

WASHINGTON STATE GOOD SAM'S CLUB  
LYNDEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES MAY 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order by State President Dave Cluett at 9:03 am. A roll call sheet of Board Member attendees was gathered and is attached.

MINUTES: Minutes of the September 15, 2023 meeting in Cashmere were read. See discussion below. The minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by Treasurer Robin Leaden. See attached. After all revenues and expenses our balance went down by \$265. The checking account balance at December 31, 2023 was \$26,697 and the money market balance was \$39,140. We have sufficient balances to cover all of our state Club activities.

#### CORRESPONDENCE -

In the fall of 2022 every chapter received for signature the Good Sam Branding Guidelines from Good Sam Enterprises (Corporate). We have not heard anything about this since over a year ago and therefore Dave is not needing any chapters to sign an update.

#### OLD BUSINESS –

- Archers have volunteered to be the new NW Area Vice Presidents. Al Lamoureux and Craig Lee have volunteered to be Wagonmasters.
- Dave will not be pre-purchasing apples this year in Cashmere. However he will give out the information on where to buy them.
- Last night the Club spent \$600 for the Elvis entertainment.
- In Lynden we did implement the \$10 discount per day for first timers attending their first state rally and we had at least ten first timers.
- A motion was made to continue our current caterer in Cashmere. It is not a financial hardship for the Club to do this. Unanimously approved.
- It was asked if we have considered inviting a high school band to entertain us. A jazz band from a local high school played in Cashmere for a different group and was well received. Dave suggested that anyone that wanted to, could contact a local band, and give Dave the information.
- Flag Retirement- Dave reported he is asking the Lynden Fairgrounds to approve doing flag retirement ceremonies in Lynden. Al asked that if we are able to do them here he would like to know in time to coordinate in Cashmere. If we are able to perform the ceremonies in Lynden we will note this in Happy Wheels and announce to membership to bring flags and supplies necessary for the ceremony. Bill will put that announcement on our website and Dave will include in emails they send to membership.

#### NEW BUSINESS –

- Sadly on April 8<sup>th</sup> we received a call from Kathy West telling us that her husband, John West, our State Team Photographer, had passed away. He will be missed.
- We have a contract signed for Lynden for 2025. The cost of heating is part of the contract at a minimum of \$25 per day.
- The contracts for Cashmere are signed yearly.

- Whatcom Sams called Dave to say they would need to charge \$10 for the lunches due to price increases. Dave decided to fund the lunches from Club funds and charge a minimum \$3 for lunch. That money is to be donated to charities.
- Dave has found that Camping World is continuing his discount program until the end of 2024 or possibly longer. After asking Good Sam Enterprises (Corporate) for door prize donations for the Lynden Rally we received \$225 worth of Camping World gift certificates. Our State Club spent a small amount of money to supplement the door prize purchases and bought enough so that everyone in attendance will receive a door prize.
- Tomorrow at the General Business Meeting we will be asking for volunteers for stage decorations and themes for Lynden and Cashmere for 2025.
- We are seeking volunteers for 2 additional state photographers, with Steve Erickson as a back-up.
- Good Sam Enterprises does not support our club anymore. We are registered with the State as Good Sams RV Club. Good Sam Enterprises is no longer seeming to require anything of us. Any club can go to Good Sam Enterprises to get assistance with prizes. Idaho did. The prizes for 2024 Lynden retailed at \$1100, but the discount pushed the cost to \$530. Then we applied the \$225 in gift certificates so our state spent only \$309 for all the door prizes.
- The First Timers really appreciated the paper of the local attractions and asked if it could be made available earlier in time to plan. Dave will have it put the website and on the table at the rally.
- It was asked if the Board had been doing any planning for the future of our Club. All depends on finding another president for a term beginning in 2026. Our bylaws say that we will disband and give moneys to charities if we do not have a president. Dave will help anyone willing to volunteer as president. He will buy the Board-approved president's computer, transfer all information that he has, and tutor the new president. Our attendee numbers are down a bit but many rig problems prevented attendance. When asked, Dave responded there could be opportunities to spread the workload from the President to the area Vice Presidents and others. Dave volunteered to be the game-master for the next 5 years and to help to buy the door prizes.
- Recently Dave received a call from the Pasco Tumbleweeds, a previous chapter with our Club, wanting to inquire about membership. Dave sent them some information and is hoping they will attend the Cashmere rally. One does not have to be a member to come to Cashmere. Last year we had 72 rigs in Cashmere.
- Dave thinks the Cashmere rally will be good. Kleen Tanks (a vendor) will be there to clean sludge from your RV tanks. The recipe for tank additive to help keep tanks clean is in the brochure handed out at this Rally and online.

The next scheduled meeting is September 13, 2024, in Cashmere.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53AM.