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THE GOOD SAM CLUB

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The Fall State Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Good Sam Organization was called to order by Director Jean Goossen at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2010, at the Hustler Community Hall in Hustler. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, roll call was taken. 16 of the 23 chapters (70%) responded. God's Country Campers, Paper Valley Breakaways, Rocky Rollers, S.O.V.E., Stars & Stripes Military Chapter, Winnebago Wanderers and Yahara Blackhawks did not have a representative at this meeting.

Dolly Eggert, from the Milwaukee Roamers, made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2010 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Sheri Osterloth, from Lake-2-Lake Sams. The motion was approved with 15 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Treasurer Sharon Kreul reported on the treasurer reports. Sheri Osterloth made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Dolly Eggert. The motion was approved with 15 yea votes, 0 nay votes. The report showed on June 19, 2010 a balance of \$32,800.70 and a September 18, 2010 balance of \$31,449.82. There is a balance of \$1,082.46 in the account for "Dogs for the Deaf". The Youth account has a balance of \$987.26. Profit/Loss for the past three Samborees is as follows:

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

Director Jean talked about the increasing costs of Samborees. This is happening all over. Attendance is down. DePere is an expensive fairgrounds and our turn out was less than expected. One way to increase attendance is better participation by chapters and chapters looking for new members. Jean is looking for ideas on how to increase attendance.

Correspondence

Letter received from the Association of Hole in the Wall camps thanking our youth group for their donation of \$200.00. This camp provides a camping experience to children with serious illness and life threatening conditions at no charge to the families.

Letter received from the Greater Green Bay Chamber of Commerce thanking us for selecting the Green Bay Area for our 2010 Samboree.

Letter received from Jim & Judie Frcka, Illinois State Director. Wisconsin had 19 rigs there. Judie was taken to the hospital at the start of the Samboree, so things she was scheduled for had to be done by others. In addition, their Friday night entertainment did not show up. Thanks to Horst Schaller & Jim Enneper, they had music and were well received as a replacement. The letter thanked the Wisconsin delegation for all they did to make the Illinois Samboree a success.

Director Jean reported she receives many inquiries from our website regarding joining a chapter. These are forwarded to the chapter. Most of these only have a name and an email address but indicate which chapter they would like to join. We need to follow up on these.

Assistant Director's Reports

Director Jean reported that Jim & Connie Enneper are the new Southeast Assistant Directors. They replace Rich & Bonnie Neuberger, who have resigned and are planning on retiring to Oklahoma in January.

Jim Enneper, Assistant Director SE. Next year's SE Jumbo will be July 7-10 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn.

Cheryl Keene, Assistant Director SW. Next year's SW Jumbo is August 18-20 at Wanna-Bee Campgrounds, Wisconsin Dells. There will be a potluck Saturday night followed by a campfire. May also do bingo.

Wayne Schuette, Assistant Director NE. There were 41 rigs at this year's Jumbo. Next year's NE Jumbo will be August 11-14, at either Manitowoc or Luxemburg. It will us the same format as previous NE Jumbos.

Vera Budzinski, Assistant Director, NW. 41 rigs attended this year's Jumbo, tied with NE Jumbo. A donation of \$200 was given to Taylor County Fairgrounds. This will be used to purchase coffee pots and juice containers. There will be a sign that these were donated by the Good Sam Medford Jumbo and anyone using the building may use these at no charge. The 2011 NW Jumbo will be July 21 (after 3:00 p.m.) to July 24 at Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford. Chapter assignments and arrival times are as follows:

Parking:	Top-O-Wisconsin after 12:00 p.m. Thursday
Coffee	Apple River Drifters after 1:00 p.m. Thursday
Host Chapter/Registration	Saw Dust City Sams after 2:00 p.m. Thursday
Everyone else	after 3:00 p.m. Thursday
Ice Cream & Bingo	Black River Ramblers
Pancake Breakfast	Wisingles
Pot Luck Supper	Marshlanders
Games	Kinnic Kampers

Highway 13 is expected to be closed during next year's Jumbo. Plans are to use the far entrance on Highway 64. The first entrance is still steep for a lot of rigs.

Elwood Elliott, Assistant Director NW. Vera does a good job. Nothing else to report.

Jim Enneper, Samboree Coordinator. Next year's Samboree is at Tomah, June 15-19 with early bird on June 14. Tours being planned include Fort McCoy (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. Only buses are allowed at Fort McCoy. No passenger cars. Wednesday evening is local talent (Elwood and friends). Thursday night is a sing-a-long. Friday night is a polka band. Saturday night is tentatively Maggie Mae, a Country Western singer. The Wisconsin State Patrol will be there on Wednesday and Thursday to weigh rigs at no charge for those interested. The catered meal is a possible stuffed pork chop meal.

