

OALPRP BOARD MEETING
Cherry Valley Lodge
MINUTES
December 2, 2005

Present: Patty Bratton, Courtney Comstock, Ashley DeFrancisco, Kim Hildreth, Julie Hykes, Marti Kolb-Connor, Don Krieger, Judi Mannion, Linda Morckel, Joanne Mudra, Jim Oswald, Paulie Shaffer, Linda Wuethrich, and approximately 40 members.

Excused: Sue Magness, Terri TerMeer

Call to Order: President Kim Hildreth called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m.

Secretary's Report: **Upon review of the November minutes, a motion was made by Shawn Sech to accept them. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Motion carried.** Linda Morckel reported that Darke County is a new member and Lake County is interested in joining the association. The deadline for membership renewals is April 15, 2006, but new members may join at any time. The invoice may be found on the OALPRP website. Dues are to be sent to the new secretary, Ashley DeFrancisco, after the first of the year. **Shawn Sech moved to accept the secretary's report as submitted. Patty Bratton seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Don Krieger submitted his year-end report. The beginning balance on January 1, 2005 was \$7,831.12 and the ending balance on December 31, 2005 will be \$7,707.86. With investments of \$13,816.51, the sum of the total assets is \$21,524.37. **Linda Wuethrich moved to accept the treasurer's report. Peg Flynn seconded. Motion carried.**

Finance Committee: Chair Linda Wuethrich reported it was a successful year for fundraising. The silent auction at the summer conference yielded \$1,451.00 and the live auction at this conference yielded \$1,576.00, for a grand total of \$3,027.00. This is an increase from past year totals of \$1,240.00 in 2003 and \$1,868.00 in 2004.

Conference Committee: Committee co-chair Joanne Mudra thanked her committee members. She announced that the committee is developing a "planning handbook" to be used for future conferences. The 2006 summer conference will be centrally located in the state. The location has not yet been determined. Two communities have been tentatively scheduled to host the 2007 and 2008 summer conferences.

Scholarship Committee: Chair Paulie Shaffer thanked her committee members. Scholarship entries increased this year to 48 from 18 counties. Last year the organization received 39 entries from 17 counties. This year's winners were Chelsea Korfel and Christopher Riddle.

Membership Committee: Chair Judi Mannion thanked her committee members. The committee has developed a new brochure and a new member's packet – both are on the OALPRP website. She has mailed letters of thanks to those members who have been displaced and are without jobs. Courtney Comstock is looking into a message board for the website. A new membership structure is being contemplated that may include special benefits for exhibitors and businesses.

Nominating Committee: Chair Joanne Mudra thanked her committee. Four officers and two new members will be installed to the Board of Directors today.

Website: Vice-president Julie Hykes thanked her committee. Because changes to the website have not been done in a timely manner this year, the board is seeking proposals for a new webmaster. Proposals are to be sent to Linda Morckel, the new website liaison.

Shawn Sech moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded by Gail McGinty. Motion carried.

Old Business

Cooperative Purchasing: OALPRP will serve as an organizer for cooperative purchasing in 2006. Interest in t-shirts, cardboard event boxes and litter bags has been expressed. If anyone has any other ideas, they are asked to pass them on to Kim.

New Business

No new business was brought to the board.

Judi Mannion moved to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. Linda Wuethrich seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Morckel
Secretary Linda Morckel