasurer