



The World's Largest RV Owners Organization

THE GOOD SAM CLUB

April 30, 2005

The Spring State Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Good Sam Organization was called to order by Director Al Schattschneider at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 30, 2005, at the Mauston Oasis Restaurant in Mauston. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Bernie Kreul, the roll call was taken. 22 of the 26 chapters (85%) responded. The Bay Samers, Lake-2-Lake Sams, Wisconsin Wheelies and Wishigan Sams did not have a representative at this meeting.

All new chapter presidents were introduced.

Ron Cater, from Sawdust City Sams, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2004 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Joanie Campbell, from the Yellow Thunder Sams. The motion was approved with 22 yeas votes, and 0 nay votes.

Marc Polsean, from God's Country Campers, made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by John Schmid, from On the Road Again Sams. The motion was approved with 22 yeas votes, 0 nay votes. The report showed a September 18, 2004 balance of \$37,608.87 and an April 30, 2005 balance of \$39,810.38. There is a balance of \$325.73 in the account for "Dogs for the Deaf". Treasurer Sharon reminded everyone that we have not yet paid for the grounds rental for the 2005 Samboree.

Correspondence

Director Al asked everyone to review the listing of chapter presidents for correct information on addresses and for email addresses. If the chapter president does not have email, have another chapter member supply their email address so your chapter can receive information by email.

Director Al received Thank You letters from "Dogs for the Deaf" and from "WAGS".

"Dogs for the Deaf" placed a dog in Wisconsin. See the article in the Sam-a-Gram, which was just published. Gordon Langer, from the Jack Pine Travelers, represented Director Al when the dog was placed. A second dog may be placed in Wisconsin soon.

"WAGS" has reduced the area they cover. They do not have the resources to cover the entire state, so now they primarily service the Dane County area or an 80 mile radius from Madison. Another organization is "Handi Dogs" from Tucson Arizona. This organization trains the owner's dog, while the other organizations train dogs they receive and then select a recipient.

The new copy of our State Constitution & By-Laws is in the packet you received today.

Jack Pine Travelers was selected as the Chapter of the Year. A certificate of recognition and a plaque was received from International.

The Wolf River Wanderers chapter had the highest increase in chapter membership for 2004 in Wisconsin and received \$50.00 from International Headquarters.

Assistant Director's Reports

Vera Budzinski, Assistant Director NW. The northwest Jumbo is July 22-24, 2005 at Medford. Early bird on July 21. The cost is \$20.00 for the weekend. On Thursday, the host chapter and the parking chapter may come starting at noon. Everyone else may come in after 3:00 pm on Thursday. See the Sam-a-Gram for more details.

Vera would like copies of the chapter rosters for the chapters she is responsible for.

Elwood Elliott, Assistant Director NW. Looking for more groups to participate in the entertainment on Wednesday evening at the Samboree. He already has a few signed up.

Dale Haltinner, Assistant Director NE. The Northeast Jumbo is August 12-14, 2005, with early bird after 1:00 PM on August 11, at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds at Weyauwega. Pre-registration (before August 3) is \$5.00, at gate is \$8.00. Camping fee is \$10.00 per night. Activities include games, card bingo, pancake breakfast Saturday morning, potluck supper Saturday evening.

Rich Neuberger, Assistant Director SE. The Southeast Jumbo is July 8-10, 2005 with early bird on July 7 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Registration is \$4.00. Camping fee is \$20.00 per night. Pancake breakfast on Saturday morning, \$4.00 per person. Potluck on Saturday night. Milwaukee Roamers and Rocky Rollers are the host chapters.

Bonnie Owen represented Pat Kelley, Assistant Director SW. The Southwest Jumbo is September 9-11, 2005 at the Adams County Park on Highway "Z". More information will be available at the June Samboree.

Great North American RV Rally in Redmond, Oregon July 11-14, 2005 with early bird July 9 & 10. Word is all electric sites are sold out.

Randi & Bonnie Owen received a thank you for a well done Sam-a-Gram.

Old Business

Our 2006 Samboree will be in Tomah. AI has received information on several other grounds, including the Upper Michigan Peninsula State Fairgrounds at Escanaba, Michigan and the fairgrounds at Chippewa Falls. Tomah is still the most reasonably priced grounds when we consider everything the Chamber of Commerce provides like the tours and this year is also paying for one evening of entertainment.

AI has made Tomah a counter offer of \$5,000 per year for the next three years. If they agree, this would be voted on at our State meeting at the Samboree. There was much input from AI as to what other states charge for their Samborees, which is considerably higher than our Samboree.

A drawing of the new Region 3 patch was shown. You must attend 10 Samborees to obtain a Region 3 patch. Each state and province in Region 3 has a small patch to go around the outside of the Region 3 patch.

