

**New York State Good Sam Club
Regular Fall Meeting
September 24, 2011**

A regular Fall Meeting of the New York State Good Sam Club was held on September 24, 2011, at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY.

The meeting was called to order by the State Director, Glen Gasstrom, at approximately 1 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Arlene Nicoletti did an Invocation and a roll call was taken of chapters and their presidents/representatives. All Chapters were represented. The Staff then introduced themselves. Staff members absent were Rich and Carol Ferolito.

Minutes: Hank Crofoot made a motion to dispense with the reading of the July, 2011 minutes and accept them as e-mailed/mailed to chapter presidents. Joe Nicoletti seconded and it was passed by all.

State Director's Report: Glen deferred the Director's Report till new business.

By- Laws: The By- Laws as amended in July have been approved by California as of 9/23/2011. We adopted Standard Operating Guidelines. With this change, we can now change the date of the Spring Meeting. We will pick a new date later at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report : Mary Jane reported that we started the year with \$12,396.65. We made \$2,291.84 at the Samboree. The charities have been paid out – both 2010 and 2011, and we will be ending the year with \$12,394.12 in the treasury. Walt Olsen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. It was seconded by Gerry Putney and passed by all. Glen pointed out that the charity figures are high because they include both 2010 and 2011 charity pay outs. In the future, we will try to pay charities in the same year that the money is collected. Joe Nicoletti questioned the "Start Up" figure? Mary Jane explained to him that that is the money we need for each activity to start with, i.e. Lunch, Ice Cream Sales, Chinese Auction, etc.

Correspondence – Linda passed around thank you notes from The Shriners, Canine Helpers, Angle Flights (Roger Soderman) Frankfort/Ilion Food Pantry, and Cathy Parsons for everyone to read. There was also correspondence from Dogs for the Deaf concerning donating to them. If interested, contact Linda for more info. At this time, Glen explained how we did little skits at the State Samborees that we attended and raised extra money for Dogs for the Deaf.

Committee Reports: **Wagonmaster**, Ron Allen – parked 36 rigs for this weekend. **Registration**, Carolyn Allen – We had one no show for the weekend. Registration total was \$1,308.50. **Activities**, Rich and Sharyn Rothgarn –Car pool to Fly Creek went very well. Something we could do in July? **State Store**, Mike & Amy Himes – everything working well. Tried to put more personal touch on 1st Timers to make them feel welcome. **Kitchen**, Brian & Karen Fogg – Breakfast went well. **Web/Kids/Teens** – Traci DeLore – not a whole lot of kids attended. Hope to get more next year and recruit her kids for ideas. **Photographer/Asst. State Directors**, George and Kathryn Whiting – everybody smiles pretty for camera.

OLD BUSINESS: Samboree Dates for 2012 – July 13-15, 2012. Ham dinners are confirmed for next year but will be limited to 200. The price will be \$14 a dinner. There will be home made pie for dessert. Entertainment – Booked for next year for Friday and Saturday nights. Glen will work on getting seminars for fire safety, personal safety . Joe Nicoletti recommended having someone from a tractor trailer company to give a seminar that will show the visibility that truck drivers have when driving a big rig, blind spots and safety tips.

Chapter Duties: **Adirondack Sams** – Frying Pan Toss with help from Sam’s Grape Stompers; **Apple Valley Sams** – Crafts; **Calico Sams** – Security; **Center State Sams** – Golf Outing, help with Ice Cream Sales and Bean Bag Baseball; **Crimson Circle Lifers** – Mike Himes stated that they don’t have enough members to function as a chapter any more. If no one steps up and joins this weekend, the chapter will have to fold. Meet with him after meeting if you are interested. **Finger Lake Sams** – Bingo, Chinese Auction; **Instigator Sams** – Bean Bag Baseball; **Mohawk Majestics** – Crazy Golf and \$50 Hat; **Sams Grape Stompers** – Minute To Win It Games; **Seneca Sams** – Table Games, i.e. LCR, Card Bingo, Cribbage; **Sippin’ Sams** – “Horse” Races (according to theme) and Pot ‘O Gold; **Southern Tier Sams** – Serve Saturday breakfast; **Super Sams** – Door Prizes and Snack Bar; **Tri-City Sams** – Hospitality; **Weekend Wanderers** – Golf Cart Rodeo and Chariot Races.

Arlene Nicoletti asked what the Arts and Crafts consists of now. Glen said that anything is included. Irene Sykes stated that by combining Arts & Crafts and the Flea Market we had a lot more participation when it was open to everything. This was tabled till we go over Resolutions.

At this time a break was taken for the Audit Committee to check Treasurer’s books. The Audit Committee consists of Hank Crofoot and Walt Olsen. Fifteen minute break taken. After break and auditing the Treasurer’s books, Hank Crofoot made a motion to accept same. Chuck Ray seconded and it was passed by all.

