

September 26, 2009
New York State Committee Meeting
Herkimer Fairgrounds

Chapters Represented: Adirondack Sams – Bruce Parent, Calico Sams – Linda Doud, Center State Sams – H.A. Crofoot, Crimson Circle – Barb Hoffer, Finger Lakes Sams – Michael and Amy Hines, Grape Stompers – Jerry Putney, Instigator Sams – Irene Sykes, Seneca Sams – Bill Case, Sippin’ Sams – Gary Engle, Southern Tier Sams – Lew Hoffer, Super Sams – Dan Crowley, Tri-City Sams – Joe Sportello, and Weekend Wanderers – Rick Warfield

Chapters absent – Mohawk Majestics – HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Guests: Too numerous to include, but we welcome you and thank you for attending!

Helen Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:07.
After we saluted the flag, Kathryn Whiting led us in an opening prayer.
Introduction and Roll Call was taken.

Dan Crowley (my hero) made a motion to waive the reading of the July minutes, Bruce Parent seconded, passed by all.

Mary Jane Hale read the Treasure’s Report. Bruce Parent made a motion to accept the report, Dan Crowley seconded, passed by all.

Committee reports – none were given

Old Business

- 2009 Samboree – Concerns/Changes
 - The concern is that there are too many activities to choose from. Helen explained that we are adults and we need to make choices. Activities need to be offered for a varied clientele.
 - Bean bag baseball was a particular concern – there was no end time given in the program but attention to the location of the game will be given in the next program
 - Suggestion was made and accepted that in the event of rain, golf cart rodeo will be cancelled and the chariot race will take its spot
 - Dates of the Samboree – if the date is changed will there be a better attendance? Dan Crowley made a motion to table the discussion for a 2011 date change of the Samboree for the Spring meeting. Hank Crofoot seconded, passed by all. [Note: the date cannot be changed for a later time in July 2010 - Helen checked the Fairground schedule]
 - Barb Hoffer thanked Helen and Tammy for the Bingo Schedule.
 - Suggestion for a Youth Activity – Lemonade/Ice Tea Stand
 - Barb Hoffer suggested bringing back the free hot dog lunch. To do so would mean giving up \$600 profit the counter makes selling items at lunch time.
- 2009 Theme
 - Helen asked permission to choose the theme as it is her last year as Director. Dan Crowley made a motion to allow this, Barb Hoffer seconded, passed by all. Hank Crofoot did ask that First Responders be recognized at a future Samboree.

- The theme will be Pirates!
- NO REAL WEAPONS!
- Hank Crofoot will speak with his contact about the battery seminar being held again as it was well attended at the 2009 Samboree as well as ask another about a tire seminar.
- There may not be a craft activity.
- Chapter Duties
 - Adirondack Sams – \$50 hat, Pot of Gold, & frying pan toss
 - Calico Sams – Security
 - Center State Sams – Ice cream sales, Golf Outing on Friday (cost is \$30)
 - Crimson Circle – Bingo
 - Finger Lakes Sams – unknown at this time
 - Grape Stompers – Kids Activities, Chicken BBQ, Crazy Bingo (Friday afternoon)
 - Instigator Sams – Bean Bag Baseball
 - Mohawk Majestics – unknown at this time
 - Seneca Sams – Ice Cream Sales
 - Sippin’ Sams – Pirate Races
 - Southern Tier Good Sams – Serve Saturday Breakfast
 - Super Sams – Door Prize, Lunch Counter
 - Tri-City Sams – Early morning coffee, Saturday Table Game
 - Weekend Wanderers – All day coffee, Golf cart rodeo or chariot races

There was a brief break in which 50/50 Raffle Tickets were sold.

New Business

- Rosters are due back to Helen the 1st of December – please make corrections, call if you have questions
- Dan Crowley made a motion to elect Mary Jane Hale as Treasurer, Bruce Parent seconded, passed by all.
- Helen asked for three volunteers to review the Treasurer’s books.
- Reminder – This is Helen’s last year as director.
- AARP – the discount is good for three years, ask your chapters if there is an interest for 2010
- Gerry is now the president of the NYS Fair Association. She is asking for a donation used to lobby for support of all NYS fairgrounds. Hank Crofoot made a motion to donate \$200, Rick Warfield seconded, passed by all.
- There will be a new raffle ticket system in July. Each camper (which means each husband/wife will have the same number) will be assigned a number (it will be on your all-in-one ticket). When you purchase a raffle ticket, your number will be put on the back. During raffle drawings, the number on the back of the ticket will be read. This will eliminate the need to paw through numerous tickets, and to read the 6+ digit numbers.

Announcements

- Helen and Bud thanks the chapter member who mailed her a picture from a past Samboree
- Spring meeting will be held March 27th at Herkimer Fairground
- Samboree 2010 – July 9-11th, early parking on the 5th
- ERS sales – if interested see Helen
- A century patch was awarded to Annette and Howard Mottorn
- Carol Krutz is not well. Cards and Prayers are welcome.

- The Shrines', Canine Helpers, and Angel Flight – sent thank you notes for our contributions
- Food collected at the 2009 Samboree was donated to the Tompkins County Red Cross, as the Herkimer Food Pantry did not pick up the items due to a mix up.
- Tri-City collects aluminum tabs.
- There is an author in the small pavilion this weekend – Kathie Bishop. She wrote Whistling up the Wind about a widow in her 60's who goes on a journey in her RV. She is selling her book for \$17, a discounted price.

The 50/50 drawing was held. Bill Case won \$33.

Jerry Putney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20pm, Linda Doud seconded, passed by all.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy McDougal