

Utah Good Sam State Committee & Wagon Masters Meeting
Northampton House, American Fork, Utah
April 19, 2008

State Director Glenn Carroll welcomed everyone to the meeting; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by State Wagon Master Boyd Bowman. The chapter roll was called and twenty-three of the twenty-four chapters were present. Glenn asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December State Committee meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

After the State Staff was introduced, State Treasurer Lynn Koyle came forward to give his report on the General Account. The balance of the account as of November 28, 2007, was \$11,851.66. Since that date, with dues received and expenses of \$661.02 paid out, the balance of the account as of April 18, 2008, is \$12,566.22. The chapter presidents were given an itemized copy of Lynn's report in the packet they received when checking in for the meeting.

Lynn advised the presidents that Glenn Carroll's term as State Director is up at the end of the year; however, Glenn has agreed to run for another two-year term. If someone would like to run for the director's position, three copies of the nomination form were in each packet. Each nominee's entry must be on a separate form; the form must contain the chapter name and be signed by the chapter president. Lynn asked the presidents to make sure the form was filled out properly or it will not be valid. The form is to be returned to Lynn by June 15, 2008, which is the same day the State Samboree ends. Chapters will have meetings in May, and Lynn asked them to include the nomination in their business meeting. If a chapter would like to retain Glenn Carroll as State Director for two more years, they can nominate him. After all the nominations are in, the chapters will receive ballots to vote for the person they want as their State Director.

Glenn continued with the meeting and said being State Director was one of "the best jobs in the world" and you "meet a lot of nice people". He is willing to run for another term; however, if someone else would like to run for director, step up. Glenn has been on the State Staff for ten years now, and you wouldn't hurt his feelings by running against him; however, it is a fun job.

Leslie and Tim McRae have decided to go on a mission and consequently, we will need a new Samboree Treasurer. If there is a chapter member who would like to be on the staff and assume these duties, please contact Glenn. He would like to have the position filled before the Samboree so they can work with Leslie and learn how the job is done.

In the packet was a copy of the Golden Beehive Award criteria. Glenn chose not to go through the three pages and said it is basically broken down into three things: Chapter Activities, State Staff Activities and miscellaneous charitable organizations. The staff went through these requirements and made changes to two items: "Points for each *term*" was changed to "points for each *year*" in both Chapter and State Organization activities. If there is someone in a chapter that is worthy of this award, start filling out the information and contact Glenn if there are any questions about the award.

The time was turned over to State Wagon Master Boyd Bowman for review of the Samboree parking. Each wagon master received a copy of parking rules and Boyd said he highlighted some of the important things the wagon masters need to know. There will be a meeting at Nephi to go over more items before the Samboree.

- Presidents must remember times drawn for arrival.
- Wagon masters should arrive on Tuesday by one o'clock; park on south end of Area D and stay there until their chapter arrives on Wednesday. At that time, they can move into their chapter's area; however, they should return to continue helping with the parking until all chapters have been parked.
- Gates will open at 10am; previously they were open at noon. The first chapter will arrive at 10:15am on Wednesday.
- No parking on the streets or after dark. We don't want to cause traffic jams or any problems in town. We want to keep the parking orderly and get everyone into the fairgrounds. Avoid blocking the highways or backing up traffic.
- Everyone in a chapter should arrive together at assigned time only.
- Chapter members that want to park side by side should arrive at the gates in that order. It is difficult to arrange the order of parking of the rigs once they arrive in the fairgrounds.

- If someone in your chapter is arriving later, a space can be saved for them but it must be at the end of the chapter's row. Advise the wagon master parking your chapter that you will have a member arriving late.
- Chapter presidents should make certain that all the rigs in their chapter have their chapter number in the front window of their rigs; also the total number of rigs in the group.
- Leave the fire lanes open at all times so emergency vehicles can get through with no problem.
- No rigs will park awning to awning as this creates a fire hazard.
- Tow vehicles must be unhooked and parked out of the fire lane.
- As chapters arrive, presidents will draw for parking areas.
- Wagon masters should not accept assignments during the time they are parking the rigs.
- Only wagon masters will direct where rigs are to be parked. Rigs are not to be moved once they are parked.
- Wagon master should be polite but firm when parking rigs.
- All wagon masters must attend a briefing at 3pm Tuesday in Bldg. 13, the building just north of Bldg. 14.
- Wagon masters must report to their assigned area by 10am on Wednesday.

Boyd advised he will go into more detail on other items at the meeting with the wagon masters on Tuesday. He asked if there were any questions and someone asked if they were to draw for the chapter parking area when they arrive. Boyd responded to the question by explaining when the chapters arrive they will make a turn where the greeters are and there will be another group in Area A set up for the drawing of parking areas.

Glenn then resumed his part of the meeting and noted this year we are coming into the fairgrounds two hours earlier than before. This means the chapters arriving later in the day should be able to get there in time for a hamburger or hotdog. The high school girls will have their booth open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Glenn reminded everyone again of the dates for the Samboree, June 11th through 14th. He realized fuel prices were high but where else could you get a better experience than coming to the Samboree.

"Badges R Us" will have a booth (name badges, etc.) at the Samboree this year. Tell your chapters there will be someone there to make badges, as we would like to give them enough business so this vendor will come back next year.

Seeing as the theme of the Samboree is "It's a Small World", several persons have asked if we were going to play the music of "It's a Small World" over and over again. Glenn explained "a small world" can be more than people; it can be technology; it can be a lot of things. He asked everyone "to think hard and come up with a way to participate".

Glenn went on to highlight some of the items on the agenda.

