Washington State Good Sam President's Meeting
Lynden, Washington
May 5, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Donna Amos, WA State Director, at 0959 hours.

Guests Bob and Louise Henkel, former Directors, were introduced.

Amazon Smile It had been brought up previously that Amazon Smile will donate a portion of your purchase price to any charity you designate. The State organization needs to register in order for members to take advantage of this option. Donna will talk to Dee Cluett to determine exactly what needs to be done.

Status of the National Good Sam Club

- The Club seems to be moving away from Chapters.
- Funding to the States for our Rally continues to be reduced. It is now being based on our attendance.
- Maximum amount that can be earned is now $800, down from $1000. And our attendance is not high enough to earn the full $800.
- The Club will no longer approve Director and Treasurers
- The Club will no longer provide the Chapter Milestone Certificates. If we want to continue with them, we have to do it ourselves.
- There are no more Regional Directors. There is a single point of contact in Kentucky that all Directors use if they need something.
- The free one year membership for new members is still available. The best and most efficient way to utilize it is to send all the required information to the State Director and she will process it.
- Good Sam Days at Camping World have been reduced from 9 days to a single weekend.

Getting New Members and Keeping Chapters Healthy

- Some Chapters have good luck with ads in the local newspaper.
- Some Chapters have websites that are helpful. Bill Brown, the State Web Master will help anyone with setting up a website.
- Going to Camping World hasn't proven to be effective lately. Get lots of contact information, but almost zero follow up conversations.
- It was noted that attendance continues to decline. It was suggested that having Lynden the weekend before Fun Fest in Lacey may hurt attendance.
- It was asked "How do we get people to know that the State and Chapters have websites?" That's difficult since the National Club will not release the names of Good Sam members in our State, nor will they send an email to those members about the State organization.

Signatures on Checks The State Standard Operating Procedures state "Any disbursements over $500 requires 2 signatures." With State officers (specifically Director and Treasurer) potentially living hundreds of miles apart, it is very difficult to make this happen. It was asked if the Presidents felt this was necessary given the current paper trail we maintain and annual audits we conduct.

> **Motion** Draft an amendment to the SOPs to eliminate the requirement for 2 signatures for all checks written. The amendment will be sent out to the presidents and voted on at either a special meeting at Moses Lake or the President's Meeting at Cashmere. The motion was Seconded and Passed.

Role of the State Committee (the Presidents)

- The question is how involved do the Presidents want to be. It is your organization and you should be involved, but the logistics and issues associated with making all the decisions in a timely manner can be very cumbersome.
- Donna explained all the decisions she has to make and things that she has to coordinate to make the State Meeting happen.
- Ron Belden, State Secretary, explained that three years ago when he stepped in as interim Director just before the Lynden and Moses Lake Meetings, there was no way he had time to consult with the Presidents in order to make things happen on time.
- There was a long discussion and everyone agreed that the Presidents need to get involved, but more from the stand point of providing suggestions and ideas ahead of time, not on the daily, routine decisions. That is why they elected the officers.
- It was agreed that no changes were necessary, and Donna will continue to notify the Presidents on bigger issues.

Pass Things on to the Members Donna urged the Presidents to please pass on all the information to their members. Keep them involved.

Wearing Chapter and State Vests Everyone was encouraged to wear your Chapter or State vests out in public when you go out. We spend lots of money in the community and we should let them know who we are.

Donations for Goody Bags Members from Moses Lake were encouraged to contact vendors about putting flyers in the goody bags. Paul Boehm said hes worn out his welcome and we probably won't get much if anything.

Members that Pass Away Just a reminder to notify Jean Little, Sunshine Person, Ron Belden, State Secretary, and Joyce Stricklin of members that we lose during the year so they can be included in the Memorial Ceremony at Cashmere.

Coffee Pots at Moses Lake and Cashmere A request was made for some chapter to take over the coffee at Moses Lake and Cashmere. No takers.

Geocaching Does anyone know anything about geocaching or know someone who does? No takers.

Karaoke Several Chapters suggested having a Karaoke Night. Please look around in the communities of the three State Meeting to find a DJ and get their information to Donna.

Decorations at Moses Lake The Sandy Sams have agreed to decorate the stage for Moses Lake again this year.

