

WASHINGTON GOOD SAM'S CLUB
LYNDEN PRESIDENTS MEETING Minutes – May 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Director Dave Cluett at 9:05 AM. A roll call sheet of attendee signatures was gathered and is attached.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Minutes were read and approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE - Last fall every chapter received the Good Sam Branding Guidelines from Good Sam Enterprises. Every Chapter has made their own decision on whether to sign them or not. That is strictly a Chapter decision. Dave has signed the Guidelines for the State Team.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by Treasurer Robin Leaden. See attached.

OLD BUSINESS –

- We have contracts signed for the Lynden rally in 2024.
- The contracts for Cashmere are signed yearly. The new president will need to work this contract.
- We are asking for nominations for the Director position for 2024-2025 which will be voted on at the next meeting in Cashmere, September 13-17. Chapters are asked to consider their nominations and submit them to Dave.
- Dave reiterated what transpired with Good Sam Enterprises at the end of 2022, i.e., there will no longer be a "Director Program" with the states and provinces. This means that we have no affiliation with the International Good Sam program. We are recognized as an independent nonprofit organization with the Secretary of the State of Washington under the name of "Washington State Good Sams". The signing of the Branding Guidelines eliminates any name issues with Good Sam Camping World.

NEW BUSINESS –

- 1) After asking Good Sam Enterprises for door prize donations for the Lynden Rally we received \$200 in Camping World gift certificates. Dave has found out that Camping World is continuing his discount program until the end of 2024 or possibly longer.
- 2) Dave proposed the purchasing of a laptop computer for the newly elected President to use. It would be very easy for Dave to add all his documents from the last 4 years to the dedicated laptop for the new President's use.
Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize the purchase of a laptop for the to-be elected new President to use for State Club business.
- 3) Volunteers for stage decorations and themes for Lynden and Cashmere for 2024 will be requested at the General Business Meeting the next day.
- 4) Bylaws – The newly proposed Bylaws were emailed to the chapter presidents in late March for review and comment. Dave thanked the Bylaws Committee- Jim Andersen, Roy Grinnell and John Leadon. They reviewed the old WA State GS Constitution and Bylaws, the State SOP's and the National GS Bylaws to make up the proposed updated bylaws.

Dave discussed comments submitted by members that were then reviewed by the Bylaws Committee:

- Suggestion: Not to use a name referring to Good Sam, since they kicked us out.
Response: It was voted on in Sept. 2022 to continue using the name "Washington State Good Sams."
- Suggestion: Refer to the "State Club" consistently throughout the By-laws since using just "Club" could be confused as referring to a local club.
Response: **A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to amend the draft Bylaws to refer to our organization as "State Club" instead of "Club".**

- Suggestion: To address electronic voting in case of another Covid, causing no meeting to be held.
Response: This is already included in ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 3, page 5
- Suggestion: To reword the responsibilities of the Newsletter Editor. Response: **A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to reword the responsibilities of the Newsletter Editor in the drafted Bylaws to "The Newsletter Editor is responsible for submitting to the State President the State Club's publication of the "Happy Wheels" newsletter, and other duties as required."**
- Suggestion: To include a statement of no affiliation with Camping World or the National Good Sam organization.
Response: Not needed since the Bylaws contain no reference to Good Sam Enterprises. However we might need to look into further protecting our name. This is not a bylaw issue.

We need not submit the amended Bylaws to the Secretary of State but we are required to have them.

A Motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to adopt the drafted Bylaws as amended.

- 5) A Chapter can have members who do not pay dues but only dues-paying members of the Club are eligible to participate in business meetings or to serve in any elective or appointed positions. The dues primarily pay for the production of Happy Wheels, for which the cost of production and mailing exceeds the dues. To print in color would increase the cost by 40%. Dave will inquire if the online version could be in color. The online post of Happy Wheels is delayed since we lose members when they can read Happy Wheels online.
- 6) Ten chapters dissolved this year due to branding guidelines issues, denial of dues payments, and general attrition in members.

- 7) The continuation of the flag retirement ceremony is under consideration since we are not going to Moses Lake. Currently flags are mostly nylon and cannot be burned. We are checking to see if it could be done in Lynden or Cashmere but if so there will be issues with transporting burn barrels. There may be another organization that specifically retires flags. Paul is researching our options.
- 8) Articles of Incorporation. We need to amend our Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State for the 1) new bylaw guidance on disposition of funds should the State organization dissolve, and 2) the addition of "Club" to our name.
A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to authorize the Treasurer (our registered agent) to update our articles of incorporation filed with Secretary of State through the Secretary of State's form and process.
- 9) Dave makes single page colored Happy Wheels to put out at Camping World to encourage new members. He alternates the included chapter articles to be able to keep the document to one page. However, requests for membership have been minimal. Dave has had a seminar on how to get new members but chapter attendance has been low. Many social organizations are experiencing reducing membership.

Nevertheless, we enjoy our organization and its activities. This is especially true now that COVID is at a lower risk and Camping World issues and bylaws updates are behind us.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE – September 15, 2023, Cashmere.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Mary Grinnell

Secretary

Note: In accordance with the new bylaws the State Presidents Committee is now known as the Board of Directors and the State Director is now known as the State President.