

Washington State Good Sam President's Meeting
Lynden, Washington
May 3, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Donna Amos, WA State Director, at 1001 hours. See attached President's Sign-In Sheet.

Voting Issues There were no issues brought up previously by the chapters for voting on at this meeting, so the following items are from the Director. Attached is the Agenda.

Role of Presidents Here are a few of the more important roles for Chapter Presidents.

- Stay Positive. The actions of the National Club do not impact the State nor the Chapters, so don't let that affect your attitude.
- State events and participation in those events is very important. Funding for them from National is not an issue but member participation is critical.
- Supporting charities is always important. That is what Good Samaritans do.
- For many members, the chapter may be their only family. You set the feeling of the chapter and their family.
- Try to eliminate the rules. We are a camping organization, so make it simple and fun.
- Proxys for the President are good for meetings. But when we are voting, there should be a letter designating the proxy. Give it to the Secretary and it will be attached to the minutes.

Chapter Websites Chapters are strongly encouraged to have a website.

- They are an excellent way to attract new members.
- Bill Brown, the State Webmaster, gave a quick presentation about websites and will gladly help anyone with setting up their site.
- Only takes approx. 30 minutes to get up and running.
- Cost is nothing if you don't mind banners on your site. It is about \$75/year for a site without banners.

Chapter Elections All chapters are strongly encouraged to hold their elections in the fall with new officers becoming effective January 1. This will help with everyone's bookkeeping.

Ronald McDonald House It was previously stated erroneously that pull tabs and pennies were no longer being collected. That is not true. Bob and Roxie Holley will deliver to the Spokane House and Kathy West will deliver to the Seattle House.

Entertainment It was suggested by someone that since the State dues have been raised we have better entertainment and the skits and talent shows are only fun for those that participate. Skits and Talent Show were two activities suggested by several chapters and there has been very favorable response to those last year. So, they will remain as part of the entertainment for 2019.

Amazon Smile Through Amazon Smile, Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase to a charity you choose. It was suggested that we start using it more.

- There was confusion about whether the suggestion meant that the State should use it more or that individuals should use it more.
- After some discussion, it was clarified that individuals, not the State, should utilize it more.
- An article may be placed in the Happy Wheels to explain it more.

Happy Wheels (1) Articles for the Happy Wheels must be to the editor, Barbara Erickson, by the 15th of the month before the issue comes out.

- Jan 15th, Apr 15th, Jul 15th, and Oct 15th
- These articles are a great way to advertise your chapter.
- The article should include contact information.

Happy Wheels (2) The editor will be highlighting the logos for the various chapters in each issue. Please get your logo to her and a brief history of what it means and how it was developed.

Sunshine Person Jean Little is our Sunshine Person.

- Need to inform Jean of members that pass away so they can be included in the Memorial Service in Cashmere.
- Gary LaPine, Tired and Retired Sams, had a stroke in January. He is currently in a group home and would love to hear from you. His address is 3020 S 148th St, Sea-Tac, WA 98188.
- It was suggested that a card be sent from the State to former BC Provincial Director Barry Armburst who is battling cancer.

The following items were raised from the floor:

New Fund Raising Event One of the chapters indicated they have a new event to raise money for charity at Cashmere. They want to make it a surprise but will need help setting up some tables for it. Ron Belden volunteered to help them out.

New Game for Moses Lake A giant Jenga game will be available at Moses Lake for everyone to play. It is currently setup here at Lynden for people to try out.

Goody Bags for Moses Lake A couple of chapters indicated that they have some goody bags that were donated to them. We will still need some more.

What-Com Sams Lunch There was a reminder that What-Com Sams will be serving pulled pork or hot dogs for lunch to raise money for the charities.



Sunday Service Collection Plate There was a suggestion that the collection taken at the Sunday Service be split evenly amongst the 3 charities instead of all to Fisher House. The idea of giving to Fisher House was made by Erv Schmidt, so the Director will discuss it with him.

Photo Contest The winner of the last Photo Contest will be announced tonight at the Opening Ceremonies. The prize is free registration to one of the three State Campouts. The current contest that is ongoing has had zero response so far.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 1054 hours.

