

Minutes of the Colorado Good Sam State Presidents' Meeting
April 22, 2017
Patty Jewett Golf Course, Colorado Springs

The pledge to our flag was led by State Director, Jr. Hall.

Roll Call: Chapters in attendance were:
Arapahoe Sams, Sharla & Lyle Hayward
Aspen Leaves Sams, James & Renee Pope
Colorado High Landers, Al Alain
Old #7 Sams, Ken & Charlene Randall
Prairie Dog Sams, Bill & Ann Kelm filled in for the McGuires
Coyote Sams, Rodney & Dorothy Wulf
Summer Bummer Sams, Wayne & Dorothy Bondurant
Aerospace Sams, Harold & Bonnie Smith
Blue Spruce Sams, Rick & Lisa Smith
Good Luck Sams, Roland & Claire Brodeur
Kissing Camels Sams, Ron Wiley
San Juan Sams, John Lowitz
Two Rivers Sams, Jack & Phyllis Warner

We have a new chapter, and their group had intended to be here. The Vice President had a heart attack and this morning the President fell and broke his shoulder. Our prayers are with these new members for a full and speedy recovery.

Sharla Hayward moved and Bill Kelm seconded that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and the minutes accepted as sent out to the members. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marie and Tom Mason are in the middle of moving right now and are not able to be with us today. The Treasurer's Report was read by Norma Emerson. Copies of the detailed report were included in our meeting packet.

A motion was made by John Lowitz and seconded by Bill Kelm to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Audit: Sharla reported that the audit was done in January. The books are in order and it was a good audit. The audit committee consisted of Sharla Hayward, Al Alain, and Wendall Ashley.

Election for State Director: Good Sam has changed direction on this process, so we will get the sheets to the Presidents.

Treasurer, Marie, wondered if she should set up a debit card. Jr. asked the Presidents' thoughts, and the decision was that we don't need a debit card.

New Chapters:

Ute Pass Crickets is the group that had hoped to be here today.

Tommy and Lee Keller are working on restarting the Ark Valley Sams.

Other chapters to think about: we did several RV shows and some people asked about a military chapter, Second Chance Sams, and Solo Sams.

Our newest Assistant State Director for the metro area is Sharla and Lyle Hayward.

Old Business:

Raising of assessment fees from \$6 to \$10. We did well this last year at the Rally, we increase about \$5,000 for last year. We do have an increase in cost for the state fairgrounds and did not increase the rally costs. Hopefully we will have some substantial donations again this year to help defray the costs of the rally. There was discussion about raising the fees or leaving it as it is. Sharla Hayward moved that we leave the assessment as it is. Al Alain seconded. Motion carried.

It was suggested that the COGS be posted on the website rather than printing hard copies because so many people read them and throw them away. Jr. pointed out that sending it out electronically is very time consuming and not everyone would read them. Also, advertisers would not pay for ads for an electronic edition, they want to see their ad in hard copy.

COGS deadlines are June 1 and December 1 to get articles to Norma. We would love to see an article from each chapter. There is an extra charge for pictures.

New Business:

Trailer Hitch: Jr. got the current one fixed, so he doesn't think it needs to be replaced at this time.

Alcohol outside of Rigs: there was a complaint that someone was seen with a can of beer at last year's Rally and this individual wanted the issue addressed. The executive staff hasn't seen any abuse. It was suggested that you put your can in a sleeve, and it would look like a soda can. The issue is not addressed in the Good Sam bylaws. Jr. and the executive staff doesn't see an issue unless someone has had too much alcohol; in such a case, please let Jr. know and he or one of his assistants will take care of the situation. There may be a rule at the fairground where we have the rally, and Jr. will look into this.

Chapters posting their outings on the website so others can visit when in the area: Jr. and the Assistant State Directors would like to visit some of the chapters but can't if they don't know when and where campouts will be. Let Jeff Towne know so he can post it on the website.

Communications: please read your emails and communicate with your spouse and chapter members regarding meetings, so everyone will know what's going on.

Copier: Carolyn has looked into getting another printer/copier because the old one is a dinosaur and very costly to repair. She presented information on two different printers; the one she prefers is on sale at this time for \$289.99 plus tax, and a 2-year warranty is an additional \$60. Al Alain moved that we authorize the purchase of a new printer at a maximum cost of \$500. It was seconded by Roland Brodeur. Motion carried.

We still need a Wagon Master, assistant Patch Person, and Assistant State Director for the Southeast Area because Bill Agnew resigned yesterday. Mel offered to take on two more chapters, and Jr. will help.

Advertisement for 2017:

Jr. already has commitments from Pikes Peak Traveland to another full page ad in the COGS, and to pay for Saturday night's entertainment.

We also have flyers made up, 30 of each of two styles. Jr. would like them posted by the beginning of August.

COGS advertising is very reasonable: \$150 for full page, \$75 for half, and \$40 for a quarter, twice per year. This is great exposure for our advertisers and helps defray the cost of the COGS.

