

September 29, 2007
New York State Committee Meeting
Herkimer Fairgrounds

Chapters Represented: Adirondack Sams ó Bruce Parent, Calico Sams ó Linda Doud, Center State Sams ó H.A. Crofoot, Crimson Circle ó Barb Hoffer, Finger Lakes Sams ó Michael Himes, Instigator Sams ó Irene Sykes, Iroquois Sams ó Jack VanCise, Long Island Sams ó Kathy Sannerud, Mohawk Majestics ó Mike Spaziante, Seneca Sams ó Butch Nower, SippinøSams ó Gary Engle, Southern Tier Good Sams ó Miles Burns, Super Sams ó Dan Crowley, Tri-City Sams ó Jim Cooper, and Weekend Wanderers ó Rick Warfield.

Chapters Missing: Neatahwanta Sams.

Helen Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
After we saluted the flag, Rich Ferolito gave the opening prayer.
Introductions and Roll Call was taken.

Minutes of the July 15, 2007 ó Dan Crowley made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Bruce Parent seconded; the motion was passed by all.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Spaziante made a motion to accept the report, H.A. Crofoot seconded the motion; the motion was passed by all. Discussion ó The Samboree made a profit of ~\$3,400. The 3 coffee pots have not been purchased yet. The computer/printer is not a yearly expense.

Correspondence ó no correspondence

Committee Reports:

- Rich and Carol Ferolito ó Rich will wait to purchase the 3 new coffee pots in the late Spring.
- Bud Jensen ó no report at this time
- Ron and Carol ó no report at this time
- Glen and Linda ó gave a report under old business
- Kathy ó no report at this time
- George and Kathryn ó George says everyone smiles when he asks them to
- John and Linda ó Please share with Linda items you wish to have sold at the state store at the next Samboree, varied sizes is already noted.
- Howard and Annette ó Howard requests warmer weather.

Unfinished Business

- Herkimer Fairground Sign ó in July, the Committee approved to spend \$185 to have a 3 x 12 sign made to promote the Samboree ó the sign will be posted at the base of the Herkimer Fairground Sign for the duration of the Samboree. Glen

Gasstrom reported that he did not order the sign as of yet, what do we want the sign to state? It was suggested to have it read Good Sam Samboree, Campers welcome, with the dates and web address.

- Tammy reported on the Resolutions she found amongst 36 years of past NYGS meeting minutes: it was noted that on 9/22/2001 that it was voted that at the Samboree, one raffle, one item (item=one or several items making up one raffle, like a basket of cheer). Each Chapter Rep received a copy of the summary of resolutions (voted or mentioned).
- Dan Crowley made a report about the revision the State By-Laws. Dan Crowley, Ada Elwood, Tammy McDougal, Linda Scheuer, and Helen Jensen serve on this committee that met Friday night for 4 hours.
 - Highlights: consolidated similar information; defined major terms; clarified the election process for the State Director and Treasurer; identified the fiscal year; identified the duties of the Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Wagon Master, Ass. Directors, and the Committee; budget will be prepared by the Director and Treasurer to be presented to the Committee in the Fall for the following fiscal year.
 - Discussion: the dollar amount for State dues is not specified, that is not a charge of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee; a draft of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws will be emailed to the Committee who have email, it will be posted on the web, and snail mailed to those without email; the Draft Constitution and By-Laws does follow California's guidelines.
- Charities ó The State currently sends contributions to Double H, Shriners, and Canine Helpers. This past year over \$824 was donated amongst the three. Do we want to change the number of charities we donate to? Do we want to change charities?
 - Jim Cooper made a motion to keep three (3) unspecified charities. H.A. Crofoot seconded. Motion passed (4 opposed).
 - Jim Cooper made a motion to keep Shriners as a charity. Barb Hoffer seconded. Discussion: Some chapters collect tabs for the Shriners, this is not a State activity. Motion passed.
 - H.A. Crofoot made a motion to add Angel Flight as a State charity. Jim Cooper seconded. Discussion: A local pilot donates his time and plane to fly needy families to hospitals for medical procedures. Motion passed.
 - Jim Cooper made a motion to keep Double H as a charity. No one seconded. Motion dropped.
 - Dan Crowley made a motion to keep Canine Helpers for the Handicapped as a charity. Mike Spaziante seconded. Motion passed (1 opposed).
 - Discussion: State charity funds come from raffles. The \$ from Chapter raffles belongs to the Chapter. The Chapter may do one of four things: keep the \$ for its general fund; donate it to a charity of the Chapter's

choosing; give the \$ to the State to be donated evenly amongst the three State charities; or give the \$ to the State to be donated to a specific State charity. It is suggested, not mandatory, to let people know what your plans are for the raffle \$, it may generate more interest in purchasing tickets.

