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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 10:10 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at the Traveler's Inn in New Lisbon. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, roll call was taken. 13 of the 24 chapters (54%) responded. Bell Ringer's, God's Country Campers, On the Road Again, Paper Valley Breakaways, Rocky Rollers, Sawdust Cities Sams, Second Chance Sams, Shawano Area Campers, S.O.V.E., Valley Bummers, and Winnebago Wanderers did not have a representative at this meeting.

Alice Roundy, from the Yellow Thunder Sams, made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2009 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Dolly Eggert, from the Milwaukee Roamers. The motion was approved with 13 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Treasurer Sharon Kreul received the official word from International Headquarters that Jean Goossen is the State Director for 2010 thru 2011. Jean received a round of applause.

Treasurer Sharon reported on the treasurer reports. Sherri Osterloft, from Lake-2-Lake Sams, made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Jim Huppert, from the Apple River Drifters. The motion was approved with 13 yea votes, 0 nay votes. The report showed a June 20, 2009 balance of \$36,623.18 and a September 19, 2009 balance of \$34,827.30. There is a balance of \$938.51 in the account for "Dogs for the Deaf". The Youth account has a balance of \$935.26. Our 2009 Samboree at St. Croix Falls had income of \$21,029.77, expenses of \$15,904.55, leaving a profit of \$5,125.22.

Director Jean asked for nominations for State Treasurer for 2010 thru 2011. Alice Roundy nominated Sharon Kreul. Mike Schmitt, from the Black River Ramblers, seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. There were 13 yea votes, 0 nay votes, to elect Sharon Kreul.

Correspondence

The only correspondence was the letter from headquarters electing Jean as our State Director 2010 thru 2011.

Assistant Director's Reports

Rich Neuberger, Assistant Director SE, was unable to attend. Their Jumbo will be at the same location next year about the same dates as this year's Jumbo. More information will be available at the April meeting.

Cheryl Keene, Assistant Director SW. Working on a Jumbo for 2010. More information in Spring as to dates, location and format.

Wayne Schuette, Assistant Director NE. Their Jumbo was a success. Everyone enjoyed it. Toured Kohler Company. Had an ice cream social and a potluck. Next year's Jumbo will be August 12-15 at the fairgrounds in Luxemburg. There will be a golf outing.

Vera Budzinski, Assistant Director, NW. Vera would like a copy of her chapter rosters. Northwest Jumbo was held July 24 to 26, 2009 at Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford. There were 54 rigs. It was the 25th anniversary for the Jumbo in Medford. The Medford mayor presented a Certificate of Recognition to celebrate the 25 years. A tour of Weathershield product testing was well attended. Next year's dates are July 22-25. Chapter assignments and arrival times are as follows:

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

There will be golf. Downtown receipts totaled \$2,841.31 and does not include purchases for gas etc. after leaving.

Old Business

Director Jean gave a recap of the 2009 Samboree. There were 222 rigs including 83 from Minnesota. That is the most we have had in several years. Most of the negative comments had to do with the condition of the grounds. The buildings needed cleaning when we arrived. This has been addressed with the Polk County Fair Society.

The 2010 Samboree is at Brown County Fairgrounds in DePere, June 17-20 with early bird June 15&16. Jim & Connie Enneper, from the Bay Samers, have been working hard setting up tours and our catered meal which is a fish boil. Fish boils are very popular in this area. The week following our Samboree is the Upper Michigan Samboree at Escanaba which is about 125 miles from Green Bay. Michigan is promoting our

Samboree and we are promoting their Samboree. One chapter from Minnesota is intending to caravan as a group to our Samboree and then continue to Michigan. Director Jean stated we really need more participation from our Wisconsin chapters. We need to support our activities. We need to come up with an incentive to get more chapters attending our Samboree. Perhaps a contest for the chapter with the most percentage of members attending and receive a monetary award for their chapter.

Director Jean indicated the costs to rent most fairgrounds have been going up. Our Samboree next year will be expensive because the grounds are expensive. There is electricity for 200 rigs, so we will also use our cords to provide additional electricity. We do not need to make a deposit for electricity like we do at other locations. We should receive a check from Polk County Fair as soon as they can come up with a rate for electricity because they are metered on time of day rates. Tomah has us down for 2011, but we have not settled on a price. Director Jean signed a letter in intent to return to Polk County Fairgrounds in 2012, but this will be up to the new State Director in 2012. Many members Jean talks with like the Samboree rotation idea.

We tabled the purchase of a popcorn popper at our summer meeting. If we purchase one, we need to maintain it, store it, and purchase the popcorn/oil packages for it. Our trailer is getting very full. Assistant Director NE, Wayne Schuette, did some searching. Most poppers are about the same price. The corn/oil packages are expensive. His suggestion was to purchase our popcorn, already popped, like theaters do. For \$27.50, we could buy a 50 pound bag of already popped popcorn. Wayne tried some samples. It was very good quality. Wayne took some of this to the Illinois Samboree at Henry and had some Wisconsin members taste it. By then, it was three weeks old. They all said it was very good. This popcorn is supposed to be good for three months. They deliver on Thursdays to Green Bay. All we have to do is order it and have it delivered to the fairgrounds. Dolly Eggert made a motion to not purchase a popcorn popper. Mark Tuma, from Top-O-Wisconsin, seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 13 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Director Jean would like to dispose of the old sound system. Wayne has the speakers at his house. Cheryl Keene has the amplifiers in her car. This system is very old and one of the amplifiers has failed. Parts are no longer available. Jean had someone that might be interested in it, if we didn't charge too much for it. Dolly Eggert made a motion that we sell the old system for whatever we can get for it or just dispose of it. Sheri Osterloft seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 13 yea votes, 0 nay votes. An offer was made to purchase this for \$10.00. Sold!

