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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 10:35 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at the Hustler Community Hall in Hustler, WI. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by our State Chaplain, Jack Sampson, Director Jean announced that a long time member of the Bell Ringers, Gert Fowler, had passed away recently. Jack Sampson reminded everyone that when a member passes away, he would appreciate knowing so the name can be added to the list of deceased members. Jack also has a new e-mail address. It is [makeyourdayguy@wwt.net](mailto:makeyourdayguy@wwt.net).

Roll call was taken. 19 of the 24 chapters (79%) responded. Bay Sammers, God's Country Campers, Second Chance Sams, S.O.V.E. and Winnebago Wanderers did not have a representative at this meeting.

Joanie Campbell, from the Yellow Thunder Sams, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2008 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Ron Cater, from the Saw Dust City Sams. The motion was approved with 18 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Treasurer Sharon Kreul reported there will be an election this fall for state director for 2010 thru 2011. Each chapter is receiving an envelope with two nomination forms in it. Nomination forms must be returned to Sharon by the June Samboree. Before a chapter nominates a person to run, that person must be contacted to find out if they are interested in being a candidate for state director.

Treasurer Sharon Kreul reported on the treasurer reports. Jim Welcing, from Shawano Area Campers, made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Diana Schuette, from Lake-2-Lake Sams. The motion was approved with 18 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Director Jean reviewed the proposed 2009 state budget. Income is projected based on 200 rigs registered for the June Samboree. Registrations were down last year. We also purchased a new sound system last year. Samboree grounds rental has increased. Samboree entertainment was reduced a little. There will be entertainment Thursday,

Friday and Saturday nights, but it is from the local area. Donuts were eliminated. The economy is hurting us. Ron Cater made a motion to accept the proposed 2009 state budget as presented. Mike Schmitt, from the Black River Ramblers, seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 18 yeas, 0 nays.

Wayne Schuette, Asst Director NE, reported that our trailer, which was purchased in 1996, has the original tires. These tires were manufactured in 1995 and are now 14 years old. Wayne, along with Equipment Manager Jim Eggert, feel these tires should be replaced, as we are towing this trailer long distances. The original tires are only 6 ply tires. These 5 tires can be replaced with 8 ply tires at a cost of \$450.00 plus tax for 5 tires. This includes mounting and balancing. Jim Huppert, from the Apple River Drifters made a motion to replace the tires. Al Demaske, from the Jack Pine Travelers, seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 18 yeas, 0 nays.

Director Jean also reported that while Good Sam insurance covers the contents of the trailer, we do not have insurance on the trailer itself while it is being towed. This can not be added to the insurance policy that covers the person towing the trailer, since there are different owners of the vehicle towing the trailer. The trailer is owned by Wisconsin Good Sam. For a cost of \$49.00 per year, we can have the trailer insured while being towed. Ron Cater made a motion to insure the trailer. The motion was seconded by Mike Schmitt. The motion was approved with 18 yeas, 0 nays.

Director Jean reported Jim Eggert is looking into a popcorn popper. We need to either rent one for the Samboree, or purchase one.

### **Correspondence**

Director Jean received a letter from "Dogs for the Deaf" regarding donations. This is due to changing IRS regulations. A copy of this is in your packet.

### **Assistant Director's Reports**

Rich Neuberger, Assistant Director SE. The 2009 Southeast Jumbo will be held July 10-12 with early bird July 9 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Friday is social time (indoor games, campfire and visiting). Saturday is coffee, outdoor games, chapter meetings, visiting downtown Elkhorn, potluck supper. Rocky Rollers will furnish BBQ and buns for the potluck. Sunday is coffee. Registration is \$4.00 per unit and camping fee is \$22.00 per night. Rocky Rollers are the host chapter.

Wayne Schuette, Assistant Director NE. Their Jumbo is July 31, August 1-2, 2009 with early bird parking after 1 p.m. on July 30 Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth. Registration fee is \$21.00 per unit before July 15 or \$15.00 per unit after July 15. Camping is \$20.00 per night with electricity, or just the registration fee without electricity. Outdoor games, card bingo, ice cream social, potluck supper. There is a free 3 hour tour of Kohler company on Friday morning leaving the fairgrounds at 8 a.m. (must be 14 or over). Attend stock car races on Saturday for a reduced fee. Winnebago Wanderers will serve Saturday morning breakfast, fee to be determined. There will be a Sunday morning church service.

Vera Budzinski, Assistant Directory NW. Northwest Jumbo is July 24-26, 2009 with early bird after 3 p.m. on July 23 at Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford. Enter the fairgrounds from highway 13. The highway 64 entrance is very steep and rigs will bottom out. The cost this year is \$25.00 for the entire weekend, which includes camping, bingo, and Saturday night potluck supper.

