

**Washington State Good Sams Club
General Business Meeting
September 16, 2023, Cashmere**

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by State President Dave Cluett.
- **Secretary Report:** The previous minutes from the Lynden general business meeting dated May 6, 2023, were read and approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - Robin reported final financial results for Cashmere 2022. Revenues, net of expenses, for the 2022 Cashmere rally was a profit of \$2,974. Revenues, net of expenses, for the 2023 Lynden rally was a loss of \$713 because we added the catered meal. Year to date 2023 general expenses total \$1,784, of which the largest expense is for Happy Wheels
 - Balances: Money Market \$39,101; Checking \$32,691, including collections of many registration fees for Cashmere with no full offset for expenses.
 - Our annual audit of the finances was performed by the audit committee and everything was found to be in good order
- **Old Business:**
- Dave Cluett was elected State President for another 2 year term. Dave thanked Dee for all of her assistance in carrying out his responsibilities.
- **New Business:**
- We need to find a new wagonmaster to welcome members to the rallies. We also need a vice president for the northwest area to assist chapters in that area and coordinate interested new members.
- Dave has asked the chapters for ideas on if and how we should spend some more of our money to benefit our members.
 - Our directors approved the suggestion that we reduce the rally fee for first timers by \$10 per night in 2024. This will apply to new and existing members who are first timers at either rally and will hopefully entice them to attend. For instance, if you are an existing member and have never attended the Lynden rally, you are eligible for the fee reduction and if you also have never attended the Cashmere rally you are eligible for a fee reduction there. The more members we have at rallies, the more fun we have. Dave asked all to tell other chapter members and potential members about this fee reduction so they will see what they have been missing.
 - Another suggestion was to give a free registration for a rally at either location

as part of our door prizes. We will do this beginning at this rally.

- Dave asked the presidents what type of entertainment they wanted. Entertainment like comedians can cost up to \$2500. Everyone responded that musical entertainment was preferred. We will continue with musical entertainment.
- Dave requested any additional names of passed members that should be honored at our Sunday service.
- The members agreed we should continue goody bags at the state rallies.
- Dave requested and thanked the volunteers who will deliver the canned food items to a foodbank.
- Dave will pick up apples for members to purchase at \$10 per box.
- Al Lamoureux reported that our state club will no longer be performing flag retirement ceremonies as we are not permitted to or we do not have the equipment at our continuing rally sites. If the community asks where they can take a flag for retirement they can try the American Legion, the VFW, the post office, Boy Scouts or other community organizations.
- Steve Brooks gave a legislative report.
 - In 1981 Good Sams and other RV groups asked the legislature for dump stations in rest areas. A dedicated fund was created for maintenance of dumps or installation of new rest area dump stations. After the State tried to move it into the General Funds we sued and the funds were paid back with interest. An RV committee was formed and must approve any raise in fees.
 - The State has indefinitely closed the Silver Lake rest area and temporarily closed other rest areas due to homelessness issues. The State closes them for 2 weeks, then reopens them to prevent permanent residence.
 - The legislature has now added a fee for abandoned RV disposal. If you see a semi-trailer or carpet cleaner using the dump station (that we are paying for) take a picture, license number and report it to 911. For your safety you should not confront someone illegally using the dump station.
- Everyone agreed we should keep the current caterers. We will ask them to cater the complimentary dinner at the next Lynden rally.
- Ann Archer reported that we raised \$1,905 from the white elephant auction. Each of our 3 charities will receive \$635. Thank you all. It was suggested that we not give used items at the white elephant auction.
- Bottled water was requested at the catered dinner in addition to the punch and will be provided.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:53.

Mary Grinnell
Secretary