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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 26, 2008, at the Travelers Inn in New Lisbon. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by our State Chaplain, Jack Sampson, the roll call was taken. 16 of the 24 chapters (67%) responded. Bay Sammers, God's Country Campers, S.O.V.E., Valley Bummers, Winnebago Wanderers, Wisingles, Wolf River Wanderers and Yahara Blackhawks did not have a representative at this meeting.

Ron Cater, from the Saw Dust City Sams, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2007 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Gerry Galbraith, from the Paper Valley Breakaways. The motion was approved.

Barbara Jordon, from the Milwaukee Roamers, made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Sheri Osterloth, from the Lake-to-Lake Sams. The motion was approved.

Director Jean is sending a list around for chapter Email addresses. Also a list for any corrections to the staff or chapter president listing.

The proposed budget for 2008 was discussed. Of particular interest were the Samboree proposed expenses. Everything is going up in price. Director Jean indicated we may need to charge for electric at future Samborees like many of the other states, including Minnesota, do.

Director Jean is proposing we consider selling our gas fired coffee maker and our gas fired popcorn popper. We could put this money toward a large electric corn popper. These items have not been used in a number of years. The other problem is fire codes prohibit using an LP gas tank within a building. Bonnie Neuberger, from the Rocky Rollers, made a motion to table this for the June meeting. Dolly Eggert, from the Second Chance Sams, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chapters should think about this before the June meeting. Elwood Elliott said he always questioned the efficiency of the gas fired coffee maker, since it had to be started with hot water. It was also brought up

that not too many members are around anymore that really know how to use this. We presently have 4 of the 100 cup coffee pots and approximately 6 of the 30 cup pots.

Correspondence

Director Jean reported the only correspondence was a letter from Tammy Worley, Club Activities Director from International Good Sam Headquarters. It was about a vendor at the Texas Samboree that was selling life insurance. Upon checking into this, it was found there was a "cease and desist" order from the Texas Securities Board. If the person listed in this order has signed up for a Samboree, refund his fee and ask them not to attend. This information was given to Treasurer Sharon Kreul to watch for as reservations come in.

Director Jean has an events listing, including those they will be attending. It is on the Good Sam state Website. She welcomes anyone that would like to join them at any of these events. Even with the higher fuel costs, the Samborees are still a good investment.

Assistant Director's Reports

Rich Neuberger, Assistant Director South East. The South East Jumbo will be June 6-8 with early bird on June 5. Location is Walworth County Fairgrounds at Elkhorn. Registration fee is \$4.00. Camping fee is \$22.00 per night. Events include indoor and outdoor games, chapter meetings, campfire and visiting. Saturday night is a potluck with BBQ and buns furnished by the Rocky Rollers. Bring a dish to pass.

Director Jean is looking for someone to be Assistant Director, South West. If interested or know of someone, let her know. For now, chapters in the South West can be in with South East.

Wayne Schuette, Assistant Director North East. Thanks to all his chapters for sending him copies of their meeting minutes. Their Jumbo is July 31 (after 1:00 p.m.), August 1, 2, 3 at Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth. Pre-registration is \$10.00 per couple, or \$13.00 at the gate. Camping with electric is \$20.00 per night. Camping without electric is only the registration fee.

Vera Budzinski, Assistant Director North West. Vera announced that this year's Samboree will be the first one she will miss since 1975. She is going to have a total hip replacement in early June. One of her Samboree responsibilities was the hot dog lunch. Tom & Jean Aus, from the Apple River Drifters, have offered to help coordinate the hot dog lunch. The North West Jumbo is at Taylor county Fairgrounds in Medford, July 25-27 with early bird after 3:00 p.m. on July 24. The cost is \$20.00 per rig for the entire weekend.

Elwood Elliott, Assistant Director, North West. Looking for individuals and chapters for Wednesday night entertainment at the Samboree. It can be singing, reading, skits, etc. Just let Elwood know so he can put you on the schedule.

Director Jean reminded everyone that any Good Sam member may attend any of the state Jumbos. These are not limited to those in that area. Jumbos are great fun.

Director Jean reported on "The Rally" in Perry Georgia, that they attended. They signed up as volunteers. Their assignments included ushers in the handicapped area for the evening entertainment. They worked 20 hours each. This covered the dry camping fee for the rally. "The 2009 Rally" is in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 17-20.

Old Business

The task listing for the Tomah Samboree was updated to fill in some of the tasks needing assignments. There are a few tasks still needing help.