Open floor for any suggestions: none were submitted.

There are no more Regional Directors, all the Regional Directors have been cancelled. We go back to a way it was when Al first took over. One person, Dave Morgan, is in charge. Good Sam has had lots of changes. This year they cut out how much money they are going to give us to buy gifts for door prizes or silent auction prizes. They have made many cuts. It depends on how many people we have at our rally to how much we get.

Charities:

Food Bank

Books

For the last several years Andy and Rodney have handled these things.

Blood Bank will be Friday, 10:00am to 2:30pm. Bill said we will have the patches and blood drops for donors. We are anticipating about 30 units, but they can handle more. Please sign up as soon as you get to the rally. We are listed under both Good Sams Colorado and Colorado Good Sams Samboree, they are one and the same. Samboree will be changed to Rally. If a Good Sam member needs blood, we can get it through this account. It has to go through the hospital, not the blood bank. We don't have to give blood to get blood. We can donate to the Good Sam account any time of the year.

Charities:

From the proceeds from our activities, 50% goes to the state treasury, 50% to our charities. Now Dogs for the Deaf and Make a Wish Foundation are our charities. If you feel that there is an important cause, please suggest it.

Galen described Fisher House. It provides housing for families of military personnel who have suffered injuries or illness. It is the same thing as Ronald McDonald House but for military.

There was a motion by Al Alain that we add the Fisher House to our charitable giving, seconded by Rick Smith. Motion carried.

Information/Action Items:

Entertainment: Thursday night, Friday night, Saturday night

Jr. has Saturday night's committed, he just has to finalize the contract.

Jr. has a couple of other thoughts. Jr. would like suggestions for local entertainment.

Our theme is River Boat. Jr. and Carolyn were thinking of having the entertainment for Thursday night as a jazz band they saw a while ago. They played awesome dance music, and it was in conjunction with

a casino night. They wonder about having a casino night, black jack tables, dealer at each table, done with fake money, and a prize for the person who wins the most fake money. Discussion was held about the legality of using fake money. It wouldn't be much different than playing Bingo. The money would be donated, just like Samgo. We can do it as a fundraiser or just rent the tables and pay for the dealer. Tables, black jack and poker are \$67, roulette and Texas hold-um are \$79, and craps is \$310. The cost for a dealer is in addition.

Al moved that we don't have a casino night, Sharla seconded. Motion carried.

Scholarship: Jr. needs someone to head this. This year we had no one turn in a request for a scholarship, last year we had 5. Deadline was April 1.

Marketing:

Jr. has had flyers made and asked that we all take a couple and post them. Other marketing tools are on the website. Jr. is working with Camping World to promote the rally. If anyone has suggestions, please get with Jr.

Saturday night's catered meal: do we want seating by chapter or mixed? Rodney Wulf moved that we have assigned seating, it was seconded by Bill Kelm. Blue Spruce suggested that if someone is bringing a guest, the guest may be sitting with someone else. Motion carried.

Seminars: if you have any suggestions, please let Jr. know. Now we have:

Jeff Towne has committed to two seminars,
A suggestion was made for co-pilot training
Looking for someone to give a seminar on full-time RVing

Crafts:

Claire Brodeur, card making
Sue Steele, 3D card making
We'd like to have someone to do scrapbooking

Vendors: any suggestions for different vendors? Two of our large vendors who have been coming for years had to bow out because they will be at another rally during the time of our rally. Now we have:

Virtual Vintage Studios

Helo/Nerium

Working on Tupperware

Working on Pampered Chef

Camping World is an outside vendor right now, but we're working on getting them inside as well. If they don't want to do inside, Jr. has two more camping groups that possible would set up a store.

Mountain Man Candies is a question right now

Colorado Heights

Working on clothing and Mary Kay

Referring back to the two vendors who are not able to be with us this year, they will be in another state at a rally because we had to change our date. By the time we decided on the date someone else already had it committed. Jr. wants to book locations out for 2019 and 2020 so we do not fall into the same

scenario. He talked with 5 state directors, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, all have anywhere from 3 to 5 year commitments, and they all go to the same location every year. If you switch back and forth, you tend to lose your dates. Right now Jr. has a venue guaranteed for the next two years.

Jr. asked for motion to line the venue up for 1919 and 1920 to give Jr. the ability to have the Treasurer write a check to hold the venue.

Al so moved as long as Jr. gets a written guarantee that the price won't change. Al and Sharla complained that Greeley confirmed but changed on us; it's the City of Greeley who doesn't recognize the contract. Second was made by San Juan Sams. Al amended his motion that both 1919 and 1920 be held in Pueblo. The costs between Greeley and Pueblo are very nearly the same. Motion carried.

The theme for 2017 is River Boat. Jr. needs someone to do decorations of stage and tables.

Claire and Ronald will think about doing the stage.

Dee & Claire will decorate the tables.

The meeting broke for lunch.

Rodney Wulf said that his chapter will not be able to do the blind tractor event this year. They will be happy to advise another chapter and pass on their experiences.

