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## **THE GOOD SAM CLUB**

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The Spring State Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Good Sam Organization was called to order by Director Jean Goossen at 10:03 AM on Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Mauston Oasis Restaurant in Mauston. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Carol Yoemans, from the Wisingles, the roll call was taken. 24 of the 25 chapters (96%) responded. S.O.V.E. did not have a representative at this meeting.

Gert Fowler, from the Bell Ringers, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2005 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Glenn Reese, from On the Road Again. The motion was approved with 24 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Jim Welcing, from the Shawano Area Campers, made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Jim Eggert, from Milwaukee Roamers. The motion was approved with 24 yea votes, 0 nay votes. The report showed a September 17, 2005 balance of \$40,409.70 and an April 22, 2006 balance of \$41,691.85. There is a balance of \$326.46 in the account for "Dogs for the Deaf".

Director Jean reported that Joyce Borkowski, from the Milwaukee Roamers, and her committee performed the audit of the treasurer. Joyce was unable to be here but everything came out fine. Joyce did make some suggestions to better streamline the reporting.

### **Correspondence**

Director Jean received some correspondence from vendors as a result of letters she sent. Members are encouraged to contact vendors in their area looking for door prizes, cash donations towards the ice cream or hot dog lunch, and bringing rigs to the Samboree. Finnegan RV Center and Kings campers are bringing some display units along with a service van.

There is some concern about high fuel prices. The hope is members will attend their local Samborees instead of going further out.

Chapter presidents should have received their clean-up day packets from International. If a chapter did not receive, let Director Jean know.

Glenn Reese said he contacted Moundview RV in Belmont. The question was asked where these prizes are used. Are they for door prizes or for the blue light special? Any prizes donated are used as door prizes. Cash donations go to the general fund unless it specifies toward ice cream, hot dogs, etc. Signs will be made listing the donors. Web-Master Randi Owen will update our web site, including vendor's logos if furnished.

All donated prizes need a card attached indicating who donated the prize. When chapters bring prizes, they must be identified as "door prize" or "Blue light special". Thank You post cards will also be included.

## **Assistant Director's Reports**

Rich Neuberger, Assistant Director SE. The Southeast Jumbo is July 7-9, 2006 at the Walworth Co Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Thursday is early bird. Friday evening is a social hour and campfire. A rummage sale, 50/50 raffle, door prize tickets and outdoor games highlight Saturday morning. Saturday evening is a potluck supper followed by a campfire. Sunday morning is coffee. Cost is \$4.00 registration per unit. Camping is \$20.00 per night.

Vera Budzinski, Assistant Director NW. The Northwest Jumbo is July 21-23, 2006 at Medford. Early bird is on July 20, but not before 3:00 pm. Note that the date was wrong in the Sam-a-Gram. Wal-mart was trying to buy the Taylor Co Fairgrounds in Medford, but this was rejected by the City of Medford. Cost for the weekend is \$20.00 per unit for the entire weekend. Price includes camping, bingo, ice cream, pancake breakfast Saturday morning and rolls on Sunday morning. There is a potluck supper on Saturday evening. The donation the Jumbo is giving to Taylor County will be used to purchase more tables and chairs for the new building.

Dale Haltinner, Assistant Director NE. The Northeast Jumbo is August 11-13, 2006, with early bird after 1:00 PM on August 10, at the Waupaca Co Fairgrounds at Weyauwega. There is a pre-registration fee of \$5.00 (\$8.00 at the gate) and the camping fee is \$15.00 per night. There will be an ice cream social instead of door prizes. Outdoor games, card bingo, potluck supper. Shawano Area Campers is doing a French toast breakfast, cost to be determined. Doughnuts & coffee following Sunday church service.

Pat Kelley, Assistant Director SW. The Southwest Jumbo is September 8-10, 2006 at the upper Adams Col Petenwell Park on Highway "Z". Hosts are the Cranberry Country Cruisers. Cost is \$5.00 pre-registration per unit by September 1, 2006 (\$10.00 at the gate). Camping is \$12.00 per night. Tell the park office you are with the Good Sam Jumbo, to receive this rate. Activities include Bingo on Friday evening. Pancake

breakfast on Saturday morning at a cost of \$4.00 per person. Children 10 and under \$2.00. Games and a brown-bag auction to follow. There is a catered meal by BP Smokehouse and entertainment. Cost of the meal is \$8.50 per person. Children 10 and under is \$4.25. Send check made payable to Cranberry Country Cruisers to Cheryl Keene, 440 North Street, Tomah, WI 54660-1235. Cheryl 's telephone number is 608-372-3179. Registration forms will be available at the June Samboree. Registration form is also available on our State Good Sam website, [www.wigoodsam.org](http://www.wigoodsam.org).

## **Old Business**

Randi and Bonnie Owen received the charter from International for their new chapter, Cranberry Country Cruisers. Randi is the chapter president.

