

July 11, 2010
New York State Committee Meeting
Herkimer Fairgrounds

Chapters Represented: Adirondack Sams – Joan Harris, Calico Sams – Linda Doud, Center State Sams – H.A. Crofoot, Crimson Circle – Barb Hoffer, Finger Lakes Sams – Roger Thornhill, Grape Stompers – Jerry Putney, Instigator Sams – Ken Kukura, Seneca Sams – Bill Case, Sippin' Sams – Alice Rozek, Southern Tier Sams – Ed Burns, Super Sams – Dan Crowley, Tri-City Sams – Joe Sportello, and Weekend Wanderers – Rick Warfield

Chapter Absent – Mohawk Majestics

Guests: Bill and Esthermay Brooks, Bill DeCota, Richard Brumley & Louise Sportello

Helen Jensen called the meeting to order at 8:35am.
After we saluted the flag, Rich Ferolito led us in an opening prayer.
Introduction and Roll Call was taken.

Dan Crowley made a motion to waive the reading of the September minutes, Gerry Putney seconded, passed by all.

Mary Jane Hale read the Treasure's Report. Joe Sportello made a motion to accept the report, Gerry Putney seconded, passed by all. The three State Charities are Angel Flight, Shriner's Hospitals for Children and Dogs for the Handicapped.

Correspondence: Tammy read thank you notes from Angel Flight and Shriner's Hospitals for Children for our donations.

Committee reports – Bud Jensen thanked the chapter members who helped to make the Samboree a success; recognized Seneca Sams for their 10 years (in a row) as Top Dog for their donations to Dogs for the Deaf

Old Business

- Raffle Numbering System – seemed to be successful
- Reminder this is Helen's last year as director. Only one candidate is running for election.
- Thank you to Center State Sams for the donation of the chest freezer.
- 30 amp service – the fairgrounds is steadily converting to 30 amp service.

New Business

- Elections for New Director – Mary Jane Hale explained that chapters must pay attention to due dates. One chapter sent in a nomination form but because it was received after the deadline, it could not be accepted. There is one confirmed candidate for the position. Ballots must be returned by August 15th.
- Health Department – we were inspected for the first time due to advertising that the public is welcome. In the future, we must submit weeks in advance for a

Health Permit for the kitchen/ice cream sales. This year the fee was \$30. Other small items that the Inspector had issues with were electric/water lines too close to one another and the size of the RV lots.

- Samboree themes for 2011 (this will be New York Good Sams's 40th Anniversary) – New York State, Volunteering (EMS, Firefighters, etc...), Farming, Mardi Gras, Beach Party, Pajama Party, and Wild Wild West. Helen reminded the committee that Wild Wild West and Mardi Gras has been a theme within the past 10 years.
- 30 amp service – more 30 amp service will be available next year. There was some discussion as to who to park at 30 amp service –pre-registered attendees vs parking as a chapter. Further discussion to be held in September.
- 30 amp service – even though a rig has 30 amp service, the owners must still be careful – refrigerators and hot water heaters should be run on propane when running the air conditioner on low.
- Water Faucets – DO NOT remove the water pressure attachments from the fairground faucets. This is one of the items that the Health Inspector looked at.
- 5 year contract with the Fairgrounds. NYGS has the option to sign a long term contract with the Fairgrounds. This discussion was tabled until September.
- Costumes – Helen asks her staff to dress up for the Opening Night of the Samboree. Chapter members can dress up at any time.
- Raffle Drawings – the raffle tickets must be drawn at the stage in front of the public, a suggestion was made to announce what the prize is before drawing the winning ticket
- Chapter Parade – a question was asked if we can do something more dynamic for the parade. Helen stated that she has chapters line up behind the stage for two reasons: one, to keep participants out of the weather; two, the parade flows better. This is an issue that the next director can bring up in 2011.
- We said a sad farewell to Dan Crowley who is moving south. The new president of Super Sams will be Bill DeCota, 1414 Hudson Ave, Stillwater, NY 12170, (518) 664-3369, wdecota@nycap.rr.com – the website will be updated to reflect this change in the near future.

Announcements

- Fall All Chapter Camp Out – September 24-26, early parking on the 23rd, \$50.00 per rig, early bird parking will be \$19. We will be sharing the fairgrounds with Family RVs and campers but we will have the Main Building. Parking will be on the inside (around the small pavilion, handicapped area...). Don't forget the BROWN BAG AUCTION.
- Congratulations to Tri-City for their 30 year anniversary as a chapter!

Jerry Putney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10am, Dan Crowley seconded, passed by all.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy McDougal