Future International

Rallies:

Daytona, Florida, May 7-11,
2006

Louisville, Kentucky, July 16-19, 2007

New Business

Linda Hanson reported on clean-up days at Buckhorn State Park. The dates for this year are May 25 to May 27, 2005. The state park system is also looking for some camp hosts for Buckhorn Park during August and for Roche-A-Cri during August & September. Contact Ranger Dave Hladilek at 608-565-2789 if interested.

Treasurer Sharon Kreul reported on the election procedures for electing a new state director. Nominations must be received by Sharon no later than the June Samboree. Individuals nominated must submit written approval of their intention to accept the position if elected, by July 15, 2005. Ballots will then be sent to each chapter and returned to Sharon by August 15, 2005. Sharon asked if there were any nominations today. Bob Hanson, from the Second Chance Sams, nominated Randi Owen. Randi indicated he would think about this and give his decision at our evening meal at the campground.

Curt & Linda Hanson are retiring as Equipment Managers. They have sold their home and are now full timers. For now, a place is needed to store the trailer. Randi Owen agreed to store the trailer at his house. An Equipment Manager is still needed to replenish supplies in the trailer and be responsible for it at the Samborees.

The annual donation by our state organization was discussed. \$500.00 is budgeted to Special Olympics. The other \$500.00 is for one of the hearing dog charities. Last year

we gave to "WAGS"; the year before was to "Dogs for the Deaf" and "Leader Dog". Claude Eakins, from the Rocky Rollers, indicated their chapter preferred a split between "Dogs for the Deaf" and "WAGS". Jerry Vogt, from Red Bud City Sams, said his chapter supports "WAGS". A vote was taken. There were 4 votes for "WAGS" only. There were 17 votes for a split between "Dogs for the Deaf" and "WAGS".

Al would like to see each chapter announce at the Samboree the various charities they have supported through out the year. These will be posted on a board at the Samboree. This information may also be sent to Webmaster Randi Owen for posting on our Website. Send by email if possible.

Al is moving the opening flag ceremony from Friday night to Thursday night. Many members go out to eat on Friday night.

The State Chapter of the Year applications must be turned in at the Samboree. These cover last Samboree to this Samboree. The applications for International Chapter of the Year are January thru December. Al is considering patches for the State Chapter of the Year, instead of a plaque. It would be a patch for the award to each chapter member and a separate rocker patch with the year. Previous winners of this award should give a count to the Patch Packer as to how many patches should be ordered and the year.

Sambassadors Don and Helen Woodard will be attending our Samboree. There are many out of state director's coming to the Samboree.

This Samboree is our 35th anniversary. Invites will be sent to all our past State Directors, to attend this Samboree and also be part of the flag ceremony. Al suggested we comp these individuals for this Samboree. Dave Goossen, from the Apple Valley Drifters made a motion to comp the past Wisconsin State Directors for attending this Samboree. The motion was seconded by Vera Budzinski, representing the Wisingles. The motion was approved with 18 yea votes, and 0 nay votes.

Additional outside games include Bocce Ball and Bolo Golf. If anyone has these games, please bring to the Samboree.

Al took a count as to approximately how many to expect for Best Ball Golf.

The Chamber of Commerce is giving beer steins this year. There will be a ticket in each registration packet for the beer stein and for the ditty bag, which the chamber will again handle. There is one beer stein per rig. Because our theme is "Polka Fest", the chamber will serve root beer instead of cranberry juice.

A new tour this year is a bus trip to the wildlife refuge. The seminar will be on the bus. This tour is Friday morning. Because of this, Al will see if Best Ball Golf can be moved to Thursday.

Bring aluminum can tabs by Friday afternoon. There will be a collection point, and a prize will be given for the largest number of tabs.

A kids project is making fleece blankets to give to charities. They need the material. See the letter in your packet regarding this.

Items for door prizes and for the blue light special should be clearly marked if it is a door prize or if it is for the blue light special. Attach a card with the donor's name on the prize, so Thank You cards can be sent.

Let Al know what game awards are needed so pins can be made by the Sign Man.

The catered meal includes roast beef and ham.

Al's cutoff for the Samboree program is the end of May.

Each chapter is responsible for bringing one decorated cake (9x13) for every 12 members attending. These cakes should include the chapter name in the decorating. Decorating contest is for home decorated cakes only, no store bought cakes. Also, each rig bring 2 dozen cookies and 1 sugar free.

See the information letter in your packet for the "Take Pride in America" program.

Second Chance Chapter will have a meeting to get new members. They are planning a pancake breakfast on Thursday morning for those that are eligible to join Second Chance. See Bob & Judy Hansen for more information.

Randi Owen indicated it is time to renew our website fee. This was approved in our annual budget last fall. Randi intends to have a seminar on websites.

A big thank you was given Al & Carol for four years doing an outstanding job.

Motion made by Erin's family (Jim Welcing) from Shawano Area Campers to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Everett Burrows, from the Valley Bumpers. Motion was approved by voice vote. Adjourned at 12:52 pm.

Jim
Vetter
State Secretary