

Utah Good Sam Presidents' & Wagon Masters' State Committee Meeting
Madeline's Steak House, South Jordan, Utah
April 25, 2009

State Director Glenn Carroll called the meeting to order. The members were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by State Wagon Master Boyd Bowman, followed by the Chapter Roll Call. All chapters were represented except for one chapter, the Timpanogos Road-runners. After the December Committee Meeting, Glenn sent a copy of the minutes to each president. He explained he was not going to read the minutes but asked someone to make a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was made and seconded and approved by the presidents. Glenn asked his staff to raise their hands to be recognized, as the 'close quarters' in the room made it difficult for them to stand to be introduced. He remarked, "These are the people that make this (Utah Good Sam) organization work." All of the presidents received a packet of information which was discussed in detail as the meeting proceeded.

Next on the agenda was State Treasurer Lynn Koyle's report. Lynn explained he didn't make a print-out of his report as there weren't many transactions since December of 2008. The balance in the treasury as of that date was \$11,116.86. Since then he has received \$15.00 for new memberships; \$788.06 was paid out for printing materials, web page, postage to mail information to presidents, and Salty Sam printing and mailing expense. The current balance of the State Good Sam account is \$10,343.80. Glenn noted a yearly audit is required by our State Good Sam By-Laws and this was performed by an audit committee consisting of two chapter presidents, State Secretary Jean North and himself. They reviewed the State Account, Samboree Account and Merchandise Sales Account. All were in order and well documented.

A Nominating Committee was needed to elect (or re-elect) a State Treasurer for the 2010-2011 period. Chapter Presidents Richard Snideman, Ed Greiner and Harold Jacklin were named as members of the committee. Glenn advised he would get the needed material to them. He also said he hoped Lynn Koyle would run again as State Treasurer.

The members were asked if they had read the recent edition of the *Highways* magazine and saw the article about the *International Chapter of the Year* contest. In the United States there are 1600 Good Sam chapters; 400 sent in Chapter Books to compete in this contest. Our own Utah Deer Sams chapter was picked over all these chapters as "International Chapter of the Year". They received \$500 and will be presented a plaque and patches at the Samboree. They will also be seated first at all of the events at the Samboree. Glenn encouraged more chapters to compete in this contest; the Deer Sams have won the State Chapter of the Year for the last two years.

State Wagon Master Boyd Bowman then discussed the instructions for the Wagon Masters at the Samboree. He asked them to refer to the print-out included in their packet as he went over the important procedures.

- Presidents should be aware of their chapter's arrival time. There was a sheet in the packet with each chapter's arrival time listed.
- Wagon masters are to arrive at the fairgrounds by 1:00PM on Tuesday, June 9th, and park in Area D and stay there until their chapter arrives the next day. After parking with their chapter, wagon masters are to come back and finish their assignments.
- Wednesday the gates will open at 10:00AM; there will be no parking on the streets; no rigs will be parked after dark.
- To avoid blocking the highway and backing up traffic, have chapter members arrive together; they should not come before their arrival time.
- Chapter members and friends wanting to park together must arrive together. This is because of the parking method we use for the areas on the fairgrounds.
- If someone is coming late, a spot at the end of the chapter's row should be saved for them. A spot should also be saved for the wagon master.
- Presidents should be sure all their members have their chapter number in the window on the driver's side of their rigs. A count of the number of rigs arriving with the chapter would also be helpful.
- Because of fire hazards, the fire lane should be open at all times. No rigs will park awning to awning. Tow vehicles will be unhooked and moved out of the fire lane. We've had some serious conditions in the past where emergency vehicles needed access and we must these lanes open.
- Wagon masters are not to accept other assignments during the time they are busy with parking and security assignments.
- Only wagon masters will direct the parking of rigs; no one will be allowed to move after parking their rig.
- Wagon masters are to be polite but firm when parking rigs; avoid showing special consideration to any one chapter as this leads to problems.
- Wagon masters will assist with parking assignments. They must attend a briefing meeting at 3:00PM on Tuesday, the location to be announced later. The assignments will be given in out at the briefing.
- Handicap parking is limited. Members needing handicap parking should sign up for it when sending in their registration form. Please note there are two categories of handicap parking; one, someone needing closer access to the facilities; two, those needing electricity. Note one of the two, or both if necessary, on the registration form.
- Any other items can be discussed at the meeting on Tuesday at the fairgrounds.

Glenn explained the wagon masters were scheduled to come in on Tuesday at 1:00PM so the meeting can be held at 3:00 PM. There isn't enough time to have them arrive and set up on Wednesday and have the meeting. We tried to include the wagon masters and their spouses at the Vendor's Dinner on Tuesday but there isn't enough room in Building 13 to hold that many people.

