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THE GOOD SAM CLUB

September 18, 2004

The Fall State Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Good Sam Organization was called to order by Director Al Schattschneider at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 18, 2004, 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, Winnebago Wanderers, Wisingles and Wolf River Wanderers did not have a representative at this meeting.

Marc Polsean, from God's Country Campers, made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2004 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Richard Campbell, from the Yellow Thunder Sams. The motion was approved with 20 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Erin's Dad (Jim Welcing), from the Shawno Area Campers, made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Marc Polsean. The motion was approved with 20 yea votes, 0 nay votes. The report showed a June 19, 2004 balance of \$40,788.44 and a September 18, 2004 balance of \$37,608.87. There is a balance of \$324.67 in the account for "Dogs for the Deaf", WAGS & Leader Dog". Samboree receipts totaled \$17,214.76. Samboree disbursements totaled \$12,918.03, for a gain of \$4,296.73. Treasurer Sharon Kreul requested that chapters making checks payable to "Dogs for the Deaf", "WAGS" or "Leader Dog", send the checks direct to these organizations. Sharon can not deposit checks that are not payable to Wisconsin Good Sam.

Director Al submitted the budget for 2005. Berneita Wienke, from the Kinnic Kampers, made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Everett Burrows, from the Valley Bummies. The motion was approved with 20 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Correspondence

Director Al received information from Inez Greenwald, Chapter Coordinator from the Good Sam Club Headquarters, approving the amendment to our State Constitution and By-laws, Article VII - Meetings, that was voted on at our June meeting.

Chapter rosters are included in your packet today. Only this official form is accepted by International. Do not use any other form, blue sheet, spread sheet, etc. The check for state dues must be included when you submit this form. Indicate which members are

included in the check by marking "paid" by their name, since some members belong to more than one chapter, but only pay state dues to one chapter. Cross off names that are no longer members. Send the updated roster and the dues check to Sharon Kreul, 1402 Ellen Avenue, Madison, WI 53716-1541. Do not send direct to International. Send as soon as possible, but no later than November 1, 2004.

The Wisingsles chapter had the highest increase in chapter membership for 2003 in Wisconsin and received \$50.00 from International Headquarters.

Director Al presented the chapter charter to Bob and Judy Hansen, President of our newest chapter, the Second Chance Sams. They are looking for members.

A thank you was received from "Dogs for the Deaf". We still do not have a name for someone in Wisconsin in need of a dog.

A thank you was also received from "WAGS". Chapters that sent donations direct to them also received thank you letters.

Al reported on the Region 3 State Director's meeting held in Minnesota. Samboree dates were discussed. For 2005, the only region 3 Samborees on the same weekend are us and South Dakota. There is a possibility of having a Region 3 Samboree. No site has been identified, but an Iowa site is being checked out. There will be a new Region 3 patch and some changes in the requirements for obtaining one. The new sheets will be available once they are finalized.

Assistant Director's Reports

Elwood Elliott, 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.

Elwood also reported that the father in the "Songbirds" group that has performed at a couple of our Samborees recently had a stroke and was in a coma and on life support. He is now breathing on his own. He is only 43 years old. This is the family with all the young kids.

Elwood reminded everyone that the entertainment on Wednesday evening, involves everyone. Pass the word to your chapter members, that anything they wish to perform, whether individually or as a group, is acceptable. This is just for fun. Let Elwood now prior to the Samboree what you plan to do, or even let him know the day of the Samboree.

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. There will not be a host chapter. Potluck on Saturday night.

Alice Roundy represented Pat Kelly, Assistant Director SW. Yellow Thunder Sams hosted the 2004 Jumbo and it was a big success. There were 40 rigs. Nothing is set up yet for 2005, but plans are to continue with the second weekend of September.

There was no one here from the Northeast, but they are hoping to again hold the Jumbo at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds in Weyauwega with tentative dates of August 12-14, 2005.

Old Business

Changes to ARTICLE VIII STANDING RULES

There was much discussion regarding some of the proposed standing rule changes. The Apple River Drifters pointed out there was nothing in these changes regarding the annual International State Director's meeting. They also questioned the reimbursement for the Wisconsin Samboree, since the State Director, along with out of state Region 3 State Directors are automatically comped for the state Samboree. Richard Campbell asked the by-law committee if they have checked with other states to see how they handle this. This was not checked. Linda Hanson, from the Marshlanders, suggested we set an annual dollar amount cap every three years. Jim Vetter explained why standing rule #2 was written. Back when we had 2 Samborees plus the Mid Winter Meeting, chapter delegates attending the Mid Winter meeting were each paid \$25.00 by the state organization. When this was discontinued, standing rule #2 was written.

Two of the three committee chapters were attending this meeting, Marc Polsean, Jim & Dolly Eggert left the room for a short time to discuss the proposal. Following their return, they updated their proposed changes to include only the following:

Delete Standing Rule #1, A rotation system shall be maintained to determine the Host Chapter for the Samborees.

Change Standing Rule #2 to read: There shall be no expense fee paid to any delegate who attends state meetings.