Classic Car Club There is a Northwester Classic Car Club that may come to the Fairgrounds tomorrow afternoon. So please go out and visit with them and enjoy the show.

Next Year's Themes It was asked when we voted on the themes for next years meetings. The themes are one of the topic for the Business Meeting tomorrow. So please go back to you members and ask for suggestions.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 1110 hrs.

Submitted by Ron Belden, WA State Secretary

Presidents Meeting Lynden 2017

AGENDA

Have had no response for items to discuss

What's happening at national level

One year free membership to new members still available

How to get new members – keep current members involved all year

Authorization to pay bills (maybe talk about this) SOP's for state

Discussion on role of State Committee in planning State meetings, including activities, entertainment etc.

Pass info from me on to your chapter members

New ideas for games, seminars, vendors, entertainment

Wear your vests out and about so people know who we are and contributing to their economy

Moses Lake/Cashmere areas (Who lives in these areas and comes to the state meetings)

Donations for goody bags at Moses Lake – Ask your local businesses if they want to put flyers in the bags or donate an item or %off of items in their business.

Notify Jean Little and Ron Belden of chapter members who have passed away by Sept 1.

Does anyone participate in geo-caching

Karaoke

Coffee pots – Skagit Sams keeps one set for the Lynden meeting, – need some chapter to store coffee pots and supplies, maintain supplies and bring them to the two state meeting. Could get one chapter from Moses Lake and another from Cashmere.

President's Roster **Lynden President's Meeting** **5/5/17**

President	If Proxy-Print Name	Signature
Apple Rovers/Rogers, Sandy		
Appleland/Bauer, Ken		
Blue Mountain Sams/Stricklin, Ron		
Canyon Sams/Stadshaug, Harold		
Cariboo Trail Sams/Payne, Glenn		
Cheney Good Samers/Morris, Robert		
Columbia River Valley/Elser, Sandee		
Daffodil Ramblers/Poytner, Royce		
Deer Park White Tail/Crump, Sharon		
Desert Drifters/Kessie, Larry		
Ft Vancouver Good Sams/Nelson, Hilda		
Get Along Sams/Staley, Dave		
Golden Campers/Scott, Rick		
Golden Threads/Boehm, Nancy	Nancy Boehm	Nancy Boehm
Good Guy Sams/Jensen, John	John Jensen	
Good Sam Sneekers/Courtney, Jack	Bob Troyer	R & T Troyer
Greenacres Sams/Claggett, Mike		
Hood Canal Sams/Cothran, Walt		
Lilac City Sams/Rhoads, Kelly	Kelly Rhoads	
Lokeco Camper/Ball, Frank	Jody Mason	Jody K Mason
Military Sams/LaPine, Gary	Gary LaPine	Jody K Mason
Napawina Sams/Helm, Orville		
North Kitsap Sams/Mason, Jody		
Panorama Sams/Sly, Bob		
Play It Again Sams/Thompson, Carol		
Red Haute Samanthas/Humphrey, Dawn	Nancy Boehm	Nancy Boehm
River City Sams/Burts, Everett		
Roamin` Wheels/Pantoja, Janet	Dick Kniken	
S. Kitsap Soggy Sams/Freeman, JR		
Sams of Puget Sound/Montz, Bernice	~~Bernice Montz~~	Bernice Montz
Sams Twin Rollers/Sangder, Chuck		
Sandy Sams/Lihou, Lee	Paul Boehm	
Section 8/Proctor, Sonny		
Single Sam of WA/Soper, Ed		Edmund R Soper

President	If Proxy-Print Name	Signature
Skagit Sams/Glover, Bob	Fran Zimmerly	Frances E. Zimmerly
Sounder Sams/Ogg, Paul		
South Sound Sams/Legg, Robert		
Sundowners/Monaghan, Carole		
Three Rivers Sams/Zylman, Karen	RON BELDEN	Ron Belden
Tired and Retired Sams/LaPine, Diana	Diana LaPine	Diana LaPine
Tramper Sams/Skare, Alan		
Tri-Mountain Wanderers/Lokey, Dale		
Valley Drifters/Cluett, Dave		Dave Cluett
WA Gateway Sams/Skinner, Steve		
What-Com`s Good Sams/Archer, Max		Max Archer