

March 19, 2008
New York State Committee Meeting
Herkimer Fairgrounds

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

Not Present: Iroquois Sams and Long Island Sams

Helen Jensen called the meeting to order at 12:50pm.
After we saluted the flag, Rich Ferolito gave the opening prayer.
Introductions and Roll Call was taken.

Minutes of the meeting were read by Tammy McDougal. Steve Sykes made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Hank Crofoot; the motion was passed by all.

Mary Jane Hale read the **Treasurer's Report** from the previous year, and the start of '08. Hank Crofoot made a motion to accept, seconded by Steve Sykes; the motion was passed by all.

Correspondence was read by Helen Jensen. She has Samboree registration forms for Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, Maryland, Tennessee, Illinois, Delaware, and Florida.

Committee Reports:

- Rich and Carol Ferolito – none at this time
- Bud Jensen – which chapters want a booth? He will collect the goody bag goodies.
- Ron and Carol Krutz – none at this time
- Glen and Linda Gasstrom – will speak later in the meeting
- Kathy Sannerud – none at this time
- George and Kathryn – could not attend
- John and Linda Scheuer – none at this time
- Howard and Annette Mottorn – Remember to bring extra hoses, cables, and Ys
- Mary Jane - \$300 was donated from the chapters for Judy Hall's gift. With the money Mary Jane purchased jewelry for Judy, a watch for Sed, and a \$50 dinner gift certificate.

Unfinished Business

- By-Laws Committee – On behalf of the committee, Ada Elwood presented some of the proposed changes in the by-laws. There was much discussion. The Committee followed the National Constitution. Hank Crofoot pointed out a typo on p. 4, Article IV, Section 1 as well as made a suggestion to have the penalty/consequence of not

paying the State Dues added to p. 6, Article II, Section 2. Another member asked for clarification of p. 4, Article IV, Section 3 – who appoints the State Director?

Suggested to change it to “State Director is elected by the State Committee and appointed by the Club’s Executive Director”. The State Committee asked the By-Laws Committee to review p. 12, Article X – in reference to how amendments are made, reviewed, and passed (ie: 3 readings)

- State Dues – Bruce Parent made a motion not to change in the \$1.00 State dues, seconded by Mike Spaziante; passed by all.
- Website –
 - There is room on the website to include additional information about your chapters. It could be something simple or perhaps could be the information you present at the First Timer’s Booth.
 - We have received gifts from three campgrounds (Cherry Grove, Cool-Lea Camp, and West Canada Creek Campsites). In return their information has been added to the NY Good Sam website (click on the Campsite Recommendations tab)
 - A request was made to have Tammy upload the begging letter to the website so that chapter members can deliver the letter to camp directors personally.
- Samboree sign – Glenn Gasstrom reported that the sign to be posted under the Herkimer Fairground sign on RT 5S is in the process of being made.

New Business

- Neatahwanta Sams have disbanded.
- New Chapter – Sams’ Grape Stompers, president – Steve Sykes
- Election for the State Director’s position is this year. Mary Jane will mail the nominations prior to the Samboree. **Please make sure to read and follow the directions on the paperwork.
- Samboree
 - Thursday entertainment – a motion was made and passed to have Helen look into Birds of Prey or a similar educational activity.
 - Friday entertainment will be Fastback
 - Saturday entertainment will be Chris Taylor – this is funded by Johnston’s RV
 - Dogs for the Deaf – Helen would like to invite a representative to come to the July Samboree to give seminars. Asking chapters to assist with the airfare for the rep via a fundraiser. Glen and Linda Gasstrom have donated a living space for the rep and her dog. Hank Crofoot made a motion to donate half of the ice cream sales to this project, Steve Sykes seconded; motion passed.
 - Golf Tournament – Hank Crofoot volunteered to organize a tournament. Bill Case has information from past events if it is needed.
 - Will not be sending the children to McDonalds as it is not cost effective. A suggestion of having breakfast with Santa instead. Hank Crofoot made a motion to purchase a small \$5-\$10 gift from “Santa” per child, Bruce Parent seconded; motion passed.
 - No get acquainted, will do “Sam” and “Samantha”

- Tables will again be set up in the Exhibitor Building; tables/chairs can be rented for the Main Building.
- RAFFLES – one raffle takes all!
- First Timer Booth will be manned like last year. Each Chapter will be assigned one hour to man the table. Don't forget to bring ~25 copies of your Chapter bios for interested First Timers.
- Free Early Bird Parking on Monday and Tuesday for those who will complete odd jobs around the Fairgrounds.
- Bingo – request made to limit Bingo to twice a day.
- Booths – Chapters can set up Booths as soon as Bud has prepared the space. Chapters can sell tickets ANY time, but must sell during the assigned times in the program. While there are no rules governing when to tear down the booths, courtesy is requested not to tear down during entertainment. The booths are beautiful and creative.
- Raffles – Stage prizes will be wrapped in Christmas paper as per the theme. Vendors drawing Friday night during Entertainment.
- When registering, instead of using your location card for the raffle drawings, instead you will hang your decoration (which will be in your registration envelope) on the Stage Christmas Tree – these decorations will already have your names on them.

Chapter Duties at the Samboree:

- Adirondack Sams – Children's games, \$50 Hat
 - Calico Sams – Security
 - Center State Sams – Sleigh Races, Skillet Toss, Ice Cream Help
 - Crimson Circle - Bingo
 - Finger Lake Sams – Apologized, they will not be able to attend
 - Grape Stompers – Ice Cream Help. Assist Instigators
 - Instigator Sams – Bean Bag Baseball, Corn Hole Toss
 - Iroquois Sams – did not attend the March Mtg
 - Mohawk Majestics – Art & Crafts Sales, Crazy Golf
 - Seneca Sams – Snack Bar Friday and Saturday evening
 - Sippin' Sams – Pot of Gold, maybe horse race
 - Southern Tier Good Sams – Pancake Breakfast, BINGO
 - Super Sams – Lunch Snack Bar, Door Prize
 - Tri-City Sams – Early Morning Hospitality
 - Weekend Wanderers – Golf Cart Rodeo, On-Going Hospitality
- Rosters – keep track of your membership and use the information for the new roster at the end of the year.
 - Chapter reps to the meeting were given green informational sheets with contact information for Chapter Presidents/Secretaries. If the information is incorrect, tell Helen or Tammy ASAP.
 - Hank Crofoot made a motion to allow up to \$800 for the purchase of a new copy machine, Bruce Parent seconded; passed by all.

Announcements

- Fall Meeting Camp-out will be September 26-28, early parking on the 25th.
- Bruce Parent's birthday is September 26th.
- Kathy Sannerud won \$40 from the 50/50 raffle.

Adjournment

- Hank Crofoot made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45pm, Steve Sykes seconded; passed by all.

Minutes written and submitted by Tammy McDougal.