

WASHINGTON STATE GOOD SAM'S CLUB
LYNDEN GENERAL MEETING – MAY 4, 2024

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

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes from Sept. 2023 in Cashmere were sent to the Board of Directors and posted on our website. No modifications were suggested.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Robin Leaden reported that after all revenues and expenses, our balance went down by \$265. We ended the year with \$26,697 in checking and \$39,140 in money market.

RECOGNITIONS: Dave recognized and thanked the following:

Scholten Equipment in Lynden for their donation of the use of a golf cart.
Oregon Directors, Barb and Bill Taylor and past WA director, Donna Amos
Kathy & Jack Haynes from Idaho
Our First Timers
The State Team
Parking crew (Al, Craig, Ed & Bill)
Doughnut retriever (Fred)
Good Guy Sams for preparing and serving ice cream and berries
Daffodil Ramblers for breakfast
Whatcom Sams for lunches and for stage and table decorations
Our new Northwest Vice Presidents, Ann & Max Archer

CORRESPONDENCE:

- We have not heard anything further from Good Sam Enterprises about the Branding Guidelines that each chapter was asked to sign last year. Thus no additional action is required.
- April 8th we got a call from Kathy West telling us that her husband, John West, our State Team Photographer, passed away the night before. We are deeply saddened and he will be missed.

NEW BUSINESS –

- We have contracts signed for Lynden for 2025. The contracts for Cashmere are signed yearly.
- Dave and Dee have one more year in their term, through 2025. Dave asked us to think about persons to nominate for the State President position for 2025-2026. The election for the position will be held in Cashmere, 2025.
- After asking Good Sam Enterprises for door prize donations for the Lynden rally we received \$225 Camping World gift certificates to use for this rally. Dave found that Camping World is continuing his discount program until end of 2024 or possibly longer.
- 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. All seemed to enjoy the performance.
- 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.

- We will continue with the same caterer for dinner in Cashmere. Whatcom Sams had called Dave to say they would need to charge \$10 for the lunches to cover their costs due to price increases. Dave decided to fund the lunch materials from Club funds and charge a minimum \$3 for lunch. The funds raised are to be donated to charities.
- We are seeking volunteers for 2 additional state photographers. Steve Erickson will serve as a backup if needed. If anyone takes pictures you can always send to Bill to put on the Club website. Bill requests pictures be in Jpeg or bitmap format.
- The first timers really appreciated the paper describing area attractions and asked if it could be made available earlier in time to plan. Dave will have it on our website and on the registration table at the rally.
- Dave recently received a call from the Pasco Tumbleweeds, a previous chapter with the Club, wanting to inquire about state membership. Dave sent them some information and is hoping they will attend the Cashmere rally. One does not have to be a Good Sam member or State Club member to come to Cashmere. Last year we had 72 rigs in Cashmere. To avoid breakdowns Dave suggested members check out their rigs a few weeks before the rally to be ready to go.
- Dave thinks the Cashmere rally will be good. Kleen Tanks (a vendor) will be there to clean sludge from your RV tanks. 16 rigs have signed up for the \$250 discounted price for cleaning.
- Themes were selected for 2025 for the Lynden and Cashmere rallies. Lynden will be "Rally Around the May Pole", with Whatcom Sams volunteering for decorations, and Cashmere will be "Luau Sammers", with Valley Drifters volunteering for decorations.
- If you want to join Section 8 for their campout after the Cashmere rally, talk to Roy Grinnell, stay on after the rally, and pay the fairgrounds host directly for your extended stay.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Janice McMahan, a long time active member, talked about a local attraction held today at Lynden.

The next scheduled meeting is September 14, 2024, in Cashmere.

Meeting adjourned.