

September 25, 2010

New York State Committee Meeting

Herkimer Fairgrounds

Chapters Represented: Adirondack Sams - Bruce Parent, Apple Valley Sams - Walt Olsen, Calico Sams - Annette Mottorn, Center State Sams - Hank Crofoot, Crimson Circle - Barbara Hoffer, Finger Lakes Sams - Roger Thornhill, Grape Stompers - James Smith, Mohawk Majestics - Joseph Nicoletti, Seneca Sams - Bill Case, Sippin' Sams - Alice Rozek, Southern Tier Good Sams - Miles Burns, Super Sams - William DeCota, Tri-City Sams - Joe Sportello, and Weekend Wanderers - Gene Commins

Chapter Absent – Instigator Sams

Guests – Dorothy Parent, Alicia Olsen, Roberta Thornhill, Nancy Smith, Arleen Nicoletti, Carolyn Case, Tony Rozek, Ron and Carol Krutz, Joanne Commins, Bill and Sharon Clark, Ada Elwood, Rose Burns, Dave and Alice Klossner, Don and Ruth Bliss, Mike and Amy Hines, Louise Sportello, De Crofoot, and Janet and Chuck Ray

Helen Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

After we saluted the flag, Rich Ferolito led us in an opening prayer.

Introduction and Roll Call was taken. A special introduction to our newest chapter, Apple Valley Sams, was given by Helen Jensen.

Hank Crofoot made a motion to dispense with the reading of the July Committee Meeting Minutes, Bill Case seconded, passed by all.

Mary Jane Hale read the Treasurer's Report. Bruce Parent made a motion to accept the report, Joe Nicoletti seconded, passed by all.

Correspondence – Tammy read a thank you note from the Herkimer-Mohawk Food Pantry

Committee Reports – Bud Jensen presented Helen with a bouquet of flowers. He then thanked the Chapter Members for their parting gifts and support over the past four years.

Old Business

- 2010 Samboree
 - Alice Rozek of Sippin' Sams commented that she was disappointed with the lack of vendors and seminars at the samboree. Helen explained that many vendors no longer attend samborees due to lack of profits.
 - Alice also mentioned that there didn't seem to be many female oriented activities other than bingo. The reply was that many of the activities are for men and women. Helen also asked Alice what activities Sippin' Sams would like to offer to improve on this issue.

New Business

- Beginning January 2011, Glen Gasstrom will be the new State Director of NYGS
- Rosters
 - Please turn in your rosters to Helen as soon as possible. Rosters need to include contact information as well as Good Sam # and expiration date. This information has been lost at the national level so they are rebuilding their database.
- 2011 Samboree
 - Dates: July 8, 9, and 10, 2011
 - Theme – Farm Days
 - Chapter Duties
 - Adirondack Sams – Frying Pan Toss
 - Apple Valley Sams –
 - Calico Sams – Security
 - Center State – Golf Tournament, Bean Bag Baseball
 - Crimson Circle – Bingo, First Timers Booth
 - Finger Lake Sams – under discussion
 - Grape Stompers - \$50 Hat
 - Instigator Sams – will help where needed
 - Mohawk Majestics – Crazy Golf, Craft and Book Sale
 - Seneca Sams – Ice Cream
 - Sippin’ Sams – Tractor Races, card games
 - Southern Tier – Saturday Breakfast (Serving) *they might help cook
 - Super Sams – Snack Bar, Door Prize Distribution
 - Tri-City – Morning Hospitality
 - Weekend Wanderers – Golf Cart Rodeo / Chariot Race (weather dependent)
 - Auction
 - An e-mail was sent to Helen from a representative of Finger Lake Sams in regards to the auction held during the Samboree. The email proposed that they would divide the proceeds of the auction 50/50 with a NY Good Sam. The NY Good Sam half goes to a NY Good Sam charity. Finger Lake Sams will mail their half to a charity they support.
 - Issues brought up in regards to the auction include
 - Originally, the auction entire profits went to State Charities.
 - This is a chapter fundraiser. It is in the by-laws that each chapter is allowed to run a “raffle” to generate funds for their chapter and/or their charity. By holding the auction and a “raffle”, Finger Lake Sams have two opportunities to earn funds for their chapter and/or for their charity.
 - Finger Lake Sams’s charity is a local chapter of Canine Helpers.

- *I have tried to sum up the discussion. The Finger Lake Sams's representative at the meeting was Roger Thornhill (daffydaz@twcny.rr.com). Tammy
 - Tire/Battery Seminar – Hank Crofoot offered to make arrangements for another tire and/or battery seminar.
 - First Timer's Booth – Crimson Circle will meet with First Timers not in a chapter and personally introduce them to chapters in their area. They ask if others would man the booth to greet First Timers.
- Treasurer's Books
 - Joe Nicolette and Hank Crofoot volunteered to audit the Treasurer's Books after the meeting.
- State Dues
 - State Dues are due prior to the first of the year.
- Herkimer Fairgrounds
 - The large field is now 30 amp.
 - The inner field and handicapped area will remain a mixture of 20 and 30 amp.
 - In all, 75% of the Fairgrounds offers 30 amp service.
 - a five year contract will be signed with the Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds rates will be raised, and so in turn, expect the Samboree rates to increase.
- Chuck Ray offered to collect tabs for the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield. He takes them to a dealer who often adds to the donation.
- There was a break during the meeting
 - 50/50 raffle tickets were sold. The winner of \$45 was Bruce Parent.
 - Alice Rozek read "God lives under the bed"

Announcements

- Spring meeting will be March 26th at Herkimer Fairgrounds
- Glen Gasstrom or his secretary will send out details of the Spring Meeting
- Helen thanked Chapter members for their support over the past four years. She also thanked everyone for their contributions to the farewell gifts presented to her and Bud, they are very appreciated.

Joe Sportello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05pm, Hank Crofoot seconded, passed by all.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy McDougal