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## PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

### MINUTES POST-CONVENTION MEETING JANUARY 22, 2023 – 8:00 AM HERSHEY

The Post-Convention meeting was called to order by President Martha Ebersole. Invocation by Karen Dobson. Kevin Bieber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The 2023 PA Fair Queen Chloe Bomgardner (Lebanon Area Fair) gave her background and her presentation.

Roll Call - present were Kevin Bieber, David Cowden, Dan Dickey, Karen Dobson, Martha Ebersole, Tony Frazier, Beverly Gruber, Ben Haagen, Judy Kmetz, Dr. Mike Kowalewski, Craig Lash, Jana Mellott, Shirley McIntire, Jeanne Miller, Sally Nolt, Charles Nutaitis, Jim Reed, Harry Reffner, Debbie Stephenson, Jeff Walason, Dave Wilcox and Sam Zaffuto. Excused Roger Dirlam, Joe Irons, Jeanne Miller, Dr. David Reese. Also in attendance - Julie Schmit, Galla Higinbotham, Bruce Koppenhaver, John McMullen, Tom Murray, Dave Hallstrom and Ron Miller. From PSSA Mary Ott and Jimmy Houghton.

### CONVENTION

#### REGISTRATOR (Harry Reffner) -

Registration 1386 over 100 registered during Convention, 2022 we had 1310.

Thursday Banquet 780 as compared to 2022 of 725

Friday Breakfast 174 compared to 2022 of 134

Saturday Banquet 813 as compared to 2022 of 820

#### TRADE SHOW – Harry

139 compared to 125 booths.

#### COMMUNICATIONS (Martha Ebersole)

Growing. Martha suggested a Queen scrap book table and a people choice award. Jim Reed motion to add the two, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev Gruber, motion carried.

#### SHOWCASE/ENTERTAINMENT (Sam Zaffuto)

16 good acts, everything went smooth. Opening act good. Changed format of opening, appears lot more people. Wednesday more attendees. Very good entertainment. Disappointed with Susie McEntire.

#### YPI (Sam Zaffuto)

Going well. A lot of networking. Speed dating, lunch new faces about 20. Developing a network.

Friday left with a gift Fundraising gift cards \$20 value, over \$500. Gift cards were used in an egg hunt. \$724 raised. YPI is growing here in Pennsylvania.

#### FAIR PERSON (Bruce Koppenhaver)

Harry Reffner was selected. Application needs contact information, more information than a paragraph is needed add to application. Bev not just what they have done at Fair but their total involvement.

#### QUEEN PROGRAM (Karen Dobson)

See Separate report.

#### FIRST TIMERS (Ben Haagen)

30 in attendance great group. Questions about Junior Boards.

#### SEMINARS/TABLE TOPICS (Kevin Bieber)

Great Keynote speaker, committee looking for next year. Working on youth day 2<sup>nd</sup> year, average about 10, Queens come and go due to their schedules. 2<sup>nd</sup> session a lot of adults. Thanked Jim Reed who spent time down stairs. Jim tally the number up on attendance, last year 600 this year 845. Saturday did not do well. Table topics instead of a speaker really helped.

#### SPOUSE ( Julie Schmidt)

Thank you for your support. 50 baskets. Wreath making Friday, Sip and Paint on Saturday. A little over \$6,000 before expenses to scholarship.

#### SPONSORSHIP

Harry thanked Debbie Stephenson for getting us another Gold Sponsor West Media Group. They were quite pleased with the Convention and prospects.

#### SHOWMAN (Jimmy Houghton/Mary Ott)

Jimmy -Thank everyone for convention. Next year put the theme of the Friday banquet in the Newsletter.

#### PSACF ASSOCIATE (Gala Higinbotham)

New associates just beautiful and impressed with us. Showcase a lot of fun Parade of Fairs Thursday night was wonderful. Comments from trade show participants Dot game they loved. With decline in Associates, Martha tasked directors to obtain a new associate by next meeting. Send out applications to all Directors add Galla's phone number to application.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ADDITIONAL YEAR TO HERSHEY CONTRACT/PSAV CONTRACT

Harry presented the contracts for the 2029 convention. Ben Haagen motioned to extend the contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev Gruber, carried.

#### HONORARY DIRECTORS

Sherman Allen and Susan Hahn have asked to be extended Honorary Directors, Bev Gruber 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

2023 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS given to the board.

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION AT MILIRON'S date to be determined. Get to your legislators and invite them to your Fair.

IAFE ZONE 1 CONFERENCE May 4 – 6 in Albany NY. Bev motioned to submit sponsorship of \$1,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally, carried. Will soon be our turn to sponsor the meeting here in Pennsylvania.

Jim Reed IAFE Convention lot of great speakers next year Salt Lake.

Legislators Find another champion to replace David Millard. Rep Leadbeter was shown around by David.

STATE BOARD MEETING – April 13

#### ZONE MEETINGS:

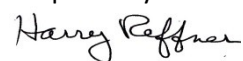
Zone 4 - April 19 TBA

Zone 3 - April 20 TBA

Zone 1 - April 21 Jefferson County Fair

Zone 2 - April 22 West End Fair Gilbert

Respectfully Submitted



Harry Reffner

PSACF Executive Secretary/Treasurer