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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 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2008, at the Travelers Inn in New Lisbon. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Director Jean introduced Howard Schuster, president of our new chapter, Top-O-Wisconsin. The roll call was taken. 14 of the 25 chapters (56%) responded. Bay Sammers, God's Country Campers, Paper Valley Breakaways, Rocky Rollers, Saw Dust City Sams, Second Chance Sams, Shawano Area Campers, S.O.V.E., Valley Bummers, Wisingles and Wolf River Wanderers did not have a representative at this meeting.

Jean Timm, from the Winnebago Wanderers, made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2008 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Mike Schmitt, from Black River Ramblers. The motion was approved with 14 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Al Demaske, from Jack Pine Travelers, made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Sharon Schmid, from On The Road Again. The motion was approved with 13 yea votes, 0 nay votes. The report showed a June 14, 2008 balance of \$_____ and a September 27, 2008 balance of \$_____. There is a balance of \$_____ in the account for "Dogs for the Deaf". The Youth account has a balance of \$_____. The report from the June Samboree showed revenue of \$_____ and disbursements of \$_____ for a net loss of \$_____. Treasurer Sharon reported there is now \$10,000.00 at "Dogs for the Deaf" waiting to place a dog in Wisconsin.

Correspondence

Director Jean received a telephone call from "Dogs for the Deaf." They have a candidate from Stevens Point in need of a dog. Jean is looking for someone to contact this person and do the interview and take pictures. Jean Timm volunteered to find someone to do this.

Director Jean has been asked by International Headquarters to encourage chapters to apply for "Chapter of the Year." This contest runs from January 1 thru December 31, with a cut off date of December 31. See Director Jean for the form. This is different than our state contest which runs June to June.

Assistant Director's Reports

Rich Neuberger, Assistant Director SE, was unable to attend this meeting. No report received.

Wayne Schuette, Assistant Director NE. Their Jumbo was at Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth. It was very successful. Everyone enjoyed the trip to Kohler Company. The Winnebago Wanderers did the pancake breakfast. The stock car races didn't cause a major problem except for fan parking. Next year will again be at Plymouth July 30 to August 2.

Elwood Elliott, Assistant Director NW. We had another great Jumbo at Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford. Next year's dates are July 24-26 with early bird after 3:00 p.m. on July 23.

Chapter assignments are:

Host Chapter	Black River Ramblers
Parking	Kinnic Kampers
Ice Cream & Bingo	Wisingles
Pancake Breakfast	Apple River Drifters
Pot Luck Supper	Marshlanders

\$75.00 was donated to Taylor County for electrical improvements. Elwood hopes to see everyone in St. Croix Falls next June.

Old Business

Director Jean reported the 2009 Samboree is at Polk County Fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls. Directions for finding the fairgrounds are on the website. Directions will also be sent to each chapter with the chapter rosters. The rosters have not been sent by International yet, but should arrive soon. There will be tours. Working on getting buses donated. Tours being looked at include a paddle wheel boat trip on the St. Croix River. I am looking at two trips with just Good Sam people on the boat. There are some wineries in the area, along with a water park. Over 100 registration forms were given out at the Minnesota Samboree and 25-30 at North Dakota Samboree. Canada is excited about this Samboree. Also gave forms out at Iowa and Illinois Samborees. There is also a beading shop in Taylors Falls (just across the river from St. Croix Falls). The owner may do a seminar at his shop. The dates are June 18-21 with early bird on June 16 & 17.

A possible site for 2010 is Brown County Fairgrounds near Green Bay. It is located in DePere. Director Jean and Dave, along with Wayne & Diane Schuette and Jim Vetter toured the facility yesterday. The grounds are well kept and have several buildings that meet our needs. Electricity for approximately 150 rigs currently. Each pedestal has a 20, 30 and 50 amp outlet. We would use the 50 amp outlet for our cords; giving us many more plug ins over the 150. They may be putting in more electricity in 2009. Director Jean hopes to know by the end of October if this will be our site. The fairgrounds don't do any scheduling for 2010 until next month. There is a boat landing right at the fairgrounds.

Jean Timm thanked Director Jean for looking to find sites for our Samboree.

New Business

Director Jean reported that Youth Director Betty Hawley has resigned. She did an excellent job with the youth. If someone is interested in this position or knows of someone, please let Jean know. In the meantime, Diana Schuette and Dolly Eggert will work on youth activities for the 2009 Samboree.

Much time was spent on the Samboree Task list. There are many open areas remaining.

For door prize solicitation, it was suggested that Director Jean have a letter that can be given to business places giving door prizes that indicates the individual is authorized to solicit door prizes on behalf of Wisconsin Good Sam. Webmaster Randi Owen indicated he will put this letter on the President's page of the Web site so it can be downloaded. Randi also suggested that if a business donating a prize has a Web site, he can put a link on our Web site to their Web site. This link would remain until the next Samboree.

Director Jean again encourages all chapters to apply for Chapter of the Year. For Wisconsin, this runs from June to June. Some chapters put together a scrap book. There is a form for this. What kind of activities does your chapter do? How many members participate? What organizations does your chapter support? Good Sam clean-up day. Clean-up day usually is in the spring, however this year it is in September. Pictures are great.

Randi Owen reported there is a survey on the new International Good Sam Web site regarding the future of the *Highways* magazine. Should it be only on the Web site, or continue a paper edition?

Director Jean announced the dates for the next state meetings. The Spring meeting is April 25, 2009 and the Fall meeting is September 19, 2009. Locations to be determined.

Director Jean discovered in going thru the Constitution and By-Laws, standing rule number 6 requires a review. It reads as follows: "The State Director shall be reimbursed for airline ticket, registration and 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." If anyone wishes to make a change to this rule, we will revisit this at the

spring 2009 meeting, although it is a year late. Director Jean reported she does not request reimbursement when she is reimbursed by International. She does not double dip.

Ron Miller from Kinnic Kampers asked if there is a maximum amount that a chapter can maintain in their checking account. Treasurer Sharon answered that we come under International's guidelines. There is no maximum amount.

Ron Miller also gave a report on the can tabs collected at the Samboree. There are approximately 1,470 tabs per pound. One tab, along with McDonald's contribution per tab, equals 1 child 1 minute on a dialysis machine. 342.2 pounds of tabs were turned in to Ronald McDonald House from the 2008 Samboree. This is 483,336 tabs or minutes children can receive free on the dialysis machine. Director Jean reported a chapter e-mailed her that they did not understand they could bring tabs to the Samboree. Director Jean suggested they turn these in to their local McDonalds and get a receipt showing how many pounds were turned in. Give this receipt to Ron Miller at the Samboree.

For the Good of the Organization:

Randi Owen, Sam-a-Gram Editor, requested articles for the Sam-a-Gram be sent to him as early as possible. The absolute deadline date he must receive these is February 15, 2009.

After a Pause for Reflection, Bernie Kreul, from the Yellow Thunder Sams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alice Roundy, from the Yahara Blackhawks. Motion passed. Adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

/s/ Jim Vetter
State Secretary

Other News:

The Southeast Jumbo will be July 10-12, 2009 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn.