

Minutes of meeting of Colorado Good Sams State Committee  
September 30, 2017, 8:00 am  
State Fair Grounds, Pueblo, Colorado

State Director, Jr. Hall, welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

12 Chapters were present:

Arapahoe Sams, represented by Linda Buser  
Aspen Leaves Sams, James and Renee Pope  
Colorado High Landers, Al Allain  
New Directions, Wendall and Andrea Ashley  
Old #7 Sams, Ken and Charlene Randall  
Prairie Dog Sams, Ed and Jeanette McGuire  
Coyote Sams, represented by Judy Creasman  
Summer Bummer Sams, Wayne and Dorothy Bondurant  
Aerospace Sams, Harold and Bonnie Smith  
Blue Spruce Sams, Rick and Lisa Smith  
Good Luck Sams, Roland and Claire Brodeur  
Kissing Camels Sams, Ron Wiley

7 Chapters were not represented:

Flatlander Sams  
Sweetheart Sams  
Weld County Tumbleweeds  
Hammin' Sams  
Four Corners Sams  
San Juan Sams  
Two Rivers Sams  
Ute Pass Crickets Sams

State Officers present were:

Director, Orbin and Carolyn Hall  
Treasurer, Marie and Tom Mason  
Secretary, Celia and Walt Smith  
Webmaster, Jeff Towne  
Editor, Norma Emerson  
Chaplain, Dan and Kathy Bechtold  
Historian, Galen and Sue Steele  
Patchperson, Jan Towne  
Past State Director, Al Allain  
Photographer, Judy Seber  
VIP Host, Claire and Roland Brodeur  
Sound Manager, Dave Moore

Assistant State Directors present were:

Sharla and Lyle Hayward  
Wayne and Glenda Shade  
Don and Linda Wenzel

Mel and Dee Trafton  
Mike and Sue Carver, excused

Out of State guests present were:  
Al and Linda Andrew, Utah State Directors  
Harold Jacklin, Utah  
Ron and Rene Boullion, Texas Assistant State Directors

Treasurer:  
Marie provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report to everyone.

Balance forward	15,721.51	
Income	12,164.91	
Refund	(330.00)	\$27,556.42
Expenses		
COGS	375.92	
Postage	170.41	
Deposit Rally	2,400.00	
Bank Service Charges	25.00	
President Expenses	878.36	
Awards	97.50	
Office Supplies	181.91	
Good Sam Store	455.81	\$(4,584.81)
Current Balance		\$22,971.51

Discussion:

President's Expenses included a new printer as authorized at the April meeting, ink cartridges, and other miscellaneous expenses. These should be listed under Office Expenses.

Postage has always been broken out as printing and postage for the COGS, so Marie left it as it has been. Director's postage should be listed under his expenses.

Refunds are for members who had to cancel their plans to attend the Rally due to family health emergencies so their fees were refunded.

Wendall Ashley moved, Roland Brodeur seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Officers needed:

Jr. is working with someone right now who is interested in the Wagonmaster position.

We still need an assistant patch person to assist Jan Towne.

Mike Dominguez is our new Blood Bank Chairman. We had 17 signups to give blood, we had 9 people walk up, for a total of 26 people. The goal was 15 units, and we had to 26 units, to replace Bonfil's 26 units that they sent to assist with Hurricane Harvey. Mike has done a great job.

Treasurer's election:

This position is for 2 years and is an elected position. Marie has decided that she will not continue in this position due to some health issues. Jr. asked if anyone would like to step up to take this position. Al Allain moved to

nominate Sharla Hayward to this position. Second was by Ed McGuire. Sharla accepted, saying she has done it before and can do it again. There were no other nominations. Discussion: she will step down as Assistant State Director. Motion carried. Sharla Hayward will take over as our State Treasurer the first of the year.

Andrea Ashley expressed thanks to Marie for all the work that she has done over the past two years.

For the April meeting coming up, please reach out to find young people to submit for our scholarship. We did not give a scholarship away this year because we didn't have anyone apply for it. The application on the internet will be updated. There was concern expressed that it should be given to in-state kids instead of out-of-state. Others did not feel that this is a concern. Nobody stepped up to manage the scholarship.

Judy Seber is our new photographer. Jackie and Vickie Cryer have gone overboard making sure everything was done properly, and they have left big shoes to fill. The group thanked them for their outstanding contributions.

Charities:

- Food Bank is a little sparse, please bring contributions. Harold Smith and Andy Stone of Aerospace Sams deliver goods to the food bank and books to the library.
- Blood Bank, if anyone donated last year or donated for the first time this year, see Mike Dominguez for your patches and blood drops.
- Charities: of the proceeds from the book sale, horse races, and silent auction, 50% goes to the treasury, and 50% goes to Dogs for the Deaf, Make a Wish Foundation, and Fischer House. If you would like to see some new charities for next year, please get information to Jr. so it can be put into the system at our April meeting.

The April meeting will be held on April 21, 2018, at Patty Jewett Golf Course, Colorado Springs. Several chapters wanted to make sure the date was out far enough ahead of time so they could work their schedules around it.

Seminars: If you have any suggestions, please get them to the committee for next year.