Al Demaske, from the Jack Pine Travelers, reported on the golf scheduled for the Samboree. This will be held at the Tomah VA Hospital. They are very glad to have us there, since the operation of the golf course is not government funded. There are clubs available to rent there. Not to worry if you are only one. There will be others. Be sure to register for this. If you have a golf cart, you may use it. They do not have golf carts to rent. The greens fee is \$7.00 for nine holes. This is the senior and juvenile fee. The regular fee is \$10.00. We may add another dollar to this for prize money. We will be playing "best ball".

Ron Miller, from Kinnic Kampers, asked that the can tabs be in smaller containers, no larger than 2 cubic foot. Last year there were a couple of garbage bags full of tabs and it was hard to get them thru the doorway at McDonalds.

Tour information is in the packets you received today.

Ron Cater brought up fire watch. Part of this is to assist a member that may have an emergency during the night. A horn blowing, lights flashing, etc. are all signs that someone needs help.

There was discussion of what information is available to fire watch people as to where anyone is parked. Is there a list or how do they know? Currently, registration has these slips filed alphabetically in a box, but this doesn't help the fire watch people. This will be discussed at the staff meeting following this meeting.

Included in your packets is a poster for our Samboree. These can be put up in places where campers go, like the local hardware store, Good Sam Park, RV dealer and others. It may help to get more people at our Samboree. Good Sam membership is not a requirement to attend a state Samboree.

Next year's Samboree is scheduled for the Polk County Fairgrounds at St. Croix Falls. The buildings are a little smaller than Tomah. One has a kitchen, but there is no air conditioning. They plan on electric for 200 with a possibility of 300. There are many opportunities for tours in the area. There is Interstate State Park (both Wisconsin & Minnesota) and several boat rides on the St. Croix River. There is a casino not too far away, as well as Mall of America. There is a winery. There is a good overlook of the St. Croix River in downtown St. Croix Falls.

New Business

There are a number of openings on the state staff. Bonnie Neuberger is the new Safety Director. She is a registered nurse. Bonnie replaces Joann Johnson, who passed away last December.

Director Jean is starting a memorial service at our Samboree to honor deceased members. State Chaplain Jack Sampson is in charge of this. When a member passes away, be sure to let Randi Owen know so he can add it to the Website and also let Jack Sampson know. Chapters should check this listing on the Website, and let Randi know if there are names that are missing on the list.

We need to get new members in our chapters. There is no magic number as to size of a chapter. One suggestion is to wear your vests or chapter shirts when camping. This could generate questions from people unfamiliar with Good Sam.

We also need to start some new chapters. There are areas of the state that are not well covered now. One area is in the Rhinelander area. Other areas include North West and North East Wisconsin and also around Racine. International Headquarters will assist with advertising. There is also a listing of members at large that can be sorted by zip code, inviting these members to an organizational meeting.

Director Jean informed us of changes to our *Highways* Magazine. "Chapter News" will no longer be in the magazine, but will be on the International Internet Website. This is a disadvantage for those members that do not use the Internet. Members are encouraged to let International know of this displeasure. It was suggested we have a petition at the Samboree for people to sign asking to have "Chapter News" continued in the *Highways* Magazine.

Randi Owen discussed our sound system. last year we got new microphones and cords. The rest of the system is outdated, to the point that parts to repair the amplifier are no longer available. This amplifier failed on Sunday at last year's Samboree. The speakers are also very old. He has researched various sound systems. One that he likes includes speakers with the amplifier built into the speakers. These are connected thru a mixer, or can be used as stand alone, for example used at a seminar. Cost is about \$2,000.00 including shipping. Sharon Schmid, from the On the Road Again, mad a motion to purchase this equipment for a cost of approximately \$2,000.00. Bonnie Neuberger, from the Rocky Rollers, seconded the motion. Motion passed with 16 yes votes, 0 nay votes.

Director Jean has a possible fundraiser going. It is a calendar that Randi Owen put together. It runs from July 2008 thru June 2009 and each month has pictures from our 2007 State Samboree. The price has not been determined yet, but it will probably be one dollar over the cost of the calendar. Randi is projecting a sale price of \$10.00. These will be sold at the Patch Packer table and the Cranberry Country Cruisers will also be selling them.

For the Good of the Organization:

Director Jean is looking for suggestions for location of the 2010 Samboree. One site being considered is the Sheboygan Country Fairgrounds in Plymouth. The 2011 Samboree may be back in Tomah. beyond that, we can rotate with the three locations. If one of these doesn't work, then find a new location.

After a Pause for Reflection by Chaplain Jack Sampson, Bonnie Neuberger, of the Rocky Rollers, made a motion to adjourn. Mike Schmitt, from the Black River Ramblers, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

/s/ Jim Vetter
State Secretary