Assignments:

Each chapter needs to bring:

1. Cake for Cake Walk
2. One dozen cookies
3. A door prize (value of at least \$10)
4. \$15 to help with cost of sides for Friday Night Hamburgers, Brats, & Hot Dogs
5. 200 items for goody bags
6. Pies per chapter to share, with enough slices to cover their chapter. This will be for desert after the hot dogs and burgers.

Entertainment: Jr. is in charge of entertainment. If anyone knows of a group in Colorado Springs or Pueblo that you think would be appropriate, please let him know.

Catered Meal for Saturday: Jr. and Mel will check out several caterers in Pueblo. If you have a suggestion, send it to them.

Mike, Roland and Mel will be overseeing Saturday morning donuts. The Good Luck Sams have already volunteered to provide donuts for the Rally.

Marie is in charge of registration, Linda Wenzel and Ann Kelm have volunteered to help her.

Jan Towne is our patch person, she already has volunteer to help her.

Jr. will be getting the ice cream, but this year we need to have men on the scoopers because the ice cream is so hard. We'll have 9-10 people to help.

First timers meeting: Harold Jacklin, former Regional Director, will be coming to the Rally and he would like to lead the First Timers introduction.

Claire, VIP Host: VIP Host means people who are out-of-state or first timers, we have a get-together, usually on Thursday afternoon. If you have a new member in your chapter, please make sure they go to the VIP Party. It will not be advertised, because if it is, everybody will show up. So please get the information to your new members.

Silent Auction: Old #7 is going to help. Last year we raised quite a lot of money. Jr. has written a letter that we can hand out to those interested in donating. Letters were handed out and we can get more from Jr

Hospitality: Mike Carver is in charge.

Thursday morning: Aerospace Sams

Friday morning: Arapaho Sams

Saturday morning: Good Luck Sams

Mike and Mel Sunday Morning Presidents' Breakfast: 6:00 Presidents please show up in the kitchen.

Ladies' Tea: Judy Creasman, Sharla Hayward, 2 ladies from Kissing Camels, and Linda Wenzel will help Carolyn.

Mel's Muffins: Mike Carver, Galen Steele will help.

Parking: Jeff Towne, assisted by Galen Steele and Rick Smith.

Craft Sales: Sharla and Glenda.

Door Prizes: Sharla and Glenda.

Games:

Samgo –

Horseshoes –

Washer Toss -

Bean Bags –

Bean Bag Baseball – Blue Spruce

Bocce Ball – Kissing Camels

Bola Toss – Old #7

Card Bingo – Good Luck Sams

Blind Man Obstacle -

Mexican Train – Prairie Dog Sams

Horse Races – Good Luck Sams

Other games:

Cribbage: Old #7

Pinochle – Don Wenzel

Ribbons for Games – Mel

Cake Walk – Sue Carver

Church Services – State Chaplain Dan Bechtold

Memorial Balloon Release and Memorial Table – Old #7

Thursday Deli:

Friday Deli: Prairie Dogs – corn on the cob

Saturday Deli: Kissing Camels egg rolls, iced tea, lemonade

Sunday morning: Aerospace Sams, sausage for sale

Rally Theme: Riverboat. We need decorations for the stage and there are people thinking of doing this. Claire and Dee are doing table decorations.

Dr. Sambones – Blue Spruce

Dog Contest –

Used book sale, nonperishables for charity (do not bring expired food), and we will need delivery of these items. Andy Stone from Aerospace Sams volunteered for this

Jr. had a complaint come up last week that he didn't give enough notification of this meeting, he asked that he get notification for this meeting at least a year out in advance, because they have their events scheduled out a year in advance and this meeting interrupted it even though the meeting has been held on this weekend since before Al was Director. Discussion was held regarding changing the meeting from the third weekend. Next year's meeting was set for April 21. August meeting will be held on August 3 in Castle Rock, though Jr. doesn't think at this time a meeting will be necessary, if so it will be executive only; and it would be August 2, 2018. Saturday morning at 8:00 or 8:30 will be our regular meeting at the Rally.

Please make nominations for who we would like to see as King and Queen, usually somebody who has been in Good Sams for years and contributed a lot of time and effort. Send it to Jr, and Carolyn by August 1.

Also be thinking of somebody to nominate for Golden Halo Award. This is to recognize individuals who have been especially active in Good Sam of Colorado.

Be thinking with our chapter about who we would like to nominate as state director.

Chapter of the Year had changed: "If you know a Chapter, Good Sam Club member(s) that you have been touched by their philanthropic efforts, please email a brief description/story/photos of their good works within the community to GSClubSupport@GoodSam.com. Please include your contact information so that we can follow-up with any additional questions."

Nominations for King and Queen are due by August 1; send them to Jr. and Carolyn.

The Golden criteria was distributed to the state officers and chapter presidents. Nominations are due by August 1.

Door prizes: winners were

Wolfs

Popes

Smiths
Carvers

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Respectfully,
Celia Smith
State Secretary