**Washington State Good Sams General Business Meeting**

**Lynden, WA May 7, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 by Director Dave Cluett, President and State Director.

**Secretary Report:** The previous minutes from the Cashmere general business meeting dated Sept 18, 2021 were read and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Revenues, net of expenses, for 2021 state rallies were:

Cashmere: $3,456.97

Lynden: $630.54

Moses Lake: ($3,708.35)

Net cleared on three rallies: $379.16

Balances: Money Market $39,013.75, Checking $40,191.26, including many registration fees for 2022 with no offset for expenses.

Treasurer’s Report was approved and is attached.

**Announcements:**

Dave recognized First Timers, the State Team, Good Guy Sams for serving ice cream, Whatcom Sams for lunch service, parking crew, donut retrievers and the past Director.

Ann Archer gave special recognition to Delores Miracle for being a fantastic Charter member. Over 50 years she has missed only a few meetings and rallies.

Coffee Pots- Two large pots left over from when we served coffee are available for anyone to take to their charities or otherwise use them.

“Tips for Recruiting” session is cancelled for today. Dave has flyers available with recruiting tips.

Dollar amounts of donations given to charities by chapters will not be announced by the Charity Representatives. Chapters can include the amounts in their articles for the Happy Wheels.

Fort Vancouver chapter asked if one of rallies could be in a more central location of the state. This was discussed at the Presidents’ meeting and will be discussed at local chapter meetings. Will be discussed at Moses Lake and be voted at Cashmere.

Deer Park chapter asked if we need three state outings each year. Cashmere has a great turnout and we make money on it, while we lose money at Moses Lake. We have contracts into 2023 so no changes until after 2023. Presidents should talk to chapters and discuss. Do we want 3? Do we want to eliminate Moses Lake? Dave reminded us of the value we receive in activities and entertainment at state rallies.

2023 nominations for Treasurer are needed. We will vote in Cashmere in September.

Volunteers are needed for State Secretary and Sound System Operator positions beginning in 2023. Sound will be instructed by Jim after he moves to Idaho. Dave’s term is up at end of 2023. A new President/Director is needed for 2024-25.

**New Business:**

Dave solicited volunteers for stage decorations for 2023. We are in dire need for volunteers. What-Com Sams volunteered for Lynden. We will ask again at the Moses Lake Rally for a volunteer for stage decorations for Moses Lake and Cashmere Rallies.

Themes for state rallies for 2023 were selected:

Lynden: Springtime Festival

Moses Lake: Highway to the Fun Zone

Cashmere: Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before

Good Sam (Corporate) has decided to discontinue their Directors’ program effective 12/31/2022. Corporate will be working to service their 2million+ members in their Good Sam member program. There are now only 12,000 RV chapter members nationally. Dave has sent a list of questions to Good Sam Corporate about how the “sun-setting” of the Directorship program will occur. Answers were promised by May 20, 2022 and will be discussed at Moses Lake. Currently we receive $100 for rally door prizes and liability coverage for rallies.

We need to decide the future of WA State Good Sams. We have three options:

1. Continue on as we are. We are legal non-profit corporation in Washington State. It is unclear currently if we can continue with the same name, logos, and trademarks and the name “Good Sam” and the logo are supposedly trademarked by Good Sam (Corporate).

2. Join as chapters into other organization such as FMCA, Tin Can Tourists, Escapees, etc. Members can join individually if they desire.

3. Close our organization and activities completely.

We are waiting for more information. Dave is our Director through 2023 and will support a new Director in any way he can. We need more information from Corporate before the chapters can give input on these options. Only 12 chapters were represented at the Presidents meeting at Lynden. Dave will send information to the chapters to discuss. We will discuss again at Moses Lake and vote at Cashmere.

It was asked if any state Directors were getting together to compare what they are doing. Dave is in communication with other states. It was suggested that state directors get together and plan, perhaps holding a Zoom meeting with other Directors and no Corporate in attendance.

We currently receive $100 for door prizes and insurance for rallies from Corporate. The roadside assistance and insurance programs are offered by Good Sam corporate, not us. Corporate does not encourage their members to become chapter members in our organization. Although we are listed on the Good Sam national website it is difficult to find information about us. If our relationship is discontinued with Corporate, we would likely not have to purchase individual (discount) memberships in Good Sam Corporate.

It was suggested we form a committee to discuss the legal implications of this situation but no decision was made. First we will have discussion at individual chapters. This will be discussed at a general membership meeting at the Moses Lake rally.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52.

Submitted by Mary Grinnell, Acting Secretary