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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 AM on Saturday, September 30, 2006, at the Traveler's Inn in New Lisbon. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Northwest Assistant Director Vera Budzinski, the roll call was taken. 18 of the 25 chapters (72%) responded. God's Country Campers, Lake-2-Lake Sams, Paper Valley Breakaways, Saw Dust City Sams, Shawano Area Campers, Winnebago Wanderers and Wolf River Wanderers did not have a representative at this meeting.

Joanie Campbell, from the Yellow Thunder Sams, made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2006 state meeting as mailed out. The motion was seconded by Jim Eggert, from the Milwaukee Roamers. The motion was approved with 17 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Sharon Kreul, Treasurer, gave her report. It showed a June 17, 2006 balance of \$XXXXX.XX and a September 30, 2006 balance of \$XXXX.XX. There is a balance of \$XXXXX in the account for "Dogs for the Deaf". Samboree income was \$XXXXXX; disbursements were \$XXXXXXX; for a Samboree profit of \$XXXXX. It was pointed out that this could have been a negative figure had the Tomah Chamber of Commerce not provided the Friday Night entertainment and other things they did for us. Treasurer Sharon reported there is approximately \$XXXXX in the Savings Account for "Dogs for the Deaf". That report did not get printed. Elwood Elliott, representing the Kinnic Kampers, asked if funds like "Dogs for the Deaf" are kept separate from the general fund report. Sharon explained that the items that show up on the general fund report are checks from the chapters toward a specific charity, but the check is made out to Wisconsin Good Sam. Sharon deposits these checks and then writes checks to these charities for the amount received. Claude Eakins, from the Rocky Rollers, made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file for future audit. The motion was seconded by Gail Mikula, from the Black River Ramblers. The motion was approved with 17 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Correspondence

Director Jean presented Bob Hansen, from the Second Chance Sams, a check from

International in the amount of \$50.00 for the Wisconsin Chapter with the largest growth in chapter membership this past year.

Assistant Director's Reports

Rich Neuberger, Assistant Director SE. The Southeast Jumbo was July 7-9, 2006 at the Walworth Co Fairgrounds in Elkhorn . Rocky Rollers hosted the Jumbo. Cake was served to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Southwest Jumbo. A 50/50 drawing was held along with a flea market. Proceeds went to "Relay for Life". Indoor and outdoor games were played. Potluck held Saturday evening, followed by entertainment. Dates for next year are July 6-8, 2007 at Elkhorn .

Vera Budzinski, Assistant Director NW. The Northwest Jumbo was July 20-23, 2006 at Medford . There were 51 rigs at the Jumbo. \$175.00 was turned over to Taylor County toward the additional electrical boxes the county added to the grounds. Next year's dates are July 27-29, 2007 at Medford , with early bird after 3:00 PM on July 26. The Jumbo was highlighted in the Medford Newspaper with a number of pictures and an article. All the jobs at the Jumbo will now be in a rotation system, with no chapter doing the same job over a 7 year period, Shawano Area Campers is the 2007 host chapter. King's Trio will do the church service for 2007.

Dale Haltinner, Assistant Director NE. Dale is moving this weekend, so was unable to be here. He sent a written report. The Northeast Jumbo was August 10-13, 2006 at the Waupaca Co Fairgrounds at Weyauwega. There were 30 rigs. Had an ice cream social on Friday, followed by card bingo. French toast breakfast on Saturday morning, followed by games and a pot luck supper. Profit from the breakfast was donated to the Northeast Jumbo Fund. Wolf River Wonderers will again be doing Registration and Parking for 2007. Winnebago Wonderers will take care of Hospitality and Shawano Area Campers will again do the French Toast Breakfast. With half the raffle money and help from the Shawano Area Campers, we can now donate future raffle profits to various charities. The 2007 Jumbo will be back in Weyauwega. The dates for 2007 were not listed.

Pat Kelley, Assistant Director SW. The Southwest Jumbo was September 8-10, 2006, at the upper Adams Co Petenwell Park on Highway "Z". Host were the Cranberry Country Cruisers. The food was outstanding. Activities included games, bingo on Friday evening. The entertainment was the movie "RV". The dates for next year are September 7-9, 2007, at Petenwell Co Park. Duties for 2007 include Yellow Thunder Sams, Saturday night meal and clean-up; Cranberry Country Cruisers, registration forms, collect the money and reserve the park and the shelter; Yahara Blackhawks, coffee, drinks and Saturday morning pancakes and clean-up; On The Road Again, will do Saturday outdoor games and prizes and Friday night bingo and prizes; Bell Ringers, will also help with the Friday night bingo and the Saturday night entertainment; Jack Pine Travelers, will do the parking and the indoor games. This is the first year that all the chapters in the Southwest will be together, so a great turnout is expected.

Old Business

Director Jean asked for comments from the Presidents/Delegates on what went well at the Samboree and what needs improvement.

Gordon Langer, from the Jack Pine Travelers, brought up the cookies in that we have no control over the quality nor the quantity, and suggested we purchase cookies by the case. Also, the golf cart/taxis, should get into the “back forty” more often on Friday and Saturday.

Don Cepress, from the Marshlanders, received a lot of positive comments on the popcorn, including the time it was available.

Judy Hansen, from Second Chance Sams, complimented Director Jean on a good job at the Samboree. She felt it was a more relaxed atmosphere.

Claude Eakins felt the fire watch at night should get back to checking for hot cords, like we used to do, instead of just riding on the cart.