Old Business

Jim Vetter reported on an upcoming rule change for raffles. The rule change affects the "Bucket raffles". The way we had been doing the Blue Light Special was illegal. The Wisconsin Dept. of Charitable Gaming sent an interpretation to all license holders that each bucket raffle was a separate raffle and therefore each bucket required its own set of tickets. The other option was to sell one ticket for everything and then draw. The first winner got their choice of items, the next winner selected from the remaining items, etc. The proposed rule change would allow us to do as we have been doing, dropping tickets in the various buckets. Until the rule change is finalized, the current rule on bucket raffles will not be enforced. There still will be the requirement that tickets are sold and drawn on the same day.

Director Jean reported we are applying for the class B license now, so it will come due for renewal at this time of the year, not during a Samboree. This license will include Jumbo and Chapter raffles. There is a limit of 200 raffles per year. Hopefully, not all chapters do raffles. For example, if each of the 23 chapters did 10 raffles a year, we would be over the 200.

Director Jean gave a recap on the 2010 Samboree. We had 215 rigs. Green Bay was a nice facility. The grounds were clean. Everyone that was there seemed to have a good time. Evaluation sheets were collected. The biggest complaint was time between events and location of some of the activities. Some indicated had they known the catered meal was a fish boil; they would not have had it. One commented that after they had the fish boil, they enjoyed it. Sambassadors Dave & Patty Morgen attended our Samboree. We saved about \$300.00 on the bus charges since the driver lived near the fairgrounds and went home when he wasn't driving. Everyone enjoyed the Sunday church service. The hot dog lunch was enjoyed by all.

Director Jean is hoping for a huge turnout for the Tomah Samboree next year. Tomah is less expensive but the electric is not as good as DePere was.

Jim Vetter reported on the Passport Rate we started at this year's Samboree. We had two family units that attended the Samboree but did not camp on the grounds. There were charged \$35.00 for the week which entitled them to all the activities the rest had.

Director Jean went thru the task list for the 2011 Samboree. Many tasks were signed up at this time. Those remaining will be looked at again at the Spring meeting in April.

New Business

Director Jean reported that next year is election year for State Director. Jean and Dave will not be running for State Director. Nominations will be received at the June meeting in Tomah. Anyone nominated must sign that they would accept the State Director position if elected. International recognizes it takes a couple to run the state, but only one person is listed as the state director. Michigan nominated a couple and ended up redoing the nomination process.

Director Jean reported on chapter roster instructions. International is cleaning up the records, so every chapter roster now starts from scratch. She emailed two files to those chapter presidents that had an email address. The two files are exactly the same. One is for use on Excel. Use the .xlsx file. Type the information in the open Excel file and email to Jean at dgoossen@amery.net. If not one has Excel, please print the .pdf file on legal size paper (8-1/2x14), fill in the information for each member and either scan and email to Jean or send to her at 853 138th St., Amery, WI 54001. Be sure you fill in your chapter name at the very top of each page. All rosters must be returned by November 15. Social members do not go on the roster.

Send your state dues to Sharon Kreul with a note stating your chapter name and number of rigs.

Cheryl Keene reminded everyone to get their articles for the Sam-A-Gram to Randi Owen by February 15. Fastest way is email since it takes longer for snail mail to reach Alaska.

The Spring State Committee Meeting will be April 30, 2011. The Fall meeting will be October 1, 2011. Both meetings are at Hustler Community Hall.

For the Good of the Organization:

Ron Cater, from the Sawdust Cities Sams, commented that when our state organization was started, we started with zero dollars. Over the years, we have built up a reserve fund. We are now using this. We need to get young members involved. We don't see younger members at the Samborees any more.

Wayne Schuette stated as they camp and find Good Sam members from Wisconsin; he invites them to attend Wisconsin activities. He talked with six at Nashville on Good Sam day. Five attended his Jumbo. All it takes is an invite.

Jim Vetter reported in the August 2010 Highways was information on a 15 percent discount at U.P.S. Stores. Jim took the article to the U.P.S. store in Hudson. After

explaining to them what Good Sam was, they made a copy of the article. The next time he was in the store, there was a Good Sam emblem in the corner of the door.

After a Pause for Reflection, Director Jean adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

/s/ Jim Vetter
State Secretary