NEW BUSINESS: Rosters – Please fill out and send one copy to Linda with your Chapter’s check for dues (\$1 per rig) by December 1st, 2011. **Treasurer’s Election** - Hank Crofoot made a motion to nominate Mary Jane Hale for another term. It was seconded by Walt Olsen and passed by all. Mary Jane accepted the nomination. Joan Harris made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Chuck Ray and passed by all. A motion was made by Sams Grape Stompers and seconded by Crimson Circle Lifers for the Secretary to case one ballot for Mary Jane as Treasurer. It was passed by all. **By-Laws: New date for Spring Meeting** – one day meeting later in the Spring so you may camp over with better weather. There will be an \$18 fee to camp over. We did a show of hands for the date of the Spring Meeting. April 28th - 10 yes votes – April 21st – 2 yes votes. Therefore the **Spring Meeting date will be April 28, 2012**. There will be lunch at noon supplied by the State with the meeting to follow at 1 pm and be held at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds. **Fall Meeting** – make it know that it is open to all chapter members, not just presidents. Glen explained that any Good Sam member can attend any meeting, they just do not have the power to vote. They may express their ideas and concerns at any meeting. We need more member support of the Fall Meeting because it costs the State a lot of money. We need more member support at the samboree. **Standard Operating Guidelines** - California suggested that chapters guide themselves with less interference from Calif. **Old Resolutions** – Glen suggested we go through the two pages of old resolutions that were given to everyone in their folders and adopt the ones that are pertinent under Standard Operating Guidelines. Gerry Putney made a motion to abolish old resolutions and Glen appoint a committee to adopt pertinent ones under Standard Operating Guidelines. Glen appointed Steve Sykes, Ed Burns and Walt Olsen to form the committee. They will come back with their findings at the Spring meeting. It was seconded by Walt Olsen and passed by all. Hank advised that each president should go over the list of prior resolutions with their chapter members and bring their wishes to the committee. **Chapter support of Samboree** – Glen stated that chapters must support samboree by using that date and place as their July camp out. Joe Nicoletti

reminded everyone that chapters are required to make state meetings or they may lose their charters. There was discussion on how to get chapter members to come to the samboree.

Angela Latal asked how chapters are counting votes. Is it by person or by rig? Glen stated that membership and vote is by rig, not individual member. John Annutto asked if committee members have to be chapter presidents. Glen said no. A committee member just brings information back to meeting and then chapter presidents vote on it. Any Good Sam member may be on a committee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (con't.) – Good Sam Family – There is no longer an Affinty Company. Our CEO, Marcus Lemonis, wants a lot of changes in Good Sam. Good Sam and President's Club will be combined. If you are in Good Sam, you will automatically be enrolled in the President's Club. Pricing will be on a loyalty basis. The longer you are a Good Sam member, the larger the discount, with Life Members getting the biggest discount. Highways has been changed again to have less advertising and more chapter news. Chapters must send in the news if they would like to see more news in the magazine. In 2012 there will be three Rallies – Phoenix in March, Louisville in June and Daytona in November. During a teleconference with Marcus and the Directors present at the Maine Samboree, Marcus asked if we would like to have a Northeast Rally sometime in the future. Everyone agreed and got back to Marcus with more details that will be worked out between the participating directors. We are awaiting a reply from Marcus and when we hear, it will be passed on to members. Marcus said he would like to see the price of samborees to remain under \$100. At this time there was much discussion about other state's samborees and the size of Region 5.

Chapter Membership – Glen asked states to look for new members so we can grow. He suggested ads in Pennysavers; friends inviting friends into the chapter and targeting younger families and empty-nesters who need new activities now that their children are out of the house. Glen said he is going to give away 5 free registrations to next year's samboree to encourage younger families to come. It was suggested that when you are at a camp out invite non chapter members to your pot luck. They may join! It was also suggested that you have our chapter banner/sign out.

Budget – Glen went over and explained his projected budget for 2012. **Merchant's Guide** – was a new idea for 2011. Please tell merchants that you are from Good Sam when you use their services. **Samboree Dinner** – Again we will only serve 200 next year. Glen said he would like to have a **special drawing** for the first 50 registrations received to encourage earlier registration. He is hoping to make \$2,000 at the 2012 samboree. **50/50 drawing** - \$55 for winner, \$55 for State. Irene asked the date for next year's **Fall Meeting**. Glen stated it is still the **last weekend in September** and that the samboree is the second weekend in July. There is no contract for the Spring Meeting so we can move that date around.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion for adjournment was made by Bill DeCota, seconded by Hank Crofoot and passed by all to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Gasstrom, Secretary