- *Arts & Crafts*: Have your members turn in their entries for judging; the craft must be made by someone attending the Samboree. It is not fair to enter someone else's handiwork. If the craft has been entered before, do not enter it again.
- *Craft Workshop*: A lady from Rock Springs, Wyoming, is presenting a candy making workshop. Cost is \$12 and you take home the candy you make. It is necessary to sign up in advance at the Information Desk for this class; only 12-15 persons per class, and there will be three or four classes held, depending on the demand.
- *Theme Parade*: The parade will be held outside the arena and will go along the west side of the arena and turn west in front of the buildings. Chapters are encouraged to have floats; there will also be individual awards.
- *Cake Walk*: Each chapter is asked to donate at least two or more baked items.
- *Door Prizes*: Two door prizes valued at \$15 or more are to be donated by each chapter.
- *Memorial Service*: The memorial will be held again on Wednesday evening. Glenn felt it worked out well last year. Please turn into Darlene Pace, by the 1st of May, the names that go on the Memorial Program. Members that have passed since the 2007 Samboree will be acknowledged that evening. Glenn asked the State Staff and all the Chapter Presidents to be in the balloon circle for the ceremony, even though a chapter may not have had someone pass away during the past year. Presidents were asked to wear their chapter vests for this occasion.
- *Chinese Auction*: This is a good fund raiser for the state. Donate one nice 'white elephant' per rig. Don't bring 'junk'; bring something you would want to take home.
- *Games*: The number of persons that constituted a team, of the all the different games, were listed on the agenda. A chapter can have more than one team play the games. First and Second Place only will be given recognition.

- *Golf Tournament:* The Color Country Ramblers are hosting the tournaments again this year. There is a place on the Samboree Registration Form to register in advance for the tournament. It is a help to the chapter hosting the event to know how many persons want to play golf.
- *People Mover:* Bernie Voorhees is in charge of the People Mover. He would like the chapters to give him a list of the members who are willing to take a shift driving the 'mover'. Please include the cell phone number of each volunteer driver so it won't be necessary to wander all over the fairground looking for them.
- *Entertainment:* We have some good entertainment lined up this year. Glenn realizes Fathers Day is on Sunday the 15th, and he attempted to line up the entertainment for Friday night. However, the entertainer, yodeler Kerry Christensen, will be in Michigan on Friday. Information on the yodeler was in the president's packet. Friday night we will have Cowboy Poetry.
- *Saturday Dinner:* Utah Food Services will cater the dinner again this year. If you've had one of their dinners, you know you won't find another meal better than ones they have served at our Samborees.

In the past, Jim Stephenson has made arrangements to borrow *golf carts* for the Blindfold Rodeo. Glenn asked what the committee thought of purchasing two golf carts for use in the rodeo and also to be used by the wagon masters, to go back and forth around the fairgrounds. This proposal came out of the staff meeting the previous week; we do not know how much a golf cart would cost. If we can find some at a reasonable price, Glenn asked if this would be a good thing to do. A motion was made to purchase two golf carts. Someone said used carts could be purchased for around \$700 or \$800. A motion was made to rent golf carts. Golf courses will not rent out golf carts. Glenn suggested the motion be tabled until we have better information; everyone approved. He asked the members to be thinking about this as it is something we need to do at some point.

In the packet is a *2008 Calendar*; however, one thing that wasn't on the list is the 2009 Rally. The announcement just came out in the *Highways* magazine; the Rally will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 17-20, 2009. The Rally is one event the State Director has to attend, so Glenn said we will have to move our Spring Committee Meeting to an earlier date for April of 2009. Out-of-State Samborees were also listed on the calendar and Glenn said other states were a good place to go and see how they put on a Samboree.

The date for the *Fall Tag-Along* is the 4th through the 6th of September at the Millard County Fairground in Delta, Utah. There was a discrepancy in the date on the calendar and the actual date of the Tag-Along. Glenn acknowledged he forgot to make the correction on the calendar. The correct date is September 4-6, 2008. He said there was some power (110V) here and there, but no power for someone to hook up a motor home and be on oxygen all night, etc. He advised to come to the Tag-Along instead with an inverter or a battery, or stay at the Antelope RV Park. Glenn said he was not trying to discourage anyone, because we want you all to attend the Tag-Along; however, you need to be aware there is no electricity available.

A suggestion was made to include a tour of historic Van's Dance Hall in Delta. Glenn said he would look into the availability of a tour. Everyone didn't know how to get to the fairgrounds; go south on Highway 6 until you reach Main Street, turn left heading east for about two blocks. The parking lot of the fairgrounds is about two-thirds black-top. There is a beautiful building and kitchen; we have rented the building for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and the kitchen for Friday and Saturday. We discussed having a Dutch Oven Cook Off and want to find out if there are enough people interested in participating. The food from the cook off would be used for the Saturday evening meal. Glenn thought that would be something fun and interesting to do.

Chapter of the Year nominations should be turned in by September of this year. The Deer Sams won the award for 2007 and have gained many privileges at the Samboree because of the award. The *Salty Sam* articles are due by April 30th. A question was asked as to where items are to be dropped off for the Chinese Auction. Glenn said all the times for drop-offs will be in the program and he will get all that information to everyone ahead of time. Another question asked was why the chapter can't draw for entrance times and parking areas at the same time. Glenn's answer was it only takes a few minutes to draw for a chapter's parking area when they arrive. It makes it so everyone doesn't get the same area every year. He suggested if a chapter wants to be first up front, volunteer for the assignment of Greeters or Decorators. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Glenn ended with, "See you at the Samboree!"

Beverly Olsen

For

Jean North, State Secretary