Add new Standing Rule: The State Director shall be reimbursed for airline ticket, registration & fuel expense not to exceed a total of \$3,000 per year, upon submitting receipts for the above expenses for attending the International State Director's meeting, the International RV Rally, out of state Region 3 Samborees and any Wisconsin State Jumbos, effective January 1, 2005. This rule shall be reviewed every three years.

Alice Roundy, from the Yahara Blackhawks, made a motion to accept the revised changes to the standing rules. The motion was seconded by Linda Hanson, from the Marshlanders. The motion was approved with 17 yea votes, 3 nay votes.

New Business

Locations for next year's state meetings were discussed.

Choices for the April 30, 2005 meeting include here in Mauston with camping at Lil' Yellow River Campground, or meeting and camping at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds in Weyauwega. The vote taken, after adding in the vote from the by-law committee that was out of the room, was 10 for Mauston, 7 for Weyauwega.

Choices for the September 17, 2005 state meeting include Mauston with camping at Lil' Yellow River Campground, or Holiday Lodge Golf Resort and RV Park near Wyville. This is just east of Tomah. The vote taken was 11 for Mauston, 7 for Holiday Lodge.

Popcorn at the Samboree was discussed, including possibly serving during the evening event or buying a popcorn machine and serving it all day. The show type entertainers don't like popcorn being served during their performance, as it is very distracting. It was decided to continue as we have, with popcorn after the evening entertainment.

The 2005 Samboree is our 35th anniversary. Each chapter should bake and bring a quarter sheet cake (13x9) for every 12 persons attending from their chapter. Include chapter identification on the cake. There will be a cake decorating contest. The state will provide a large sheet cake. All the chapter cakes will be placed around this cake to make one big block of cake. It was suggested that the cakes be baked in an aluminum pan, instead of trying to get all the cake pans back to their owners. The cake will be served on Saturday, along with Culver's frozen custard.

Al is checking into "Best Ball Golf", possibly Friday morning. The V.A. has a nine hole golf course near Tomah. The cost will be around \$15.00 per person. Chapters should let Al know how many members are interested in this. Send Al an email, so there is time to set this up if enough members are interested.

The Samboree task list was updated.

Personal invites will be sent by Sharon Jasper to all Past State Directors, for the flag ceremony.

Door prizes should be marked either "Door prize" or "Blue light special". Also include a card with the donor information, so the member receiving the prize may send a Thank You.

No chapters have volunteered to help with the indoor games. Please contact Al if your chapter can assist with these. Otherwise, there will be NO indoor games.

Fire Watch will be one chapter per night, not fire watch after midnight.

Bring the "pull tabs" from aluminum cans. They will be turned over to the Ronald McDonald House. If your chapter already saves these for a particular organization,

continue to do so. If not, please bring to the Samboree. Kinnic Kampers will coordinate this. This will also be posted on our web site.

Gordon Langer, from the Jackpine Travelers, presented a list of fairgrounds he has checked for possible sites for 2006. They include Richland Center, Merrill, Manitowoc Expo Center, Beaver Dam, Weyauwega and Black River Falls. Most of these are too expensive for our Samboree, with the camping fee at \$15.00 per night, which does not include the building rental and all the other fees.

Luxenberg is still interested in giving us the same package for 2006 as they offered for 2005.

Linda Hanson made a motion to stay with Tomah for 2006. The motion was seconded by Jim Eggert, from the Milwaukee Roamers. The motion was approved with 17 yea votes, 1 nay vote.

Webmaster Randi Owen reported that due to time constraints, there will not be a fall Sam-a-Gram. The deadline for submitting items for the spring Sam-a-Gram is February 1. Either email or regular mail. This includes the chapter 2005 camping schedules. There have been over 600 hits to our website since April. Presently there are only 11 chapters that have something on the website. Our website is www.wigoodsam.org. Include a contact name for your chapter and the email address. If the chapter president does not have email, appoint someone in your chapter that has email to be the contact person.

Submit current chapter of the year information by year end but not before November 1.

Clean-up days at Buckhorn State Park. Contact Curt & Linda Hanson if interested in helping.

Bill Malicki, from S.O.V.E. made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bob Hendrickson, from the Wishigan Sams. The motion was approved with 18 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Jim
Vetter
State Secretary

OTHER INFORMATION

The Spring State Committee meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2005 at the Mauston Oasis, W5641 Hwy 82, Mauston. This is just off Interstate 90/94 at Highway 82, on the Southeast Corner. Their telephone number is 608-847-6543. Watch for your agenda that will have the starting time of this meeting.

Camping for the state 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 AI has a number of sites on hold.

CHARITABLE GROUP ADDRESSES

Dogs for the Deaf, 10175 Wheeler Rd, Central Point, OR 97502 (Telephone: 541-826-9220)

WAGS (Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs), P.O. Box 7203, Madison, WI (Telephone: 608-241-9247)

Leader Dog, 1039 S Rochester Road, Rochester, MI 48063 (Telephone: 313-651-9011)