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## **THE GOOD SAM CLUB**

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Prior to the start of the meeting, Director Jean reviewed items included in the packets. Included in these is a current chapter roster for your review. These rosters should NOT include your honorary members. Also included is the agenda, budget, Samboree task list, chapter presidents and state staff listing, getting pictures in the "Highways" magazine, National Clean-up days, a pamphlet of ideas from other Good Sam Chapters, and a listing of 2007 events. There is also a one page poster for chapters to put up in a camping business location.

The Spring State Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Good Sam Organization was called to order by Director Jean Goossen at 10:48 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2007, at the South Shore Restaurant in Mauston. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll call was taken, 20 of the 24 chapters (83%) responded, Bay Samers, S.O.V.E., Winnebago Wanderers and Wolf River Wanderers did not have a representative at this meeting. Following the roll call, everyone introduced themselves.

Bernie Krue, from the Yellow Thunder Sams, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 30, 2006 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Randi Owen, from the Cranberry Country Cruisers. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Randi Owen, made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Strack, from the Jack Pine Travelers. The motion was approved with 18 yea votes, 0 nay votes. The report showed a September 30, 2006 balance of \$XX,XXX.XX and an April 28, 2007 balance of \$XX,XXX.XX. There is a balance of \$XXX.XX in the account for "Dogs for the Deaf". Several members asked if our funds are drawing interest. The checking account is a Money Market account, which pays interest. The "Dogs for the Deaf" account is a non-interest account due to the small amount in it.

Treasurer Sharon announced that she has received the forms from International for nominating a state director. Jean's term expires the end of this year. Sharon needs these nomination forms returned by June 15.

Director Jean went through the proposed budget for 2007. The assets shown at the top of the budget represent the estimated current value. In income, registration is based on 300 units. Early bird is up a little reflecting those coming in on Tuesday. Randi Owen questioned the amount for state dues. It appears a digit was left out of the amounts.

Director Jean checked on tours. The Tomah Chamber of Commerce does not have any money in their budget for our tours. They are providing the Friday night entertainment along with the popcorn machine. If we did the tours, the cost of one bus is about \$250 to \$300 or about \$12 per person if the bus is full, for the Cranberry Tour of a factory and the Discovery Museum . There is also an admission charge in addition. For the Amish tour, the tour guide charges \$250 for the group. The question is who would pay. We could charge enough to cover the expenses or we could subsidize this and charge half. These tours last about 3-4 hours. Randi Owen stated both tours are great tours. Assistant Director Pat Kelley suggested we try one tour. Ron Cater, from Sawdust City Sams, wanted to know if the amount we collect will cover our expenses. Because the tours are not free, will there still be enough going to cover the expense? Judy Hansen, from Second Chance Sams, made a motion to table this and discuss it more at our June meeting as an option for 2008. Barb Jordan, from the Milwaukee Roamers, seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 17 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Ron Cater made a motion to approve the budget for 2007. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Strack. The motion was approved with 18 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

### **Correspondence**

Received information on the National Clean-up Day and the Clean-up Day Manual. Some of the chapters have already done clean-up this year. Ron Cater reported this clean-up leaves one with a good feeling. Let Director Jean know when your chapter has done a clean-up.

Received a letter from Robin Dickson, Dogs for the Deaf . She expressed her thanks for the Good Sam support. Dogs for the Deaf will be attending the 2007 Wisconsin Samboree. Director Jean also had an inquiry from a nursing home that has someone needing a dog. This was forwarded to Robin.

Received a letter from the Missouri State Director. This is an introduction to Eldon & Sylvia Nelson. They have been doing a project collecting patches from all states. So far they have over 1,300 patches from 43 states and provinces. This is displayed at the Missouri Samboree each year. This patch collection has now been turned over to the Missouri Good Sam Organization, with Eldon & Sylvia still taking care of it. They are also looking for copies of old "Highways" and old "Highway Herald" magazines. This is all part of the Good Sam History. Director Jean has a list of what is still needed. They are not looking for chapter patches.

Director Jean has flyers for some of the state samborees in Region 3.

## **Assistant Director's Reports**

Rich Neuberger, Assistant Director SE. The Southeast Jumbo is canceled for 2007. They have formed a committee to study this. It may require a date change to get away from the July 4th weekend. The hope is a new and improved 2008 Jumbo.

