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THE GOOD SAM CLUB

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The Summer State Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Good Sam Organization was called to order by Director Jean Goossen at 8:18 AM on Saturday, June 16, 2007, at the Tomah Recreation Park in Tomah. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, the roll call was taken. 18 of the 24 chapters (75%) responded. Bay Samers, Black River Ramblers, God's Country Campers, Marshlanders, On the Road Again, and Winnebago Wanderers did not have a representative at this meeting.

Ron Cater, from the Sawdust City Sams, made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2007 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Randi Owen, from the Cranberry Country Cruisers. The motion was approved with 17 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Jim Welcing, from the Shawano Area Campers, made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Bob Hansen, from the Second Chance Sams. The motion was approved with 17 yea votes, 0 nay votes. The report showed an April 28, 2007 balance of \$42,284.67 and a June 16, 2007 balance of \$45,231.25. There is a balance of \$472.56 in the account for the "Dogs for the Deaf".

Treasurer Sharon reported the only nominations she received for State Director were for Jean Goossen. Sharon asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, nominations were closed. Chapter presidents will receive a ballot and instruction letter on voting for State Director.

Director Jean reported the proposed budget for 2007 that was presented at the April 28 meeting has an error with the state dues. Corrected copies will be available at the Fall State Committee Meeting.

Correspondence

Director Jean reported she received resignations from Assistant Wagonmasters Bill & Marty Karls.

Assistant Director's Reports

Rich Neuberger, Assistant Director SE. Nothing to report.

Vera Budzinski, Assistant Director NW. The Northwest Jumbo is July 27-29, 2007 at Medford . Early is on July 26, but not before 3:00 pm. Cost for the weekend is \$20.00 per unit for the entire weekend, including the ice cream social and the pancake breakfast. 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 1:00 pm 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; pot luck supper on Saturday evening. Doughnuts & coffee following Sunday church service.

Pat Kelley, Assistant Director SW. The Southwest Jumbo is back on but will be a large campout only. It is at Adams Co Petenwell Park September 7-9. There is no registration fee. Camping is \$18.99 per night including tax, but if there are 20 or more rigs, there is a group discount. This camping fee is collected at the park gate. Not all sites have water, so bring your own. Friday: Dirty Samgo-bring a brown bag gift for a prize. Saturday: Games, Potluck Dinner and a movie. Sunday: Clean up. Contact Cheryl Keene if you plan to attend. Her address is 440 North St . , Tomah , WI 54660 . Telephone 608-372-3179. This will help them know how many sites to reserve.

Director Jean reported she and Dave are going to "The Rally" in Redmond , Oregon , July 19-22. They are still accepting reservations for this event.

Old Business

Director Jean is still looking for someone to fill the State Musician position. Betty Hawley, from the Yahara Blackhawks has accepted the Youth Director Position. Welcome Betty!

Director Jean wanted to take a survey for possible bus tours during the 2008 Samboree and how many would pay about \$20.00 per person to cover the cost of the bus. Kelly Murray, from the Tomah Chamber of Commerce indicated she would do a survey and see what kind of response she gets. Members at this Samboree are encouraged to stop at the Chamber of Commerce booth and sign up on the survey.

Director Jean indicated our contract with Tomah for the use of the grounds expires in 2008. Do we want to continue here or move to a different location: We could also move to a new location for the next couple of years, but sign a contract now with Tomah for maybe 2011 or 2012. Jean said she hears from some chapters that there is nothing new to do at our Samborees. Another possibility is to have three or four places and rotate between them. Polk County Fairgrounds at St. Croix Falls and the fairgrounds at

Luxemburg are interested in hosting a Samboree. Bob Gerber, from S.O.V.E. was concerned that if we left Tomah, we might not be able to get back in for the week we usually have. Director Jean has discussed this with the Tomah Fair Board, and this no longer appears to be a problem. Dave Cline reported he was part of a committee a few years ago that looked at different fairgrounds, and that it is tough to find grounds that have the buildings and electricity we need, at a reasonable rental price. Chapters should check out fairgrounds in their areas. There were other comments that driving 3 to 4 hours to get to a Samboree and have the same things is reducing our attendance. Another suggestion was to try to keep the Samborees in the central part of the state. Having a Samboree in the Northwest or Northeast corner of the state makes for a long drive for some of our members. Ron Cater mentioned that we are very appreciated in coming to Tomah; we leave the campgrounds in better shape than when we came. Past State Director Al Schattschneider reminded us that we used to have 2 State Samborees and no Jumbos. Now we have 1 State Samboree and 4 Jumbos. The purpose of the Jumbo was to split the state into 4 regions. Al indicated there are many fairgrounds out there, but do we want to pay the price. Price is not necessarily money, but what are we willing to give up. Electricity seems to be an important item. Some grounds are out of our price range. Others, Marshfield for example, we pay for every service needed. If we use a dumpster, we pay for it. If we need chairs and tables moved, only fairgrounds personnel can do this and we pay for it. It depends how the contract can be negotiated. Greg Hawley, from the Yahara Blackhawks, made a motion to bring this discussion to a vote. Bob Gerber seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 17 yea votes, 0 nay votes. Randi Owen made a motion to move to a new location for 2009. Bob Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 14 yea votes, 3 nay votes.

New Business

There was no new business at this time.

Past State Director Winnie Joos gave us a little history on the Jumbos. With chapters spread out thru out the state, and having 4 Assistant Directors at the time, Winnie put these 4 Assistant Directors to work during her first time as State Director (1982 thru 1985) and had them bring together the chapters in each of their areas, for a campout. This allowed Winnie and her husband Thane, to visit all the clubs by way of the 4 jumbos. These became very successful.

Al Schattschneider is still working at Quartzsite Arizona . He is looking for members to work at Quartzsite for Good Sam for a week, the last week in January. It is the largest RV show in the Untied States. If interested, contact Al. His E-mail address is the same as it has always been. They estimate over 100,000 campers there, with NO electricity. Those working for Al are paid by Good Sam and are provided a dry-camping site.

After a "Pause for Reflection", Director Jean adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.

/s/ Jim Vetter
State Secretary

OTHER NEWS

The Valley Bummers reported they collected 74 pounds of can pull tabs, which they sold to a scrap dealer receiving \$51.80. There was a matching check of \$51.80 so the Marshfield Ronald McDonald House received \$103.60. There also was a bag of stuffed toys given at the same time.

The Fall State Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2007 at a location to be determined. Watch for your agenda that will have the location and starting time of this meeting.

Camping for the Fall State Committee Meeting is at Lil' Yellow River Campground. The campground is near New Lisbon. From Interstate 90/94, take exit #61. Go 4 miles North on Highway 80. Campground is on the left. Telephone number is 608-562-5355. Call the campground for reservations. Tell them you are reserving for the Good Sam State Committee meeting, as Jean has a number of sites on hold. Plan on a potluck for Saturday evening.