We still have an issue with the mailing of the Sam-A-Grams. Currently, they are sent in the spring to the Chapter Presidents. Some of these Presidents are still at their winter location. This delays the chapter members receiving them. It is suggested that if a Chapter President is gone for the winter, the chapter should designate a member to receive these. Please let Randi Owen know the name and address of the member these should be sent to. Since Randi now lives in Alaska, the fastest way to get this to him is by E-mail. His E-mail address is webmaster@wigooodsam.org. For those who only have snail mail available his address is: Randi Owen, 814D Third Street, PO Box 31405, Fort Greely, AK 99731. (NOTE: The Winnebago Wanderers have already supplied this info to the State Secretary and it will be forwarded to Randi.)

The Chapter packets handed out at this meeting contains a roster. Please review this roster and make any changes, subtractions and additions. Indicate your chapter officers in the left column. Check the membership expiration dates. If expired, check with your member. The column on the right indicates if you are a Crimson Circle member. If you have a brand new member to Good Sam that has submitted their membership, include on the roster and write "pending" as a membership number. The last page includes a place to list dates and location if you adopt a highway or park. Return these rosters to Sharon Kreul by November 15, along with your check for the state dues of \$5.00 for each member. Do NOT send this to International. Good Sam still awards \$50.00 to the state chapter with the largest membership increase.

New Business

Our Spring 2010 State Committee Meeting is at the Hustler Community Hall in Hustler on April 17, 2010. The Fall 2010 State Committee Meeting is also at Hustler Community Hall on September 18, 2010. Both meetings are scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

Director Jean asked Jim Enneper to review what he has done so far for the 2010 Samboree. Jim reported the first night of entertainment has been taken care of. He is talking to 4 groups for the next two night's entertainment. The fish boil is almost all lined up. He has two people to work the boilers. This will be done outside. The people involved put on a show when they do this. There is a wood fire under the pots. Just before the fish are done, they add kerosene to the fire. It flames up and the water boils over removing the salt. There is a tour of Lambeau Field and the Packer Hall of Fame. There is also a tour of Heritage Hill State Park. Allow about 2-1/2 hours to go thru the park. Every building will be open. You will see people doing their chores, for example if it is a blacksmith shop. Admission charge to the park will be \$5.00. Normally, it is \$8.00. He has bus shuttles set up for all the tours.

Director Jean indicated we had to rent the entire camping area at the fairgrounds in DePere from Monday thru Sunday. This is so we have the entire campground to ourselves. Camping for Monday thru Wednesday is \$20.00 per night. Members, other than staff, coming on Monday need to let Tom Roundy know.

Director Jean is waiting for the contract for Tomah for 2011.

Director Jean would like an E-mail address for each chapter so she can get information to the chapter presidents.

Included in the packets today is a pamphlet entitled "The Idea Exchange for Chapter Officers".

Samboree task list for 2010 was updated.

Wayne Schuette reported we need 440 red potatoes, size B, and 220 medium size onions, about 2 inch, for the fish boil. If anyone knows of a grower that we could get these from, let Wayne know.

It was brought up that the Illinois Samboree had fruit in addition to cookies in hospitality. Chapters could bring a bag of apples, for example, in addition to the cookies.

For the Good of the Organization:

Jim Eggert thanked those that attended the Illinois Samboree at Henry. There were 19 rigs from Wisconsin. We were ten percent of their total. 186 rigs attended the Samboree. Wisconsin helped them with security detail and judging. Jim, along with Rich Neuberger, will look at Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn and talk with the fairgrounds people as a possible Samboree site.

Jim Vetter reported that the entertainment we had on Saturday night at the 2008 Samboree in Tomah featured the O'Brians, from Hudson. This was the group of 5 brothers and one personal friend that sang 6 part harmony. Mike O'Brian, one of the singers, passed away in August just a few weeks short of his 54th birthday. He was the one on stage that sat for part of the performance.

Ron Miller, from Kinnic Kampers, had some concerns on the fire watch. There were a couple of young kids. He thought that cart drivers should be over 18. Also those on the fire watch or security detail should have a flashlight and a cell phone. In the future, the fire watch will be referred to as security watch, since there is more involved than just looking for hot cords. The agreement we sign indicates cart drivers must have a valid driver's license and be over 18 years old. The parking crew has the radios. Director Jean suggested we purchase some additional 2-way radios for security watch, since not everyone has a cell phone.

Dolly Eggert made a motion to purchase some more 2-way radios. Sheri Osterloft seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 13 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Mark Tuma made a motion to purchase six 2-way radios. Dolly Eggert seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 12 yea votes, 0 nay votes. Tom Roundy will purchase these. These radios will have a 5 mile range. He will try to keep the purchase under \$100.00.

It was suggested that we prohibit alcoholic beverages on the grounds except by a rig. It was also suggested we establish a curfew of 11:00 for kids.

After a Pause for Reflection, Director Jean adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

/s/ Jim Vetter
State Secretary