



The World's Largest RV Owners Organization

THE GOOD SAM CLUB

Jean Goossen

WISCONSIN STATE DIRECTOR

853 138th Street

Amery, WI 54001

dgoossen@amerytel.net

April 30, 2011

The Spring State Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Good Sam Organization was called to order by Director Jean Goossen at 10:05 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2011, at the Hustler Community Hall in Hustler. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, roll call was taken. 19 of the 22 chapters (86%) responded. Rocky Rollers, Sawdust City Sams and Shawano Area Campers did not have a representative at this meeting.

Norman Nesmith, from the Stars & Stripes Military Chapter, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2010 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Mike Schmitt, from the Black River Ramblers. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Sharon Kreul reported on the treasurer reports. Sheri Osterloth, from the Lake-2-Lake Sams, 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. The report showed a September 18, 2010 balance of \$31,449.52 and an April 29, 2011 balance of \$32,140.66. There is a balance of \$1,083.00 in the account for "Dogs for the Deaf". The Youth account has a balance of \$987.26.

Director Jean discussed the proposed budget for 2011. This budget is based on 300 rigs at the Samboree. We would make money if we can attain that number. In a conversation with Sharon Kreul, we have 20 registrations so far. Page 2 shows the proposed for 100, 150 or 200 rigs at the Samboree. The State Dues should be \$1,000 less 100 and 150 rigs, making the loss \$1,000 more. We need participation. Jim Eggert asked what our profit/loss was for last year.

2008 at Tomah	(\$5,040.43)
2009 at St. Croix Falls	\$5,125.22
2010 at DePere	(\$4,666.25)

Other states, like Minnesota, don't have the free things like the hot dog lunch, ice cream and popcorn. They charge extra for it. Hot dogs in the past have been covered from business donations. Jim Enneper, Samboree Coordinator, recommended we do not serve popcorn on Saturday night. The Maggie Mae show is a three hour show starting at 7:30

and the general public will be allowed in with the purchase of a \$15.00 ticket. The building will be secured about 1:00 Saturday afternoon for Maggie Mae to set up. Those attending the Samboree, including passport but not day rate, will be admitted showing their wrist bands. Everyone else will pay the \$15.00. The bus tours are \$5.00 per person to cover the cost of the bus. No other charges for the tours. Cheryl Keene, from the Cranberry Country Cruisers made a motion to approve the budget. Mike Schmitt seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Correspondence

Letter from Diana Impeartrice, Good Sam Activities Manager. Marcus Lemonis, CEO Good Sam & Camping World will provide support to state Samborees. He will do something for us, but we need to do something for him. There is an agreement that provides his expectations. He needs the exact name of the state organization as it appears on the checking account and the associated tax payer ID #. Camping World will then cut a check. Camping World will provide \$1,000.00 in sponsorship money. We must do the following: Place Camping World link/banners on the state website as provided in the instructions forthcoming from Camping World. Promote Good Sam and Camping World products at the Samborees. Work with local Camping World stores to promote Camping World and Good Sam assisting in special events such as "Grill Fest". Support can be provided by any state director or members they assign. Attending local events at Camping World Stores will not be required if store is not within a 75 mile radius from the director's home. Display (and return) Camping World Banners at Samborees. The State Director must comply with the agreement. Affinity, with is the Good Sam Umbrella Corporation, is being phased out. It is becoming Good Sam Club Enterprises. Marcus realizes that Good Sam Clubs and Chapters are the main stay of the Good Sam family. The International Rally name is changed from "The Rally" to the "Good Sam Club Rally". Director Jean said we already have a good relationship with the Camping World Store in Madison.

Letter from Diana Impeartrice regarding *Highways* magazine. The first issue of the new and improved magazine will be mailed mid June. This first issue, June/July, has dedicated two pages for chapter news. They are looking for news. Deadline is May 15th for the August/September issue. News should be relevant and entertaining. Quality photos accepted.

Director Jean referred to a letter, enclosed in your packet that starts "Dear Good Sam Member". It talks about finding and joining a chapter.

The "Good Sam Club Rally" this year is in Redmond, Oregon July 14-17. Next year features three Rallies, March 22-25 in Phoenix, Arizona; June 21-24 in Louisville, Kentucky, and October 2012 in Daytona, Florida. There will be electric on the grounds of all three. Registration forms will be available. Good Sam is sponsoring a NASCAR car, Trevor Bayne, the young driver that finished first at Daytona.

