

July 15, 2007

New York State Committee Meeting
Herkimer Fairgrounds

Chapters Represented: Adirondack Sams, Calico Sams, Center State Sams, Crimson Circle, Finger Lakes Sams, Instigator Sams, Mohawk Majestics, Seneca Sams, Sippin' Sams, Southern Tier Good Sams, Super Sams, Tri-City Sams, and Weekend Wanderers.

Chapters Missing: Iroquois Sams, Long Island Sams, and Neatahwanta Sams.

Helen Jensen called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

After we saluted the flag, Rich Ferolito gave the opening prayer.

Introductions and Roll Call was taken.

Minutes of the March 31, 2007 - Center State Sams made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Finger Lake Sams seconded; the motion was passed by all.

Treasurer's Report - Adirondack Sams made a motion to dispense with the reading of the report, Tri-City Sams seconded the motion; the motion was passed by all. Tri-City Sams made a motion to have the Treasurer's Report emailed to Chapter Presidents, Center State Sams seconded; passed by all. Those without email will receive the report via snail mail.

Correspondence was read by Tammy McDougal. This included Samboree information from Michigan, Vermont, and New Hampshire. Tammy offered information about the Double H Ranch – New York Good Sam donated \$426.83 to this organization in Spring 2007. We also have received a Certificate of Appreciation from Canine Helpers for the Handicapped, Inc. We had donated \$426.84 to this organization in Spring 2007.

Committee Reports:

- Rich and Carol Ferolito – Rich is sure that we are the first to have a wedding followed by a birth performed at a Samboree ☺
- Bud Jensen – Thanked the Chapters for their hard work, also he passed on thanks from the couple whose rig broke down upon arriving at the Samboree. They were very grateful for all of the help offered.
- Ron and Carol – no report at this time
- Glen and Linda – They enjoyed the Samboree.
- Kathy – Having organized shifts at the gate at all times went well, and she suggests that we do the same in the future.
- George and Kathryn – George will send the pictures he took and Tammy will post them on the website.

- John and Linda – Parking went well, there were no complaints. Linda shared that she took notes for items requested to sell at the next Samboree.
- Howard and Annette – The same sentiment about parking was shared.

Unfinished Business

- Super Sams made a motion to form a committee to revise the State By-Laws. Tri-City Sams seconded the motion; passed by all. Dan Crowley, Tammy McDougal, Linda Scheuer, and Helen Jensen volunteered to be on this committee that will communicate via email.
- Charities – The State currently sends contributions to Double H, Shriners, and Canine Helpers. This past year \$426 was donated to each. Do we want to change the number of charities we donate to? Do we want to change charities? Three charities were mentioned as possibly switching to – Make-A-Wish Foundation (Tammy McDougal offered information), Angel Flight (Center State has more information), and a College Scholarship for a student associated with Good Sams (suggested by Bud Jensen). **The above was from the March '07 Meeting. At the July '07 Meeting, Dogs for the Deaf was recommended.
- Promoting the Samboree –a 3 x 12 sign can be posted at the base of the Herkimer Fairground Sign for the duration of the Samboree for the cost of the sign. Glenn had done some preliminary research and the sign will cost about \$185. Tri-City Sams made a motion to purchase a sign, NY GS Crimson Circle Lifers seconded; passed by all.

New Business

- Snail mail vs. Electronic mail – with the rising cost of postage, Helen asks if we consider receiving information via email or the website (<http://www.newyorkgoodsam.com>). Center State Sams made a motion for chapter presidents to receive email alerts that information has been posted to the website. Those without email or Internet access will receive snail mail. Tri-City Sams seconded the motion; passed by all.
- Samboree Theme for 2008 – suggestions were Roaring 20's, Holidays, Fairy Tales, Christmas in July, and First Response (EMTs, Fire Fighters, Police, etc...) The Theme will be voted on at the Fall meeting.
- Fall Camp-out – September 28,29, and 30th
We will be sharing the campground with Family Campers and Rvers. We will have the Exhibitor Building. Concern over Kitchen space was voiced. Any and all campers are invited to join us at the camp-out; it is not just for Staff and Chapter Presidents.
- Menu for the Fall Camp-out – September 28, 29, and 30th
Friday pm – meal provided by the State

Saturday am – Tri-City Sams motioned to allow the State to use its discretion in choosing the breakfast menu, Seneca Sams seconded; passed by all.

Saturday pm - Tri-City Sams motioned to allow the State to use its discretion in choosing the dinner menu, Weekend Wanderers seconded; passed by all.

Sunday am – donuts

- Coffee pots - Tri-City Sams made a motion to purchase 3 new coffee pots to replace older/broken pots, Center State Sams seconded the motion; passed by 12, opposed by 1. It was noted by Rich Ferolito that the last pots purchased cost about \$130 a piece.
- Samboree Dates – Sippin’ Sams asked about changing the Samboree date so that more people can attend. This years Samboree conflicted with FMCA. The issue is that FMCA changes their dates often so if we were to change our dates, eventually there will again be a conflict.
- Ms. New York – Center State Sams brought to the discussion to encourage each New York Good Sam Chapter to enter a person in the Ms. New York Contest. Also, suggested by Center State Sams is to have the reigning Ms. New York crown the new Ms. New York in the following year.
- Raffles – Center State Sams brought up a discussion about raffles with multiple prizes. In the past, a rule was created that stated one prize, one drawing. This rule was created so that smaller chapters didn’t feel guilty about not being able to have many prizes. We need to have these rules (that are stated in meeting minutes only) to be housed in one place and that the rules need to be accessible. Helen has 30+ years of minutes that Tammy is willing to comb through for these rules.
- Tri-City Sams asked that Ms. New York and the Opening Ceremony to move back onto the stage. The issue was that the band was setup on the stage and Helen didn’t want people accidentally tripping over the equipment. Is there a portable stage that can be set up for the ceremony and then removed after? How can we encourage people to move closer to the stage area rather than sit farther back?
- NY GS Crimson Circle Lifers made a motion to ask Chapters to make a donation towards a gift for Judy Hall, past Director. Weekend Wanderers seconded the motion; passed by 11, opposed by 2. Chapters who collect donations may send them to Mary Jane Hale, State Treasurer, 542 Plummer Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.
- Adirondack Sams made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20am, seconded by Tri-City Sams; passed by all.

Minutes written and submitted by Tammy McDougal.