Director Jean reported on "The Rally" held at Daytona Beach Florida. There were 4,110 rigs. Trams were used for transportation on the grounds. Good Sam day had a cake in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> year. The bottom layer of the cake was 20 feet long by 4 feet wide. It was delivered in a semi-trailer and was unloaded with a fork lift. The cake weighed 2,700 pounds. There was enough cake to feed 8,000 people. There were Wisconsin members at the rally that do not belong to chapters. Chapter presidents will receive these names and addresses for follow-up.

Gordon Langer, from the Jack Pine Travelers, accepted the Wisconsin "Top Dog" award from Dogs for the Deaf on behalf of his chapter.

Director Jean reported on the sound systems. Max Lytle, from the Yahara Blackhawks, talked with Will Lorenz. Will agreed with the offer, as voted on at the September 2005 state committee meeting. Will receives \$200.00 and full comp for future Samborees as long as he is able to come, in exchange for his equipment. Will is coming to our June Samboree and will give us the equipment at that time and show us how to set it up. Randi Owen and Max Lytle have had several conversations and decided to start with Will's equipment before deciding if anything needs to be upgraded.

Director Jean is still looking for an equipment manager and a musician. The equipment manager is responsible for the trailer and the set up of the coffee maker and popcorn maker. This person also purchase supplies like coffee, cups, napkins, etc.

The musician would help with the music. Could be organ, piano or guitar or other instruments.

The 2006 budget was discussed. The Samboree portion is based on 300 campers. Tomah Chamber of Commerce is providing the Friday night entertainment and 40 pounds of popcorn. They are trying to get an electric popcorn popper at not cost to us. We will provide the oil and the salt. A discussion was held on the Trailer contingency fund. Currently, there is \$3,000.00 set aside, but we have not added anything the past few years. There is a \$300.00 budgeted this year to increase the fund. Berneita Wienke, from the Kinnic Kampers, made a motion to leave this year's budget for the trailer contingency

fund at \$300.00 The motion was seconded by Jim Eggert. The motion was approved with 20 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

The 2006 Samboree Task listing was updated.

Elwood Elliott is looking for skits, etc. for Wednesday evening. If interested, see Elwood after the meeting, or at the Samboree on Wednesday afternoon at the stage to get on his list.

Friday night entertainment is a magician.

We have purchased some electrical equipment from Kansas Good Sam. There is a 600-foot cable and a 300-foot cable with boxes and stands. The cost was \$350.00.

There was discussion on when to serve popcorn. One suggestion was to pop it ahead of time in a separate room so it could be available for an intermission break. It also could be available earlier so people coming in could pick it up before they sit down for the program.

There was discussion on how many cookies to bring. Bonnie Neuberger, from the Rocky Rollers, made a motion to have each rig bring 2 dozen regular cookies and 1 dozen sugar free cookies. Randi Owen, Cranberry Country Cruisers, seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 20 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Jim Welcing again reminded us that prizes MUST BE MARKED. If a prize is a door prize, mark it door prize. If it is for the blue light special, mark it blue light special. All donated items must be marked. Don't just leave it to the people accepting these items. Identify where it is to be used.

S.O.V.E. Chapter (Special Olympics Volunteer Escorts) is down to three members. They are looking for more members. See Gert Fowler if interested. Gert gave a presentation on what is involved with the torch run.

Chapter of the Year entries are due by 11:00 am on Friday at the Samboree.

The order for the flag ceremonies will be color guard, then announcements. After the announcements, those in the chapter flag ceremony will line up outside and bring their flag in as called.

## **New Business**

Vera Budzinski gave a presentation on the history of Jumbos. See the article in the Sam-a-Gram. The Northwest Jumbo uses a rotation system for the various duties at the Jumbo, and chapters don't do the same task twice in a row. Each chapter under the Northwest Assistant Directors participates in the Jumbo. Pat Kelley said the Southwest Jumbo needs financial help. Funds are not there to prepay for the catered meal or to

reserve a building. She suggested they need \$500.00 to get started and maintain a \$500.00 fund from year to year, with any profit over that to be returned to the State Organization. The chapter hosting this year's Jumbo, being a new chapter, does not have these funds. Randi Owen, Cranberry Country Cruisers, made a motion that the State provide a loan of \$500.00 to the Southwest Jumbo to be repaid over time as profits are made. The motion was seconded by Ron Cater, from Saw Dust City Sams. The motion was defeated with 2 yea votes, 15 nay votes.

Randi Owen reported we are averaging 4.8 hits a day to our state web site. A new addition to the web site is the Sam-a-Gram.

Elwood Elliott did a "Pause for Reflection".

Motion was made by Gert Fowler to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Norm Fougner, from the Apple River Drifters. The motion was approved by voice vote. Adjourned at 12:40 PM.

/s/ Jim Vetter  
State Secretary