**Washington State Good Sams Presidents’ Meeting**

**Lynden, WA May 6, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Dave Cluett, President and State Director. A roll call sheet was passed around to sign and is attached.

**Secretary’s Report:**

The previous minutes from the Cashmere general business meeting dated Sept 18, 2021 were read and approved. Good Sam Corporate Zoom meeting minutes have been emailed to the presidents each month.

**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.

**Announcements and Questions:**

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. Chapters should include a name and contact info in Happy Wheels articles so potential members can contact the chapter if they want to join.

Fort Vancouver asked if more rallies could be held in the (south)western part of state instead of Lynden. Historically there has been Funfest in Bonney Lake and one at Land Yacht Harbor in Lacey. The Lynden rally is very cost effective so hard to beat. There are no plans of adding an additional state function. Presidents should take this to chapters and we will bring up again.

Deer Park asked if we need three state outings each year. We have contracts into 2023 so no changes until after 2023. Presidents should take to chapters and discuss. Do we want 3? Do we want to eliminate Moses Lake?

We are asking for nominations for Treasurer to be voted on at Cashmere. Also needed are Secretary and Sound System Operator - These are appointed positions. Next year we will need nominations for State Director (President) since Dave Cluett’s term ends at the end of 2023.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**: At the general meeting we will be discussing themes and need volunteers for doing stage décor at state meetings.

**Correspondence:**

At a recent Good Sam (Corporate) Zoom meeting the state Directors were told that the Directorship program through Corporate is being eliminated, effective 12/31/22. Tamara, COO, said that Corporate was doing a dis-service to Good Sam Directors. Corporate will be working to service their 2million+ members in their Good Sam Club member program. Dave passed out a list of questions sent to Good Sam Corporate about how the “sun-setting” of the Directorship program will occur. Answers were promised by May 20, 2022. There are now only 12,000 RV chapter members nationally so Corporate wants to dedicate their service to the Good Sam membership base. Corporate support has been decreasing. Currently we receive $100 for rally door prizes and liability coverage for rallies.

The national Corporate can dis-enroll WA State Good Sams but we can continue on as an independent stand-alone organization without Corporate support. WA State Good Sams (our club) has articles of incorporation as a non-profit corporation and current legal directors. We have a business identification number with the state and are recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c)7 membership not-for-profit corporation. If Corporate dis-enrolls us, we have three options. We can (1) continue as we are on our own, (2) become member chapters of another organization such as FMCA or (3) cease all activities and close the corporation. We need to decide what future we want. Presidents are asked to talk to their chapters and get input. There will be a special meeting at the Moses Lake Rally in June and a vote at the Cashmere Rally in September.

Jim Anderson, Roy and Mary Grinnell have been counsels on state and tax matters on this.

If we continue, Corporate might prohibit us from using the Good Sam name and logo after 2023. We would need to do some investigation to determine if Corporate owns the trademark as they claim and can deny our use. There are hospitals and other organizations that use the Good Samaritan name so we are not clear if they can prohibit our use of the name.

Camping World has Good Sam branded items to sell and we receive a portion of revenue. We should soon receive a check around $200. We will also continue to receive door prize revenue through 2023 and current directors will receive their travel assist insurance and road assistance coverage through 2025.

Dave would like to see our activities continue.

**Questions asked to be considered:**

If for some reason we disband what happens to our funds? If we disband and cancel rallies, we would need to pay about $35,000 for existing contracts with fairgrounds.

What if state disbands- what happens to local chapters? If a chapter wants to continue on their own they might need to file for their own tax and state status.

Would other organizations such as Escapees want to take us on? Tin Can Tourists was suggested as an alternative organization that has chapters.

Dave summarized that we do have options so this change is not all bad.

**Other:**

Meeting adjourned 9:55 AM.

Submitted by Mary Grinnell, Acting Secretary