Bob Gerber, from S.O.V.E., echoed the comment from Claude. When he did fire watch, he stopped to check cords, especially on the rigs with light duty cords.

Pat Kelley said there have been times when those on fire watch have uncoiled cords they found, only to have the owner coil them up again. Director Jean will stress this with the evening announcements, that cords should not be coiled.

Elwood Elliott added that an addition to checking cords, check also for the smell of propane.

Director Jean may have a seminar at the next Samboree regarding fire watch.

Bob Hansen said grounds maintenance people and contactors are driving too fast and stirring up a lot of dust, in addition to the safety concerns.

Randi Owen, from Cranberry Country Cruisers, was concerned about people on the grounds during our Samboree that are setting up for the tractor pull that follows our Samboree. Director Jean indicated there will be some construction going on next year during our Samboree, primarily new lights in the infield track area, which shouldn't bother us.

Director Jean has talked with our caterer. The price will be the same for 2007 and the meal will include stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas & carrots, dinner roll, milk, and cole slaw. The caterer served about 900 meals for the tractor pull, and served it in the new hockey building. We may try this for 2007.

Many evaluations asked for ice water, along with the juice served in hospitality.

Jim Eggert reported on the project to shorten the electrical cords we purchased from Kansas Good Sam. Wayne Schuette, Equipment Manager, and Jim have purchased the material needed to update the cords, and a work weekend is planned for October 7-8 at Wayne's place near Cleveland, Wisconsin. Camping is available there with electric and water hookups. A potluck is planned for Saturday evening. Wayne has already started some of the assembly work. Help is needed. There are also plans to inventory the equipment trailer, time permitting.

New Business

Director Jean started a discussion regarding early bird parking possibly starting on Tuesday instead of Wednesday. Everyone felt this was a good idea and would give those coming Tuesday a chance to explore the area. Joanie Campbell made a motion to start early bird on Tuesday. The motion was seconded by Randi Owen. The motion was approved with 17 yea votes, 0 nay votes. Nothing else will change, i.e. no hospitality on Tuesday.

Chapter parking was discussed. Presently, there are no refunds when signing up for chapter parking. Many chapter presidents/delegates at this meeting reported their chapters felt we should eliminate this from the chapter parking. This would encourage more chapters to use this. Randi Owen made a motion to allow refunds for chapter parking, like we do for all other registrations. The motion was seconded by John Schmid, from On the Road Again. The motion was approved with 18 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

It was suggested we try to intermix first timers with a chapter that would be near the first timer's home location. Also let the chapter president know they have a possible new member in their chapter parking area. Jim Eggert made a motion to try to intermix first timers with chapters. The motion was seconded by Norm Fougner, from the Apple River Drifters. The motion was approved with 17 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Elwood Elliott asked if chapters using chapter parking are pre-assigned an area. Wagon Master Tom Roundy said yes.

The 2007 Samboree Task List was discussed. Some chapters signed up for some of the tasks. This list should be discussed with your chapters, and as you decide which tasks you would like to do, let Director Jean know. Bonnie Neuberger, in charge of indoor games, will need helpers on Thursday and Friday, not sure about Saturday. Those helping with the indoor games should let Bonnie know which games they are going to do. A chapter is really needed to sign up for decorations so they can start planning.

Randi Owen reminded everyone it is time to start sending your articles for the Sam-A-Gram. He needs this by February 15, but try to send them earlier.

Every year we give a \$500.00 donation from our State Organization to "Special Olympics" and another \$500.00 donation to a charity designated by the State Committee. John Schmid made a motion to donate \$250.00 to "W.A.G.S". The motion was seconded by Jim Eggert. The motion was approved with 18 yea votes, 0 Nay votes. Randi Owen

made a motion to donate the other \$250.00 to “Dogs for the Deaf”. Bob Gerber seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 18 yea votes, 0 nay votes.

Joanie Campbell suggested for the future, we consider donating some of this to a local Tomah charity, to show our appreciation for everything they do for us. Randi Owen indicated there are many local non-profit organizations, including the Tomah Boys & Girls Club.

For the Good of the Organization

Elwood Elliott suggested that we have someone assist with putting the chapter flags in the holder at the Samboree. Max Lytle, from the Yahara Blackhawks, suggested we put the chapter flags at two levels. All the poles are in two sections. Some flags cover up other flags.

John Schmid expressed his appreciation for all the fine work the state staff does. John also indicated his brother is a member of the Second Chance Sams. He has actually had his 7th chance and is doing fine.

Elwood Elliott asked that in the event Red Johnson does not come, is there a sound system available for the Jam Sessions. Director Jean responded that only the small system we have here would be available. The big system will be set up for the main stage, which may be in the new hockey building. Max Lytle indicated he has a PA system that can be used.

Cheryl Keene, State Historian, asked that we table the camera upgrade until our April meeting.

Joanie Campbell, State Patch Packer, is still looking for chapter patches that are currently not on our flag. Turn these into her as soon as possible.

Jim Eggert asked if it is possible at the Samboree to have a pumping service for our holding tanks. This is possible, with the cost being paid by the units needing the service.

Randi Owen reminded us there is also a dump station at the Tomah Truck Stop. This is in addition to the one on the grounds.

Director Jean asked for a moment of silence.

Motion was made by Jim Eggert to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Claude Eakins. The motion was approved with 18 yea votes, 0 nay votes. Adjourned at 11:35 AM.

/s/ Jim Vetter
State Secretary