Chapter assignments are:

Host Chapter/coffee	Black River Ramblers (after 1:30 Thursday)
Parking	Kinnic Kampers (after noon Thursday)
Ice Cream & Bingo	Wisingles
Pancake Breakfast	Apple River Drifters
Potluck Supper	Marshlanders
Games	Saw Dust City Sams

There will be a little program for the veterans on Friday at 2 p.m. by our Veterans Coordinator, Don Lander.

This is the 25th year for the Jumbo in Medford. Vera is checking with the Chamber of Commerce to see if they will give us some sort of recognition.

Vera also discussed the “Stand by Sams”. She didn’t realize that these books listing those who have signed up for this need to be requested from International. Vera has obtained 75 copies to hand out at the Samboree and can get more if needed.

Elwood Elliott, Assistant Director, NW. He had nothing to add to Vera’s report.

Director Jean reported on “The Rally” which was just held in Albuquerque, NM. Outside of being cold, windy and wet, it was a nice rally. It was a smaller rally with about 3800 rigs, including 27 from Wisconsin. Next year’s rally will be in Louisville, KY in mid July. Louisville has all hard surface parking and an air conditioned building.

Director Jean has been approached and has visited St. James Retreat at Shawano as a possible site for a state committee meeting. They have 20 campsites with electric and water and have a dump station. They have a club house. This place is very busy. We would be looking at September 2010. We are already set for our September 2009 state committee meeting at Travelers Inn in New Lisbon. Randi Owen, from the Cranberry Country Cruisers, made a motion to look into having our Fall 2010 state committee meeting at St. James Retreat. Motion was seconded by Gerry Galbraith, from the Paper Valley Breakaways. The motion was approved with 13 yea votes, 2 nay votes. If there are other possible locations, please let Jean know.

The new Wisconsin “Early Bird” patch was passed around. These will be sold at the Samboree. This patch recognizes Wisconsin as the dairy state. There is also a “milk can” patch that will go around the early bird patch for every early bird session. This is similar to the Minnesota bird nests for early bird. The patch would sell for \$3.00 and the milk can patches would be about \$1.25 to \$1.50.

## **Old Business**

Director Jean reviewed the Samboree task list. There are many tasks that presently are unassigned.

Bring items for the blue light special.

Golf outing is set up for 8 a.m. on Friday. Bring your clubs.

Catered meal is a ham dinner. Caterer makes everything from scratch. Nothing comes from a can. She bakes all her own bread and rolls.

There is a people mover at the fairgrounds. We will need a tractor or a pickup to pull it. This should cut down on the number of golf carts needed.

All chapter presidents should have received the guidelines for the chapter of the year award. These must be turned in to Director Jean by Friday morning at the Samboree.

Director Jean will post a sign up sheet at the Samboree looking for volunteers for any tasks still needing help. Vera brought up that all chapters need to participate in the tasks for the Samboree.

Ron Miller, from the Kinnic Kampers, suggested anyone with a large amount of can tabs should get them weighed, get a weight slip and turn them into their local McDonalds. Turn the weight slip in at the Samboree.

Directions on finding the Polk County fairgrounds are on the Website. They are being revised after Director Jean had a conversation with the Polk County Sheriff's Department. A copy will be mailed to each chapter.

Tours are being set up with Interstate Park and the Ice Age trail that runs thru the park. There will be a bus from Turtle Lake Casino on Friday afternoon and on Saturday morning. You will be at the casino for 4 hours and the bus will bring you back.

Al Damaske suggested we offer help to anyone still confused on the conversion to Digital TV. Director Jean will try to find someone to work with this. She will check with Randi Owen. This could also be a possible seminar.

The Samboree for 2010 is at Brown County Fairgrounds near Green Bay. The dates are June 17-20. Director Jean will be looking for input from members that live in the area for possible tours.

## **New Business**

Director Jean reported on the 2009 Director's meeting held in Ventura California. Most of the directors are not pushing or selling memberships. This is because new members can go to Camping World and get the same first year membership for \$12, the same as getting it from Good Sam, but they also get a \$10.00 or a 10 percent discount on purchases. Good Sam now offers new first year membership for \$12.00 plus a certificate

for one free night of camping at any Good Sam Park, up to \$25.00. This certificate, along with a receipt from the campground, will be sent to Good Sam Headquarters, and a check will be sent to the new member. It was brought up that not all members enjoy the new "Highways" magazine format.

Our 2011 Samboree will return to Tomah. Director Jean has talked with Tomah regarding the problems we encounter with the tractor pull people coming in early. It is actually the fair board that puts on the tractor pull. The outlets they were using were not ours.

Sambassadors Dave & Patty Morgen will be attending our Samboree at St. Croix Falls. We may also have Sambassadors Don & Helen Woodard.

**For the Good of the Organization:**

Director Jean was told that Northern Lights chapter from Minnesota held a vote and changed their June campout date so their members can attend our Samboree.

After a Pause for Reflection by State Chaplain Jack Sampson, Director Jean adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

/s/ Jim Vetter  
State Secretary