Chapter of the Year. Guidelines are the same. International contest is January thru December. Our state is June to June

Director Jean is sending around a list. She needs someone's e-mail address for each chapter.

Letter regarding clean-up day scheduled for weekend of May 21-22.

Assistant Director's Reports

Jim Enneper, Assistant Director SE. The SE Jumbo will be July 7-10 (after 1:00 p.m. Thursday) at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Registration fee is \$27.00 per unit with 2 adults by June 23. After June 23, fee is \$30.00. Each extra person is \$13.50 by June 23, \$15.00 after June 23. Price includes the following: Thursday evening grill your meat. Potato Salad, Coleslaw, rolls, coffee and cookies, and grills will be provided. Friday will have donuts and coffee in the morning. Saturday morning is French Toast, sausage patties and coffee. Saturday evening is boneless pork loin roast, cheesy hash brown potatoes, corn, rolls, coffee and ice cream. Sunday morning is donuts and coffee. Camping is \$25.00 per night paid directly to Walworth County.

We are also having a gathering at Christmas Mountain in Wisconsin Dells September 22-25. Any member of the Good Sam Organization may attend. Cost is \$15.00 per night. Nice facility with blacktop pads. Full hook-ups including Cable TV, and an indoor pool. This is tentative.

Cheryl Keene, Assistant Director SW. The SW Jumbo is August 19-21, 2010 at Wanna-Bee Campgrounds, Wisconsin Dells (Exit 87). There will be a potluck Saturday night followed by a campfire. May also do bingo... Camping fee is to be determined at this time.

The Tomah Samboree will include a medallion hunt. It will be located some where on the grounds. Prize is next year's Samboree fee. Clues will be posted daily at registration starting Tuesday. Rules will also be posted.

Wayne Schuette, Assistant Director NE. The NE Jumbo will be August 11-14 (after 1:00 p.m. Thursday) at the Manitowoc County fairgrounds in Manitowoc. This is on the corner of I-43 and Hwy 151. Registration fee per unit with 2 adults is \$15.00 before August 1; \$18.00 after August 1. Camping fee with electric is \$20.00 per night. Activities include outdoor games, ice cream social, potluck supper and Sunday morning coffee and cookies. There will be a golf outing at Fox Hills Resort, Mishicot. Friday morning, tour of Manitowoc Maritime Museum at \$10.00 per person. Saturday morning breakfast served by Shawano Area Campers, cost to be determined. Sunday morning, Irene Kissinger and her volunteers will provide inspiration.

Vera Budzinski, Assistant Director, NW. The NW Jumbo will be July 21 (after 3:00 p.m.) to July 24 at Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford. The cost is \$25.00 for the entire weekend. Chapter assignments and arrival times are as follows:

Parking:	Top-O-Wisconsin after 12:00 Thursday
Coffee	Apple River Drifters after 1:00 Thursday
Host Chapter/Registration	Sawdust City Sams after 2:00 Thursday
Everyone else	after 3:00 Thursday

Ice Cream & Bingo
Pancake Breakfast
Pot Luck Supper
Games

Black River Ramblers
Wisingles
Marshlanders
Kinnic Kampers

Highway 13 is under construction the full length of Medford. Use highway 64. Enter the fairgrounds from the far eastern gate on Highway 64 (by the cow barns). This will be the permanent entry since the one on Highway 13 will no longer exist when construction is finished. Sunday morning is the "Promise Quartet".

Vera is trying to start a chapter in Rhinelander.

Vera also gave a report on our State Ambassadors, Gerald & Jean Tauchen, who are presently in the Alabama area where the tornados hit. They are safe. No one could contact them as the cell phone towers were down.

Elwood Elliott, Assistant Director NW. He is looking for individuals/chapters for Wednesday night's entertainment at the Samboree. He will be by the stage area Wednesday afternoon so tell him what you are going to do.