Vera Budzinski, Assistant Director NW. The Northwest Jumbo is July 27-29, 2007 at Medford . Early bird is on July 26, but not before 3 p.m. Cost for the weekend is \$20.00 per unit for the entire weekend. Remember to come in from Highway 13. The entrance from Highway 64 is very steep and rigs bottom out.

Dale Haltinner, Assistant Director, NE. The Northeast Jumbo is August 10-12, 2007, with early bird after 1 p.m. on August 9, 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 before card bingo on Friday night. Outdoor games & crafts during the day on Friday & Saturday. Shawano Area Campers is doing a breakfast on Saturday morning, cost to be determined; potluck supper on Saturday evening. Doughnuts & coffee following Sunday church service.

Pat Kelley, Assistant Director SW. There was a lot of discussion regarding chapter involvement in putting on the Southwest Jumbo. Therefore, the 2007 Southwest Jumbo is canceled. Director Jean will set a time at the Samboree to meet with Southeast & Southwest to assist them with planning for future Jumbos.

Director Jean reported she and Dave are going to "The Rally" in Redmond , Oregon . The reduced rate has been extended until May 9. Feel free to join Jean & Dave at any samborees they have indicated they will attend.

## **Old Business**

Pat & Rich Kelley are retiring as Southwest Assistant Directors at the end of the year. Dale & Dorothy Haltinner are also retiring as Northeast Assistant Directors. We still need a State Musician. Sandy Montey has resigned as Youth Director. Max Lytle, from the Yahara Blackhawks, will help with the music again. Max did consent to play at the Samboree for a Charleston Contest. If anyone is interested in filling one of these positions, please contact Director Jean.

The task listing for the Samboree was reviewed and most areas still needing help are now covered. Entertainment for Thursday and Saturday night are lined up. The Tomah Chamber of Commerce is providing the entertainment for Friday night. Assistant Director NW Elwood Elliott is looking for a few volunteers from the chapters for the color guard. Opening ceremonies are on Thursday. We will have "ditty bags". Director Jean already has many samples to go into the bags. Randi Owen indicated that when you receive donations get a business card and send to Randi. He can get this business on our web site with a link to their web site. Each chapter should also bring a door prize, value around \$25.00. A reminder to bring the pull tabs from aluminum cans. Really need someone to take over the youth activities, as this is a very important part of our Samboree. Each rig to bring one dozen regular cookies and one dozen sugar free cookies. Rich Kelley will need

help with fire watch, so we have coverage all night. Chapter parking is suggested. If a chapter signs up for chapter parking, and someone cancels, they will be able to receive a refund. It is planned to try to get some of the members not belonging to a chapter to park with a chapter that would be in their area. Marc Polsean, from God's Country Campers asked if we should have an automated defibrillator? Director Jean suggested Marc research this as to cost. We have invited vets from the VA to come out on Thursday afternoon from 1-4. We need helpers to guide these vets while they are at the Samboree.

Director Jean extended a big thank you to Wayne & Diane Schuette for their effort in the electric cord project and for their hospitality when this was worked on. Also thanks to everyone that helped.

Director Jean would like to see new chapters started. We have 24 chapters at this time. There are over 15,000 Good Sam members in Wisconsin .

## **New Business**

Our contract with Tomah Recreation Park expires after our 2008 Samboree. A new contract with them would have about a 10 percent increase. Instead of \$5,000 it would be around \$5,500 for a 2 or 3 year contract. The question is, do we want to continue coming to Tomah or select a different location. There have been inquiries from St. Croix Falls and Luxenburg. This should be discussed with your chapters and report back at the State meeting at the Samboree.

There is a new program called "Where is Good Sam?" Submit a picture showing the Good Sam decal on your rig. You could win \$50 if this is chosen to be published. You could also win \$50 if you can identify where a rig was parked when the picture was taken.

After a "Pause for Reflection", Elwood Elliott made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Strack. The motion passed on a voice vote. Adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

/s/ Jim Vetter  
State Secretary

## **LATE BREAKING NEWS**

Assistant Director SW, Pat Kelley, reinstated the Southwest Jumbo, but in a different format. It will be like a large campout. The date is September 7 to 9 at Adam's County Petenwell Park . Plan on a potluck Saturday evening. More information will be available at the Tomah Samboree.