- 2007 Samboree ó what worked, what didn't?
 - Helen stated that it was a great Samboree, she has heard many good comments about it from other Good Sam members from out of state, especially positive comments about the Chapter booths, Chapter contributions to the goodie bags, and the overall support/participation of the Chapters. THANK YOU.
 - AARP ó The State sponsored the event, no money was made/lost on the event. It is suggested to bring it back for next year.
 - Entertainment ó Helen would like to invite Fastback back for Friday entertainment.
 - George Whiting will return for the Sunday Church Service.
 - Ms. NY ó Chapters are asked, not mandatory, to encourage a rep to enter the contest; Ms. NY 2007 should crown Ms. NY 2008; Ms. NY can not be on the main stage due to the hazards of wiring and such of the band, Helen will ask Dick (Fairground Manager) about a portable stage for next year
 - Catholic Mass will return next year if the Father is willing; Mass in the new Pavilion worked out well.
 - 20 day passes were sold
 - Thanks to Barb Hoffer and her helpers, BINGO made a profit!
 - Chicken Barbeque ó it was good, ask the Snowmobile Club back next year
 - Chapter Line-up ó Chapter reps liked the new line-up

- Recognition for the Past Director, Judy Hall
 - Jim Cooper made a motion to purchase a gift for Judy Hall using State funds. Barb Hoffer seconded. Motion denied (2 for, 6 against)
 - Chapters/Individuals are encouraged to donate funds for a gift of recognition of service. Send \$ directly to Mary Jane Hale ó make the check out to her not NYGS. Mary Jane's address is 542 Plummer Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.
 - This is the method used when Joe Nicolitti retired from the Director's position.

- There was a brief break. Following the break, the 50/50 drawing was held. Gina Spaziante won the drawing of \$69.50. Congrats Gina!

- Samboree Theme for 2008 ó suggestions were Roaring 20's, Holidays, Fairy Tales, Christmas in July, First Response (EMTs, Fire Fighters, Police, etc), and Circus. The Theme was voted upon, and the Samboree Theme for 2008 will be Christmas in July.

New Business

- 2008 Samboree:
 - The dates will be July 11-13, with early parking starting on the 7th.
 - Snack Bar prices will be increased, will keep the sausage but will drop the meatballs, is a Chapter interested in working the Snack Bar during evening entertainment? The snack bar would serve cold drinks and snack bags at that time.
 - Get acquainted ó Helen suggested that we no longer have this activity, that we bring back óSamanthaö. The idea is that the Director selects a female to be óSamanthaö. Then throughout the weekend people can ask females if they are óSamanthaö, the first person to identify óSamanthaö will win a prize. It was suggested that we also have a óGood Samö.
 - H.A. Crofoot asked about having a golf outing on Thursday morning and a Newlywed Game in the evening. It was suggested that Chapter Reps speak to their members about this idea. A decision will need to be made in March.
 - Fairgrounds will like to have some volunteers for help about the Fairgrounds (specific tasks will be presented in March) ó one task will be repainting the bathrooms. Anyone who volunteers will receive free early bird parking for every day they volunteer.
 - Some chapters volunteered to perform the following activities:
 - Adirondack Sams ó Childrenø Games, \$50 Hat
 - Calico Sams ó
 - Center State Sams ó Rickshaw, Ice Cream Helpers
 - Crimson Circle ó Bingo
 - Finger Lake Sams ó Horse Race, Security
 - Instigator Sams ó Bean Bag Baseball, Corn Hole Toss, Skillet Toss
 - Iroquois Sams -
 - Long Island Good Sams -
 - Mohawk Majestics ó Arts and Craft, Crazy Golf
 - Seneca Sams ó
 - SippingøSams ó Pot of Gold
 - Southern Tier ó Pancake Breakfast, Bingo
 - Super Sams ó Snack Bar during the day, Door Prize
 - Tri-City Sams ó Morning Hospitality
 - Weekend Wanderers ó Hospitality, Golf Cart Rodeo
- Dan Crowley made a motion to re-elect Mary Jane Hale for Treasurer. Mike Spaziante seconded the motion. Mary Jane Hale stated that she would be willing to keep the position. Motion passed (all in favor).
- Tammy spoke of her idea to solicit discounts/gifts from campgrounds in exchange for advertising space on the New York Good Sam website. Please send her your list of favorite campsites so that she may send out ðbeggingø letters.

- Helen asked Chapter Reps to please check their contact information, to make corrections to return the form to Tammy.
- Chapter Rosters ó Please check the rosters for accuracy and return them prior to the end of the year. Return the rosters to Helen Jensen, 260 Myers Road, Lansing, NY 14882.
- Mark your calendars: the next meeting will be March 29, 2008; the Fall meeting will be September 26-18, 2008.
- H.A. Crofoot made motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40pm, seconded Bruce Parent; Motion passed.

Minutes written and submitted by Tammy McDougal.