Jim Enneper, Samboree Coordinator. The Tomah Samboree is June 16-19 with early bird on June 14 and 15. Golf outing will be Friday, June 17 at 8:00 a.m. at the Hiawatha Golf Course. Cost is \$25.00 with cart. The Co-op across the street from the fairgrounds will be weighing rigs for \$2.00 to \$6.00 per rig. Weigh before you set up. Tours being planned include a narrated Fort McCoy Tour (Friday) and the Necedah Crane Foundation (Saturday). The only cost per person for either tour is the bus. Bus cost is estimated at \$5.00 per person. Each tour requires 47 bus passengers. Buses only, are allowed at Fort McCoy. No passenger cars.

Wednesday evening is local talent - Elwood & Friends.

Thursday night is a Sing-a-long.

Friday night is Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen featuring old time music at its finest. This is included with your registration including passport campers. Day pass does not include evening entertainment. Public is invited to attend at a cost of \$5.00 per person.

Saturday night is Maggie Mae, a Country Western singer. She will be doing a three hour show. The public is invited to attend at a cost of \$15.00 per ticket. (No charge to registered campers and passport campers). Day pass does not include evening entertainment.

The catered meal is a stuffed pork chop meal including baked potato.

Director Jean reminded us of "The Good Sam Club Rally" in Redmond, Oregon. It is July 14-17 with early bird July 12-13.

Thursday entertainment is Bobby Vinton.

Friday entertainment is Vince Gill.

Saturday entertainment is Herman's Hermits

As of April 15, they had 1,243 registrations. Of those, 125 are passport registrations. They are hoping for 2,500.

Old Business

Director Jean reported on the upcoming Samboree. Parking for the general public attending the Friday and Saturday night shows may be in the parking area across from the fairgrounds entrance. This is still being investigated. We will use the golf carts to shuttle people from the parking area. The Stars & Stripes Military Chapter will have their meeting probably on Friday afternoon. Jean is also trying to restart the Second Chance Chapter.

The Samboree Task List was updated. It was recommended that items for the blue light special be gently used or new. No junk and no clothing. Committee will sort through and dispose of items not suitable.

Chapter of the Year applications must be turned in by Friday morning.

Jim Enneper suggested an announcement Saturday night for members to help clean-up after the closing ceremonies Sunday morning.

Stage decoration rules have changed a little. Cows still can not be larger than 2 feet wide or 2 feet long to be on stage. Larger ones can be on the floor. Chapter name on the cows and the can for collecting quarters.

Post cards for door prize winners will be given to Sharon Kreul for mailing.

A letter is available that can be given to business places when requesting donations for door prizes. Contact Jean for a copy of the letter.

Ron Miller, from Kinnic Kampers, suggested instead of bringing the can pull tabs to the Samboree, take them to your local McDonalds. They will weigh them and give you a receipt that you can turn in at the Samboree.

Jim Vetter reported it's official now, Wisconsin Dept. of Gaming now allows "Bucket Raffles" the way we have been doing it. A question was raised at a previous meeting about raffles within your organization not requiring a license. Jim attended a seminar on Taxes and Raffles for non-profit organizations at which this same question was asked. The reply was years ago a license was not required for raffles within your own group. This was changed about six years ago to where all raffles now require a license.

Wayne Schuette asked who makes the coffee and juice for the hot dog lunch. Hospitality does this.

New Business

Director Jean discussed the "Let's Eat Food Contest". Wisconsin is lucky to have things like cheese, beer, brats, etc. The rules were sent earlier. Past State Director Al Schattschneider has volunteered to M.C. the contest and judge along with out of state

directors. Winner must be going to Redmond. Jean needs the name of the winner submitted to International by June 30

Director Jean discussed the letter and product samples from RV, Home & Marine Solutions. This could be a fund raiser. This product called Nature-Zyme is for holding tanks. It is totally non-toxic and contains no chemicals whatever. It comes as a tablet which basically contains freeze dried enzymes. See letter for more details. Samples will be in the ditty bags at the Samboree. Patch Packer could also sell these. Let Jean know if you will be selling these.

For the Good of the Organization:

Mary Ann Strack brought up that some pre-registered members arriving on Friday did not receive a ditty bag as they were all gone. There was much discussion. It is hard to tell those not pre-registered that they can not have a ditty bag unless there are some left over. The bags also are limited by the number of items a dealer gives. Pre-registration forms for next year's Samboree are available in registration.

After a Pause for Reflection, Director Jean adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

/s/ Jim Vetter
State Secretary