

New York State Good Sam Meeting
March 27, 2010
Herkimer Fairgrounds

Attendance: CHAPTERS: Adirondack Sams – Joan Harris; Calico Sams – Linda Doud; Center State Sams – Hank Crofoot; Crimson Circle – Michael Hines; Finger Lake Sams – Roger Thornhill; Grape Stompers – Brett Barnes; Instigator Sams – Irene Sykes; Mohawk Majestics – Michael Spaziante; Seneca Sams – Butch Nower; Sippin Sams – Dick Brumley; Southern Tier Good Sams – Ed Burns; Tri-City Sams – Joe Sportello; Weekend Wanderers- Rick Warfield **STAFF:** Bud & Helen Jensen; Tammy McDougal; Steve & Irene Sykes; Kathy Sannerud; Linda & Glen Gasstrom; Howard & Annette Mottorn; Rich & Carol Ferolita; Mary Jane Hale

Chapter not represented: Super Sams

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:20pm.

Salute to the Flag.

Prayer: Richie Ferolito

Introduction and Roll Call

Secretary's Minutes: Brett Barnes made a motion to dispense the reading of the 2009 Fall meeting minutes, Rick Warfield seconded; passed by all.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Himes made a motion to accept the report, Mike Spaziante seconded; passed by all.

Correspondence: Tammy McDougal read a thank you note from Gerry Elthorp for the donation to the NYS Fairground Board

Committee reports

Rich and Carol Ferolito – no report

Bud Jensen – please turn in your Goodie Bags items; asked who needed a booth at the Samboree

Glen and Linda Gasstrom – Hood will be donating the ice cream again this year

Kathy Sannerud – no report

George and Kathryn Whiting – See you in July

Howard and Annette Mottorn – no report

Steve & Irene Sykes – no report

Old Business

All in one ticket will have all the usual, door prize, breakfast, dinner but this year it will also have a number. This is the number you will be using for raffles. EXAMPLE: Helen Jensen's number is 1, so when she buys a raffle ticket she will write 1 on the back of the ticket and put it in the raffle bucket at that chapter. She will not have a ticket stub to keep track of. When the raffle takes place, the number on the back of the ticket will be called, not the number on the front of the ticket.

New Director- If you know of anyone wanting to run for Director, please see me after the meeting. Region 5 is having their meeting here in NY and potential Director might want to attend it.

Last year Helen gave 400 registration forms at the Spring 2009 meeting. What did the Chapters do with them? Not one 2009 Samboree Registration form returned was one of the 400 handed out by Chapters. The Samboree will not be successful (esp. financially) if Chapters do not begin to support it by either attending or promoting it. SUGGESTION: make copies of the form and leave it behind at various campgrounds or stores that specialize in camping merchandise.

New Business

Save our Parks – Helen mailed out a letter to the government officials asking them to Save our Parks, Center State Sams also mailed a letter that each chapter member signed

Hank Crofoot announced that a Center State Sam member donated a chest freezer to the Fairground so that we would have a freezer for the ice cream (the previous freezer no longer works)

In your folders there is a listing of Good Sam members that may or may not belong to a chapter. This is for you to use for chapter recruitment.

Dick Elthrop, Fairground Manager, discussed the electrical amp service at the Fairground and the feasibility of a long term contract.

Samboree

Theme is PIRATES – No weapons permitted!

Currently awaiting word that the RV Vendor will be Wilkins RV out of Bath, NY <http://www.wilkinsrv.com/>.

Members are encouraged to help staff clean-up after the Samboree

This year both Ms. NY Contestants and judges need to be seen. Contestants will stand in one spot so everybody can see.

Hank Crofoot has arranged for a Tire Seminar to be held at the Samboree.

Suggestion: Have a seminar to explain the insurance offered by Good Sam.

Thurs. night entertainment – possibility could be Amateur Hour or entertainment sponsored by the Herkimer Fairground

Friday's entertainment - Route 66 - <http://www.route66band01.com>

Saturday's entertainment - Easy Money - a 16 piece band out of Herkimer

Center State Sam will again host a Golf tournament Friday morning, cost will be @\$30

To save on cost, donuts will not be offered Friday morning.

Duties of Chapters

- Adirondack Sams – Frying Pan Toss, \$50 Hat, Pot of Gold
- Calico Sams – Security
- Center State Sams – Chariot Races or Golf Cart Rodeo (depending on the weather), HELP with ice cream
- Crimson Circle – Bingo
- Finger Lakes Sams – Auction
- Grape Stompers – Chicken Dinner, Children's Activities
- Instigator Sams – Bean Bag Baseball
- Mohawk Majestics – Arts/Crafts/Book Sale, Crazy Golf
- Seneca Sams – Ice Cream
- Sippin Sams – Pirate Races
- Southern Tier Sams – Pancake Breakfast
- Super Sams – Afternoon Snack Bar, Door Prizes
- Tri-City Sams – Early Morning Coffee

- Weekend Wanderers – Hospitality (times dependent on weather), Golf Cart Rodeo
- Youth – Lemonade Stand

Please remember that Chapters are responsible to donate two door prizes.

Finger Lakes Sams looking for donations for auction. Money collected goes to the state charities not the chapter.

Encourage chapter members to bring food donations for the local food pantry.

First timers' booth same - need a person from each chapter to man the booth for one hour.

Chapter write ups will need to be given to the First Timer's Booth at the Samboree – if you give a copy to Tammy, she'll put the info up on the website.

Announcements

Dogs for the Deaf—Top Dogs--Seneca Sams

Fall Meeting Campout- Sept. 25-27

Cost will be \$50.00 for the weekend

Early parking begins on the 24th. Please remember the more people we can get to come, the more we can offer.

Helen and Bud will cook Friday night.

Saturday dinner – State will purchase meat, attendees to bring a dish to pass

50/50 raffle held, everyone was assigned a number to give a preview of how the new raffle system will work. #5, aka Howie Mottorn, won \$29.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy D. McDougal
April 4, 2010