- Jeff Towne gave 2 seminars for computer
- Claire Brodeur gave an arts and crafts seminar
- Sue Steel had an arts and crafts seminar
- At Men's Muffins there was a long discussion with Terry from Truck Services, Auto and RV Services, Colorado Springs. He also brought his wrecker down so anyone who wanted could go out and take at how they hook up a motorhome properly.

Vendors:

Jr. asked if there were suggestions for vendors for next year.

Carolyn asked if we should charge more than \$25 per spot and if the charge should be per space or per vendor. Consensus was to charge per space, and the cost should be maintained at \$25 because we have so much trouble getting vendors to participate. Concern was expressed that we need to get participation up; our attendance was down 20% this year, which means our vendors are looking at a potential 20% decrease in income.

This year we had:

- Virtually Vintage Studios
- Helo/Nerium
- Tupperware
- Pampered Chef
- Camping World as an outside vendor
- Honey & Lace Barbee Style

- Mary Kay
- Jennie Marts, author
- Pain Management
- All Pro Water Flow
- Autumn Ventures
- GreaseGo, a Safe, Water Based Cleaner, who donated product in the goody bags, and there is an entry form for a \$100 gift card to Camping World, the drawing to be held after dinner on Saturday
- LED Lighting
- Mountain Man Candy

Locations for upcoming Rallies:

2018 will be in Greeley, Sept. 13-16, early bird on the 12<sup>th</sup>. This is under contract.

2019 will be in Pueblo, Sept. 19-22<sup>nd</sup>, early bird on the 18<sup>th</sup>, also under contract.

2020 will be in Pueblo, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, early bird on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Theme for 2018: suggestions were

- Circus
- Colorado Gold – we have a lot of gold history in the state
- A Great Moment in History – Utah has recently had this theme. Al Andrew, Utah State Director, spoke with us about how they implemented this theme, including a parade with floats made by the local chapters.
- Colorado Trails
- Great Moments in Colorado History
- Colorado Railroad History

It was requested that there be more information sent from the state committee to the local chapters.

Jr. asked if we want to make a decision today or talk with the chapters and make the decision in April. It was decided to vote today so it will be put into print, come out in the national letter, and the chapters will have plenty of time to prepare for the next rally.

Voting by chapter presidents: Great Moments in Colorado History was selected as the theme for 2018.

Each chapter should pick a theme and plan around that for decorations. Rather than floats, each chapter could decorate their own tables with their theme. Years ago we had a parade that went through town, high school marching bands and all, but Rocky Ford was more agreeable to this than Pueblo and Greeley might be. Utah has a parade around the fair grounds.

We had discussion about whether to have floats or table decorations. Presidents decided that they need to go back to their chapters and get some ideas of what they want to do.

Galen recommended that we all be thinking now and talking with our chapters about a theme for 2019. At our April meeting we can begin discussion for 2019.

Jr. read a special letter from Norma Emerson and Al and Fran Allain nominating Tom Grey for Golden Halo Award. This was planned for last night, but Tom did not attend the Rally, so he was awarded with this honor at the meeting.

Galen asked how much Calhan has grown and wondered if they could be in the running to have our rally in the future. They are adding 30 electric hookups. More research will be done on facilities/hookups and costs for discussion in April.

Additional comments or questions:

Harold Smith, Aerospace Sams, suggested that it be inserted into the registration form that "confirmation will be sent if you include a self-addressed, stamped, #10 envelope or legible email address so that we can get your confirmation back to you." This is in the bottom section but not in the top section. Sharla stated that she has already thought about this and changes will be made for next year. This form is very old and they will be revising it.

There was discussion about outdated contact information for members, who then complain that they haven't received communications.

Jr. gave thanks and appreciation to all the people who helped at the RV shows this year in Colorado Springs and Denver.

Harold Jacklin spoke to the group with comments about the changes in National. They are now giving very little support to the chapters and it is totally on our shoulders to ensure that the organization continues. He encouraged the groups to have fun and be involved to help their chapters grow. Wendall asked who our sponsor is now. Harold said there is no national representative, our contact is Jamie Howard. Good Sam is promoting Good Sam, not chapters, they are doing nothing for us. Carolyn will send us the contact information for the Good Sam support person.

Wendall asked if we are accepting write-ins for State Director, what the nomination/election process is and how the problematic issues this year have been addressed. One nominee received notification that he was nominated, and he declined the nomination, then after the deadline had passed he decided that he did want to run for the office. Jr. talked with national several times about the issues and they declined to make an exception to the process. There is no write-in process in the Good Sam State Director election, the chapters have the opportunity to nominate three individuals by July 15. In this case, Jr. got that extended to July 31. National refused to make further exceptions to the process. There was no ballot sent out because there was only one nominee who accepted nomination for the position so there was no contest. Jr. read the full procedure to the group and described the actions he, Marie, and Carolyn took during the process.

Al moved, Wendell seconded, that we move off the topic of election. Motion carried.

Jackie Cryer suggested, since national doesn't do anything for us, we should just call ourselves Colorado Camping Group and be done with Good Sam.

State Committee Meeting is Patty Jewett Gold Course on April 21, 2018.

Wendall moved to adjourn, Al seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Smith  
State Secretary