Submitted by Ron Belden, WA State Secretary

President	If Proxy-Print Name	Signature
Apple Rovers/McInnis, Don		
Appleland/Stenerson, Dave	Eileen Ferguson	Eileen Ferguson
Blue Mountain Sams/Hamilton, Marion		
Canyon Sams/Thomas, Byron		
Cariboo Trail Sams/Chiles, Bob		
Cheney Good Samers/Curry, Nancy		
Daffodil Ramblers/Knudson, Jerry		
Deer Park White Tail/Kelley, Pamela		
Desert Drifters/Marsh, Keith		
Ft Vancouver Good Sams/Rochel, Jim		
Golden Campers/Scott, Rick		
Golden Threads/Boehm, Nancy		
Good Guy Sams/Smith, Barbara		
Good Sam Sneakers/Laird, Kathy	Bob Troyer	Barbara J. Smith
Hood Canal Sams/Giles, Donna		RETRO
Lilac City Sams/Rhoads, Kelly	Kerry Rhoads	Eng RD Rhoads
Loceco Camper/Kirkman, Ken	Shelley Russell	- Ken Kirkman
Military Sams/LaPine, Gary	David Dawson	- Mary Gaur
North Kitsap Sams/Barrett, Sandy		Sandy Barrett
Panorama Sams/Sly, Bob		
Play It Again Sams/Thompson, Carol		
Red Haute Samanthas/Humphrey, Dawn		
River City Sams/Shewfelt, Gary		
Roamin` Wheels/Pantoja, Janet		
S. Kitsap Soggy Sams/Case, Steve		
Sams of Puget Sound/Lewis, Glen		
Sams Twin Rollers/Reddick, Dave		
Sandy Sams/Lihou, Lee	Paul Boehm	Lee Lihou
Section 8/Proctor, Sonny		
Single Sam of WA/Eggleston, Carol		
Skagit Sams/West, John		
Souder Sams/Ogg, Paul		
South Sound Sams/Dearth, Gloyd		
Sundowners/Monaghan, Carole		
Three Rivers Sams/Heath, Joretta	Bob Hamer	
Tired and Retired Sams/Boyett, Jo	Jo Boyett	Jo Boyett
Tramper Sams/Pais, John		

President	If Proxy-Print Name	Signature
Valley Drifters/Cluett, Dave		
WA Gateway Sams/Beers, Ivan		
What-Com's Good Sams/Archer, Max		

PRESIDENTS' MEETING

Lynden, 2019

1) Role of chapter presidents

Keep a positive attitude when talking with your members. National really has no effect on our chapters. It is true that their support has waned over the last few years but that only means less support for our meetings and rallies. With strong participation in the state events it is not a problem.

You are the role model and should be the leader in participating in the state events, supporting the charities, whether they are those the state has chosen or those your chapter has chosen. And you set the feeling of the chapter. For some chapter members, it is perhaps the only family they have.

Some chapters have way too many rules and the whole thing becomes work and that should never happen. Camping should be the main reason for your chapter. That and being a group of folks with like interests that enjoy each other.

Sending a proxy to President's meeting. If the Chapter President is unable to attend, then a Chapter delegate will be accepted at the time of registration at the State Committee meeting by presenting a proxy.

2) Website

I strongly encourage your chapter to have a website. Those chapters that do have one have been successful in getting new chapter members through their website. Bill Brown is willing to help you set that up right here in Lynden. Takes about 30 minutes he tells me. He will talk to those of you that are interested after this meeting.

Updating your chapter on the state website is also important. Please check the state website and let Bill know what the updates are for your chapter.

3) Chapter elections

Have election of officers at end of year to take effect Jan. 1.

4) Ronald McDonald House

Still collecting pennies and pull tabs. Bob and Roxie will take the tabs to Spokane RMH only. Kathy West will take the pennies and divide them between the two units.

5) Entertainment

Suggestion that since rates were raised, skits and talent show was not good entertainment.

These two items were suggested by more than one chapter and the feedback to me and to some of the other state team members has been very positive. They will remain on the agenda this year again.

SO, that being said, I hope you will encourage your chapter to do a skit at Moses Lake and chapter members to be a part of the talent at Cashmere. Please let me know if your chapter or someone in your chapter to going to participate so I will have a list and a timeframe.

6) Amazon Smile

.5% donated to the charity chosen. In order to get WSGS listed as a charity it takes an email account, a voided check, an administrator and bank account number.

7) Happy Wheels

Be sure to get your chapter article to our Happy Wheels editor by the 15th of the month prior to publishing date. Here are the months it is due. January 15, April 15, July 15, Oct. 15. This is another great way to advertise your chapter and what you do.

8) Happy Wheels again

Barbara is going to feature a chapter and its logo in each issue of Happy Wheels. So feel free to email her your logo and a little history of the logo and the chapter.

9) Sunshine

Please be sure to let our sunshine lady, Jean Little, know about anyone that you would like to receive a get well card or a death in your chapter. Jean is listed in the Happy Wheels with the State Team.

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