

Colorado Good Sam State Committee Meeting
September 15, 2018, 8:00 AM
Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley, CO

The meeting was called to order by State Director, Jr Hall.

A moment of silent prayer was observed to recognize the passing on Friday night of Marie Mason, past State Treasurer and Old #7 member, wife of Tom Mason, Assistant State Director. She had a heart attack at the campgrounds, was transferred to the local hospital, and passed there.

All present pledged allegiance to our country's flag.

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

State Officers Present were:

State Director Orbin & Carolyn Hall
State Treasurer Sharla and Lyle Hayward
State Secretary Celia & Walt Smith
Wagonmaster Ed & Kathy Thomas
Webmaster Jeff Towne
Assistant Patchman Rick & Lisa Smith
Chaplain Dan & Kathy Bechtold
Editor COGS John & Linda Lowitz
Hospitality Claire & Roland Brodeur
Sound Manager Dave Moore
Past State Director Al Allain
Assistant State Director Mel & Dee Trafton
Assistant State Director Mike & Sue Carver

State Chapters Present were:

Arapahoe Sams
New Directions
Old #7 Sams
Prairie Dog Sams
Coyote Sams
Summer Bummer Sams
Sweetheart Sams
Aerospace Sams
Blue Spruce Sams
Good Luck Sams
Kissing Camels Sams
San Juan Sams

Treasurer's Report for April 21, 2018 through September 6, 2018 was presented by Sharla Hayward:

Beginning Balance Aril 21, 2018		\$12,290.72
Income	Chapter Assessments	\$ 51.00
	Comm. Meeting Lunch	622.00
	Rally Registration	9,430.00
	Ads for COGS	300.00
Total Income		\$10,403.00
Subtotal		\$22,693.72

Expenses

	Name badges	\$ 56.00	
	Scholarships	2,000.00	
	Treasurer	73.50	
	Bank charge	25.00	
	State Director	338.23	
	Comm. Meeting lunch	750.00	
	Door prizes	55.00	
	COGS printing	193.05	
	Rally refunds	685.00	
	Year bars (rally)	207.66	
Total Expenses		\$ 4,383.44	
Total Amount – income minus expenses		\$ 18,310.28	

Sharla will do a financial report for the Rally to be forwarded to the members so we all know that status of our finances. It looks like we're going to lose money. We will need to examine our rally expenses and income so we can manage future rallies.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Jr asked for three volunteers for the treasurer's audit, to be held at Sharla's house in Aurora in December. Judy Creasman, Rick Smith, and Dee Trafton.

Charities: Jr needs someone to take the food we collect to the food bank – Ron Wiley will do this. We also need someone to take the books to the library in Greeley.

Blood Bank: We weren't able to get the blood bank this year, we'll make sure we get on the list for next year. Mike has already scheduled for next year.

Charities: currently we donate the proceeds from book sales, horse races, 50 % of the silent auction. The other 50% of the silent auction goes into the treasury. We sponsor Dogs for the Deaf, Make a Wish Foundation, and Fischer House. Please discuss with our chapters suggestions for other charities for the future. There may be some place

with more need, like Veterans or other local charities to whom we could contribute and make difference.

Information and action items:

Dr. Sambones table, they really went out of their way to provide helpful information for local businesses, and they also had information about campgrounds around the state. They did a great job.

Seminars: put your thinking hat on for 2019, we have one volunteer already, Jeff Towne, we will need more. We're looking at Virtually Vintage Studios, Color Street, Pampered Chef, Camping World, Pain Management, Grease Go, SkyMed, Tupperware. Vendors are very important for us.

We need suggestions for 2021 and 2022 rallies. We have 2019 and 2020, both in Pueblo at the State Fairgrounds. We are going out so far so we can get booked, put the money down to reserve those venues. Please think about venues for future rallies; don't just make a suggest, please look into that location to see if they can handle us, see if they have meeting and gathering rooms, see if they have water, electricity and dump stations or sewers, those are very important to us. We got locked into the old rates, and they have already gone up for future years. We will discuss this at our April meeting. The main factor is we need participation. We would have been good at 100 rigs, as it is it will cost us more than we brought in.

We need a theme for 2019. Blue Spruce has submitted their suggestion of Pioneer Days. The rest of the chapters need to be thinking as well, unless we all just want to go with Pioneer Days. This will be discussed and decided at April's meeting.

Jr opened the floor to the presidents to ask questions, comments, criticism to make sure we all know where we need to make things go.

We need to have a new chaplain for next year, Dan submitted his resignation last week so we need someone else to take that up. Rick Smith, who is an ordained minister, will accept the position.

Harold Smith has given a lot of thought to the expenses of the rally but feels that requiring commitment up front is not fair to members who cannot attend for medical or other substantial reason. He prepared a letter that he presented to the membership, with the perception that any registration would not be refunded. He was provided with several examples just this year of people who weren't able to come because of illness or those whose rigs were damaged by hail, and their registration costs were returned to them. We have always refunded fees to those who were not able to attend for such circumstances. We do have expenses that need to be met, and we cannot plan appropriately without prior knowledge of how many people will be attending the rally.

Mel asked that we please collect name tags from our chapter members so we can reuse them.

Jackie brought up the letter Jr received from Good Sam and with our delegations comments that this support is meaningless, what we need is support of the chapters in return for all the money Good Sam is making off all the memberships. We did receive \$150 from national to buy door prizes. Camping World did give \$500 of items, a couple of which are out for auction, most are given as door prizes. Jackie's second suggestion: in the rally information it is noted that there is to be no alcohol outside the rigs. He would like to have that removed from the general information because if we're going to have the hospitality serving wine, we should have one standard for everything.

Vickie addressed the hamburger and hot dog dinner on Friday night. We have done this for several years, but what is the expense? The chapters' contribution are far from meeting the cost of the meal. That may be something to cut out at future rallies. Ken Randall suggested that the chapters' contributions should be per person not per chapter.

Other options for Friday night were discussed, including each chapter having their own pot luck dinners around their rigs. More discussion will be held at the April meeting.

Our next meeting will be at Patty Jewett Golf Course on April 20, 2019, officers at 8:30 AM and presidents at 10:00 AM. The 21st is Easter Sunday, so Jr will revise the date and send an email to confirm.

The final rig count is 80 or 81.

Mel: Camping World Fountain is having their annual cookoff on May 18, 2019. Any chapter is welcome to attend. Camping World supplies everything, and the cooks get the grill to take home with them.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Smith
State Secretary