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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 9:35 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2009, at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Saint Croix Falls. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by our State Chaplain, Jack Sampson, roll call was taken. 16 of the 24 chapters (67%) responded. Bay Sammers, God's Country Campers, On the Road Again, Paper Valley Breakaways, Second Chance Sams, S.O.V.E., Valley Bummers, and Yahara Blackhawks 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 25, 2009 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Randi Owen, from the Cranberry Country Cruisers. The motion was approved with 15 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Treasurer Sharon Kreul reported Jean Goossen is the only candidate nominated by the chapters for State Director 2010 thru 2011. Sharon asked three times for any other nominations from the floor. There were none. Ballots will be mailed to all the chapters and are due back by August 15.

Treasurer Sharon reported on the treasurer reports. Randi Owen made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Sheri Osterloft, from Lake-to-Lake Sams. The motion was approved with 14 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

Assistant Director's Reports

Director Jean had a call from Vera Budzinski, Assistant Director, NW, regarding the Northwest Jumbo at Medford. The senior meal, that was normally served Friday noon, will not be available this year. Vera has set up a tour of the Weathershield Factory for Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. Vera is making great progress after her recent surgery.

Rich Neuberger, Assistant Director SE. The 2009 Southeast Jumbo will be held July 10-12 with early bird July 9 after 3:00 p.m. at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Friday is social time (indoor games, campfire and visiting.) Saturday is coffee, outdoor games, chapter meetings, visiting downtown Elkhorn, potluck supper. Rocky Rollers will furnish BBQ & buns for the potluck. Sunday is coffee. Registration is \$4.00 per unit and camping fee is \$22.00 per night. Rocky Rollers are the host chapter.

Director Jean reported there will not be a Southwest Jumbo this year. Cheryl Keene is the new Assistant Director SW.

Wayne Schuette, Assistant Director NE. Their Jumbo is July 31 thru August 2, 2009 with early bird parking after 1:00 p.m. on July 30 at Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth. Registration fee is \$12.00 per unit before July 15 or \$15.00 per unit after July 16. Camping is \$20.00 per night with electricity, or just the registration fee without electricity. There will be outdoor games, card bingo, ice cream social, and a potluck supper. There is a free 3 hour tour of Kohler Company on Friday morning leaving the fairgrounds at 8:00 a.m. (must be 14 or over). Those on the tour must wear enclosed shoes. No sandals. This is due to hot sparks. Attend stock car races on Saturday from a reduced fee. The Winnebago Wanderers will serve Saturday morning breakfast, fee to be determined. There will be a church service Sunday morning.

Elwood Elliott, Assistant Director NW, (with added information from Don Smith from the Black River Ramblers.) Northwest Jumbo is July 14-26, 2009 with early bird after 3:00 p.m. on July 23 at Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford. Enter the fairgrounds from highway 13. The highway 64 entrance has been redone but rigs may still bottom out. The cost this year is \$25.00 for the entire weekend, which includes camping, bingo, Saturday morning pancake breakfast (bring your own meat) ice cream and cake Friday night. There will be a potluck supper Saturday night. There will be a concertina band on Thursday evening. There is an old car show in the city park that weekend. Chapter assignments are:

Host Chapter/coffee	Black River Ramblers (after 1:30 p.m. Thursday)
Parking	Kinnic Kampers (after noon Thursday)
Ice Cream & Bingo	Wisingles
Pancake Breakfast	Apple River Drifters
Pot Luck Supper	Marshlanders
Games	Saw Dust City Sams

Old Business

Jim Eggert, Equipment Manager, did some research on a replacement popcorn popper. He found used poppers in the \$400 plus range for an 8 oz. Kettle. Another option is to borrow one for free, but we would have to purchase from them the popcorn/oil system for \$35.00 for a 24 pound box. This would give us 192 oz. of popcorn. We would use 2 boxes per night. We would have to pick up the unit from Burlington and return it when we are through with it. Another option was a larger used popper, 10 years old, for \$600.00. He found a brand new 8 oz. kettle popper on the internet for \$280.00 plus shipping, from Colorado. It will make approximately 140 bags per hour. Director Jean

reported Jim went through a lot of work with this research. There are several things to consider. Where would we store this popper if we purchased one? Our trailer is full. If we used a rental popper where we purchased the popcorn/oil box, using two boxes per night for three nights, that is \$210.00 for the popcorn, each Samboree. Director Jean tried to borrow a popper, but no one in the Saint Croix Falls area was willing to do this, mainly due to liability in case someone got burned with the hot oil. Rentals were looked at with a cost of \$50.00 per day plus \$35.00 a box for the popcorn/oil package. Randi Owen made a motion to table this until our fall meeting so it can be discussed in our chapter meetings. Dolly Eggert, from the Milwaukee Roamers, seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 15 yea votes, 0 nay votes. Al Demaske, from the Jack Pine Travelers will check with Holiday Wholesale in the Wisconsin Dells Area.

Saint Croix Falls Cinema is making the popcorn for this Samboree at no cost. We only have to furnish the bags.

Our Fall 2009 State Committee Meeting is at Traveler's Inn in New Lisbon on September 19, 2009. Travelers Inn is also tentatively booked for our Spring 2010 and Fall 2010 meetings, but Jean will check with Hustler to see if we can meet there for the two 2010 meetings. Hustler is about \$50.00 less expensive than Travelers Inn.

New Business

The 2010 Wisconsin Samboree will be at Brown County Fairgrounds in DePere. The week after this Samboree is the upper Michigan Samboree in Escanaba. This will help us as travelers can come to our Samboree and continue on to Michigan. Many registration forms have already been sent to a number of states.

We have 220 rigs on the grounds here in Saint Croix Falls. This is the first time in recent years that everyone that pre-registered, showed up.

Director Jean has realigned some of the chapters. On the Road Again and the Bell Ringers are now assigned to the Southeast Assistant Directors, Rich and Bonnie Neuberger. Cheryl Keene is the new Assistant Director for the Southwest.

For the Good of the Organization:

Presently, the Sam-A-Grams are mailed to each chapter President for distribution to their chapter members. Some of these chapter Presidents are gone for the winter, so the Sam-A-Gram envelope is forwarded (or not forwarded at all) to a winter address. The President may not get home until late April or May. This delays getting these to the chapter members. If your chapter President is gone for the winter, please designate someone in your chapter to receive the Sam-A-Grams. Because our Sam-A-Gram editors, Bonnie & Randi Owen, are moving to Alaska in September, you may send this information to Jim Vetter, 1601 Redwood Dr., Apt. 104, Hudson, WI 54016-9404. He will send the list to Randi once we receive his new address. Randi has indicated he still intends to do the Sam-A-Gram and the Website from Alaska. He needs to receive the chapter news information for printing in the Sam-A-Gram as soon as possible, with a cut off date of February 15. He will mail these from Alaska. The postmark could even be the

North Pole. E-mail is the fastest way to get the information to Randi. His e-mail is editor@wigooodsam.org.

There was a suggestion that since a number of older Good Sammers do not have computers, they need directions how to find the Samboree grounds.

Director Jean reported that International is doing a test with the July issue of Highways magazine. It will only be available on the Internet. There will not be a paper copy for July.

After a Pause for Reflection, by State Chaplain Jack Sampson, Director Jean adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

/s/ Jim Vetter
State Secretary