



The World's Largest RV Owners Organization

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 10:06 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2008, at the Tomah Recreation Park in Tomah. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by our State Chaplain, Jack Sampson, the roll call was taken. 16 of the 24 chapters (67%) responded. Bay Sammers, Black River Ramblers, God's Country Campers, Marshlanders, 2nd Chance Sams, Valley Bummers, Winnebago Wanderers and Wolf River Wanderers did not have a representative at this meeting.

Bernie Kreul, from the Yellow Thunder Sams, made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2008 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Randi Owen, from the Cranberry Country Cruisers. The motion was approved with 13 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Jim Welcing, from Shawano Area Campers, made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Sheri Osterloth, from the Lake-to-Lake Sams. The motion was approved with 14 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Correspondence

Director Jean received a letter from Robin Dickson, President/CEO of Dogs for the Deaf. There is a balance in our account with them of \$4,025.99 from 2003. The cost to place a dog is \$5,000.00, so there is a balance of \$974.01 needed to place another dog. Five options were listed in this letter. See attached copy of this letter. Mel Crawford, from the Rocky Rollers, made a motion to send the remaining \$974.01 to complete another full sponsorship for a dog to be placed in Wisconsin. Randi Owen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 14 yea votes, 0 nay votes. Al Demaske, from the Jack Pine Travelers, made a motion to send our donation of \$500.00 to Dogs for the Deaf and make up the difference of \$474.01. Ron Cater, from the Saw Dust City Sams, seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 14 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Assistant Director's Reports

Rich Neuberger, Assistant Director SE. Director Jean reported for Rich. The Southwest Jumbo was held last weekend at the Walworth County Fairgrounds at Elkhorn. They had a small but enthusiastic crowd. This was partly due to the Jumbo being so early with many other things going on, like graduations. Next year will go back to having this in July, the weekend after the 4th.

Director Jean is still looking for someone to be Assistant Director, SW. If interested or know of someone, let her know.

Wayne Schuette, Assistant Director NE. Their Jumbo is July 31 (after 1:00 p.m.), August 1-3 at Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth. Pre-registration forms are available on the table by registration. Activities include outdoor games, card bingo, a free 3 hour tour of Kohler Company, reduced fee for stock car races, ice cream social, potluck supper on Saturday, morning coffee and cookies and a Saturday morning breakfast.

Elwood Elliott, Assistant Director NW. Vera Budzinski had hip replacement last Tuesday, but plans to be at the Northwest Jumbo at Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford, July 25-27 with early bird after 3:00 p.m. on July 24. The cost is \$20.00 per rig for the entire weekend, including ice cream, Samgo and a pancake breakfast (bring your own meat if you so choose). There will be a potluck supper Saturday night. Be sure to enter the fairgrounds from highway 13, as the entrance from highway 64 is steep and rigs will bottom out. We gave Taylor County \$75.00 last year toward electrical improvements.

Director Jean reported she talked with Vera yesterday. She sounded marvelous. She is out of the hospital and into a swing bed facility and may be released from the hospital next Wednesday.

Director Jean reported "The Rally" for 2008 is in Albuquerque, New Mexico April 17-20. The will attend the rally and would like as many Wisconsin rigs as possible to attend. Those coming home from their winter locations will have the opportunity to stop at the Rally.

Old Business

Director Jean is looking for ideas to improve the layout of the Samboree Task Listing. It was felt the design is fine.

Not all the tasks this year had volunteers. Do we want to stay like we do now, or go back to having a host chapter or two to put on the Samboree? What do we need to bring more participation by all our chapters? The chapters that discussed this with their members all felt we should continue the volunteer method as we currently do.

Next year's Samboree is scheduled for the Polk County Fairgrounds at St. Croix Falls. The theme is "North to Alaska". There are more than just Eskimos and sled dogs in Alaska.

We have not selected a sight for the 2010 Samboree, but will be checking the success of the Northeast Jumbo at Sheboygan County Fairgrounds at Plymouth as a possible location. Tomah will be the sight for the 2011 and the 2014 Samborees. Bernie Kreul brought up that the location for the 2010 Samboree is in doubt, because of not being in the central part of the state. The 2009 in Polk County will be a test as to how many will travel across the state to get to the Samboree. He has checked, and the Tomah facility is available in 2010. With the gas prices, do we keep moving the Samboree out further, or get them back into the central part of Wisconsin? We need to check out more grounds to see what is available that would fit our needs and be reasonable in price. Randi Owen asked if we could make our Samborees in Tomah a week earlier so we don't have the problem with the tractor pull people coming in while we still have the grounds. Bernie Kreul made a motion to have the 2010 Samboree in Tomah. Greg Hawley, from the Yahara Blackhawks seconded the motion. Don Lander, our new Veterans Coordinator, indicated he would like a chance to speak with the Mayor of Marshfield regarding all the hassles we have had in using that fairgrounds and see if a one price for everything could be worked out. Don lives in Marshfield. Assistant Director NE Wayne Schuette asked that we wait and see how the Jumbo at Plymouth works. He has spent a lot of time and effort working on that location. Bernie and Greg amended their motion to table this until the Fall State Committee Meeting. The motion was approved with 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Director Jean will talk to Tomah about holding the 2010 date for us until our fall meeting.

A discussion on disposal of the gas fired coffee maker and the gas fired popcorn popper was followed with a motion by Randi Owen to sell these items. Mel Crawford seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

New Business

Director Jean is looking into starting a chapter in the Ashland area. There were some first timers interested in this.

New staff members were introduced:

Horst Schaller is our State Musician.

Don Lander is our Veterans Coordinator.

Bonnie Neuberger is our Safety Coordinator.

For the Good of the Organization:

A reminder to get your list of donations to Sharon Kreul.

Bonnie Neuberger has talked with the new Camping World store in Madison. They would very much like to meet all the chapters. They have many activities going on during the weekends and we would be more than welcome to set up at these events.

Dolly Eggert, from the Milwaukee Roamers asked what was going to happen to the old sound system. Randi Owen is going to try to fix it enough so it could be used. He will know by the Fall meeting. If he can't fix it, we would try to sell it for the parts that can be used.

Al Demaske asked for our thoughts on how we compared to last year with the number attending the Samboree. Director Jean reported that all the Samborees this year are experiencing lower numbers. It is the economy and high fuel costs, along with weather conditions.

Rob Cater reminded everyone that the chapter presidents or their designated representatives should be in the front at these meetings.

After a Pause for Reflection by Chaplain Jack Sampson, Ron Cater made a motion to adjourn. Sheri Osterloth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

/s/ Jim Vetter
State Secretary