

## **NEW YORK STATE GOOD SAM CLUB JULY 10, 2011 MEETING**

A regular meeting of the New York State Good Sam Club was held at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Cemetery Road, Frankfort, NY on July 10, 2011.

**Chapters present:** **Adirondack Sams** – Frank Demmiti, Rep.; **Apple Valley Sams** – Walt Olsen, President; **Center State Sams**, Hank Crofoot, President; **Crimson Circle Lifers** – Mike Himes, Acting President/Vice President; **Finger Lakes Sams** – Roger Thornhill, President; **Instigator Sams** – Ken Kukura, President; **Mohawk Majestics** – Mike Spaziante, President; **Sams Grape Stompers** – Irene Sykes, Vice President; **Seneca Sams** – Bill Case, President; **Sippin’ Sams** – Ron Krutz, Vice President; **Southern Tier Sams** – Miles Burns, President; **Super Sams** – Bill DeCota, President; **Tri-City Sams** – Angela Latal, Secretary; **Weekend Wanderers**, Rick Warfield, President.

**Chapters Absent:** Calico Sams

**GUESTS:** Steve Sykes, Deb Deyo, Dan Crowley and De Crofoot.

**Staff Present;:** Glen Gasstrom, Director; Linda Gasstrom, Secretary; Mary Jane Hale, Treasurer; Assistant Directors – Rich & Carol Ferolito, Ron & Carolyn Allen, Mike & Amy Himes, George & Kathryn Whiting, Rich & Sharyn Rothgarn, Brian & Karen Fogg, Mark & Traci DeLore.

**Staff Absent:** Stuart & Cathy Parsons.

At approximately 8:35 a.m. Glen called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation by our Chaplain, Rich Ferolito.

**Minutes:** Steve Sykes made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 26, 2011 meeting and accept the minutes as e-mailed and as sent by regular mail to all chapter presidents. It was seconded by Mike Himes and passed by all.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mary Jane noted that the treasurer’s report will show a lot of income in but not all the expenses. It will be a more accurate report showing how the Samboree did in the fall. She stated that the beginning balance was \$12,396.65, added income of \$10,899.00, and subtracted expenses of \$5,001.31 for a balance of \$18,294.34. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made by Steve Sykes, seconded by Mike Himes and passed by all.

**Correspondence:** Linda passed around letters of thanks from Canine Helpers, Shriners Hospitals for Children and Roger Soderman of Angel Flights for last year’s donations.

**Staff Reports:** Rich & Carol Ferolito, no report; Brian & Karen Fogg, no report; Mike & Amy Himes, no report; Ron & Carolyn Allen; ”Got all parked!”; Mark & Traci DeLore, no report; George & Kathryn Whiting, photos were fine. There were three past and the present director all present at the samboree. A picture was taken and will be sent to the Highways Magazine for publication.

**Old Business:** Theme for 2012 – Glen would like to have the theme ready now so that when he visits other states’ samborees, he will be able to tell them about our 2012 samboree. The themes suggested at the March meeting were – Salute to 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, Volunteers, Nascar and Good Samaritans. Steve Sykes suggested

rolling them all together and calling the samboree “Rescue Me!”. Hank Crofoot made a motion to accept the theme, Ron Krutz seconded, and it was passed by all.

**Activities for 2011 Samboree:**

Adirondack – Frying Pan Toss w/help from Grape Stompers & Pot Of Gold  
Apply Valley – Stained Glass and other crafts  
Calico Sams – absent  
Center State Sams – Golf Outing, help w/ice cream sales, help Instigator Sams with Bean Bag Baseball.  
Crimson Circle Lifers –Mike Himes stated that Crimson Circle Lifers needs members or it may be folding in Sept.  
Finger Lakes Sams – Bingo and Chinese Auction  
Grape Stompers – Help with Frying Pan Toss and Minute to Win It Games  
Instigator Sams – Beanbag Baseball  
Mohawk Majestics – Crazy Golf and \$50 hat  
Seneca Sams – Help where needed. Do some card games, LCR and Cribbage  
Sippin Sams – Horse Races – will use rescue vehicles instead of horses for next year  
Southern Tier Sams – Saturday Breakfast – serve  
Super Sams - Lunch and Door Prizes  
Tri-City Sams – Hospitality  
Weekend Wanderers – Golf Cart Rodeo and Chariot Races

It was noted that the Saturday breakfast needed some kinks worked out. Brian and Karen Fogg will work on that for next year. George Whiting made a suggestion that First Timers should be allowed to be at the head of the line for the Saturday evening meal provided they are wearing their First Timers Ribbon. Frank Gemmiti suggested that perhaps we could start serving the Saturday meal earlier if everyone is lined up. We served 200 ham dinners.

**New Business: Amendment to By Laws and Constitution** – Article 7, Section 2, paragraph C – Spring Meeting will be held on the last Saturday in March. Can we change it to “Date of spring meeting will be determined at the fall meeting in the proceeding year.” A motion was made by Hank Crofoot, to accept the amendment to Article 7, seconded by Steve Sykes and passed by a 13 to 1 vote. Mike Spazianti was the nay vote. Steve Sykes noted that this will not take effect until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

**By-Laws** – Add Article XI – Standard Operating Guidelines – Standard Operating Guidelines will be used to guide this State Organization in its daily operations. Hank Crofoot made a motion to adopt Standard Operating Guidelines for our State Organization. It was seconded by Walt Olsen and passed by all.

**Fall Campout:** Glen asked if we want to expand the fall campout to try to get more people to come. It was suggested to bring back the square dance caller for Saturday night. Steve Sykes made a motion to that effect, seconded by Hank Crofoot and passed by all.

**Announcements:** Next year’s Samboree will be July 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The September Camp Out will be Sept. 23-25, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m. with a motion by Hank Crofoot, seconded by Mike Himes and passed by all.

