

# WASHINGTON STATE GOOD SAM'S CLUB

## CASHMERE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – September 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by State President Dave Cluett.

### MINUTES:

- Minutes of the Lynden meeting of May 4, 2024, were previously distributed and posted on our website. No modifications were suggested.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer Robin Leaden reported our money market account balance is \$39,218 and our checking balance is \$33,394. The net income at Lynden was \$8359.00, expenses were \$10464.65 making a total loss of \$2105.65. This loss is reasonable since we have sufficient funds, and our goal is to provide a great rally to our members.
- Dave reported that the annual audit of the financial records has occurred. The audit committee found no discrepancies and noted that our Treasurer has done an outstanding job.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

- After asking Good Sam Enterprises for door prize donations for the Cashmere rally, we received \$150 Camping World gift certificates. Dave and Dee also purchased door prizes for distribution at our rally with State funds at a cost of \$271.26.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- We need a volunteer to be Photographer for next year. If you take photos during the rally please send them in to Bill Brown in the format of 640 X 480 pixel size to post to our State online photo album.
- Dave thanked the audit committee, parking crew, first timers, BC members, doughnut crew, Daffodil Ramblers for breakfast, Deer Park White Tails for card bingo, Lo-Ke-Co for decorations, Ed, Bill, Benay and Linda for Baseball, Section 8 and Lilac City Sams doughnut servers, Holly of Hood Canal Sams for delivering the canned foods to the food bank, the State Team and all RVers present for helping out where needed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Robin Leaden volunteered for another term as State Treasurer for 2025-2026. It was voted on and approved at the Bd Meeting yesterday.
- Chapter rosters for membership update have been distributed to the chapter Presidents and are due back to Mary Grinnell by December 1, 2024.

- Dave's term as State President ends at the end of 2025. Dave and Dee have been in their position for 5 years and will not be continuing past 2025. They expressed their gratitude for all of the volunteers that have helped during their term. We will be needing nominations for the next President for 2026-27. If you would like to volunteer or know someone and want more information about the position, please contact Dave. Dee and Dave will draft a list of presidential activities to inform/assist a future president and send it to Chapter Presidents to share with their members. We discussed how we might delegate some of the responsibilities of the President. The new President will receive a new computer with all the information Dave has collected in his presidency. The job can be done anywhere electronically. The President can seek reimbursement for expenses when traveling but Dave rarely does that. If we cannot find a volunteer to act as President we will need to disband, and remaining funds will be given to charities as required by our bylaws.
- Dave and Dee are continually looking for ideas for entertainment, games, programs, etc. Wenatchee High School has previously had a mariachi group that might be an entertainment option. It was suggested to have at least one craft at the session. Sara McReynolds volunteered to do another painting session if desired. Cheney Good Sams knows of a possible entertainer for next year and will get the information on this person. The members confirmed they would like Senior Olympics and the Trivia Challenge next year. We will have a pet parade in Cashmere instead of in Lynden next year as requested by the members.
- We discussed the responsibilities of our area Vice Presidents, including keeping in contact with the chapters, assisting in the formation of new chapters, and other actions as requested by the President.
- Next year's rally in Cashmere will be Luau Sammies Sept 10-14, 2025. The costs of running the fairgrounds are increasing but we will not be raising the Cashmere Rally fees. The first timer discount of \$10 per night will be continued.
- Our Lynden rally will be April 30-May 4. The Lynden fairground is substantially paved, and is thus easier for disabled persons to get around.
- Holly volunteered to take the canned food we collected here to her favorite food bank.
- We will be holding a Memorial Service on Sunday morning. Please submit names to Dee of members from your Chapter that has passed away since the last Memorial held at Cashmere, September 2023 if they are not on the list on the board at registration.

- It was suggested to put an appeal on Facebook market place or elsewhere to use in marketing for potential members. Dave has placed flyers in multiple Camping Worlds. This year he received only 2 responses to the flyers and as such, he is evaluating the effectiveness of placing flyers in the Camping World stores. The State website has a submission form on the front page. Some chapters have a page on Facebook. Bill Brown has received multiple requests from their individual chapter site. We need to follow up with any persons expressing interest in our organization.
- We have received approval to have a flag retirement ceremony in Lynden. Only cotton flags can be burned in the ceremony. Military Sams will accept non-cotton flags and deliver them elsewhere for proper disposal.
- You can purchase 35 pounds of apples for \$10 at the orchard just down the street. The apples are excellent.
- It was suggested we bring back a suggestion box. We will do so in Lynden.
- It was asked how other Good Sams chapters are doing. Ohio used to have 300 rigs and now have about 100 rigs.
- Lahey Godinet with Lo-Ke-Co suggested that each person have a plastic bag listing emergency info on brightly colored paper and kept in your freezers for emergency personnel to find. Emergency contacts should be kept in your purse, your wallet and on your freezer. List your pets in your rig and in an earthquake put your shoes on. We will provide a form for such information. A suggestion was made to have an emergency preparedness seminar in Lynden. An interest was also expressed to have CPR training.

GOOD OF THE ORDER -

The next scheduled General meeting is May 3, 2025, in Lynden.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Mary Grinnell, Secretary