Jim Folsom asked if we were going to have power, seeing as they are remodeling the arena. Glenn said that was a good question and told everyone that currently the bleachers on the west side are town down. The metal structure for the new bleachers is up but that is as far as they are on the remodeling. There were thirteen electric hookups for handicaps along the foot of those bleachers. The county commissioners have assured Glenn that we will have the power but they don't know where it will be. We hope the new arena will have hand rails for walking up and down the bleachers. Also, the building the Tooele Travelers sold scones from last year is gone. We will have to move the location for the scones to the kitchen area in Building 14 for Thursday morning.

The parking may end up being a little different because we are not sure where the construction is going. They started the construction last fall and when Glenn was in Nephi a month ago, they were just pouring the footings for the bleachers. Glenn was advised by one of the presidents that a week ago the uprights on the west side were in place and they were working on the north side. Glenn said he was worried about how long it was going to take them to get the ground leveled.

The Memorial Service is going to be held in the arena Thursday evening at 7:00PM. If the bleachers aren't finished on the west side, we will use the east side of the arena. Darlene Pace needs a list of the deceased members to be recognized at the memorial. Glenn asked the presidents to get this list to Darlene as soon as possible so the program can be printed. He would like all the presidents to be in the arena for the ceremony and hold a balloon. Also, he wants a chapter member to be in the arena and hold a white balloon for a deceased member. If there are questions about this procedure, they can be discussed when we get to the Samboree.

The Opening Ceremony has been changed to Wednesday at 7:00PM in Building 14 because we didn't want to take a chance of the bleachers not being finished.

The Rainbow Sams are in charge of the 50-25-25 sale and they won't have enough people to do an adequate job of selling the tickets. Therefore, we will need some volunteers to help out and Glenn told his staff to be prepared to help. If anyone would like to sell tickets, please check with Don Gilmore as he is in charge of this assignment. Some of the money from the ticket sales goes to our charities.

The chapter in charge of the Cake Walk, the Peach City Sams, wanted to remind the presidents to bring two cakes or two packages of cookies for this event. We make \$400 to \$600 from the Cake Walk for our charities; it is a good fund raiser and lots of fun.

Each chapter is to bring two door prizes costing at least \$15 each. The state staff tries to get other donations but the prizes from the chapters make up the bulk of our door prizes. If you put an envelope with your prize, with your chapter's address on it, you may get a "thank you" from the person receiving your door prize.

In December we announced we were going to have a pop tab contest and Glenn said he hoped everyone was saving tabs. On Friday at 4:30PM the tabs will be weighed.

The Blindfold Rodeo will be moved to the Indoor Arena for a couple of reasons. One reason being we don't know what condition the Outdoor Arena will be in and secondly, it should be cooler. Someone had contacted Glenn about some golf carts we might be able to use. If anyone knows where we can get golf carts, let us know; if not, we will have to use the little trailer and four-wheeler again. We looked into renting golf carts but it is too expensive.

In the packet was a Registration Form for the Samboree, in case presidents need to make copies for their members. A Fall Tag-Along Registration Form was also included in the packet. The Fall Tag-Along will be in Delta again this year. The building facility there is even better than the one in Nephi. A member advised Glenn that Delta has added fifteen more electrical outlets. Perhaps those needing electricity won't have to stay over at the campground again. There will be a fee of \$10 for those using electricity so please indicate on the registration form if electricity is needed. This fee will be collected at the Tag-Along. Arrival time for chapters is any time Thursday morning, September 10th. The state staff will arrive Wednesday.

At the Opening Ceremony of the Samboree we will play the Canadian national anthem "Oh Canada", as we have three couples from Canada attending our Samboree. After their anthem, the USA national anthem will be played.

Glenn reminded all the presidents to please pass out the Salty Sam to all members when they are received. The dues sent to the state organization (\$5 per rig) pays for the printing and mailing of the Salty Sam. If members have gone south for the winter, mail them.

The current contract with the Juab County Fairgrounds runs through 2010. Normally, it is good to sign a new contract before the old one expires. Glenn needed permission from the presidents before he negotiates for a new contract. He asked if there was another

place they would like to go other than Nephi. There were no suggestions. He asked if he had permission to negotiate a new contract for three or four year, or however long a period they would give us. A motion was made to get another contract; it was seconded and approved. Glenn said the Nephi people give a good deal. The Arizona Samboree is moving from Casa Grande to Yuma next year. Most fairgrounds charge \$1 for the use of each chair; \$2 for a table; \$10 per rig per night. Nephi gives us one flat fee for the use of their facilities. It's a good deal for us and good for Nephi because they get a lot of revenue from the Samboree. Lue Jensen asked how much we spent in Nephi last year. Glenn didn't have the figures with him but he has them on his computer. The receipts everyone turns in for the drawing are tallied up each year so we know how much is spent in Nephi during the Samboree.

A question was asked about the Clean-up Day, May 16th and 17th. Does the clean-up have to be on those two days? Headquarters requests the clean-up be done during the month of May; however, you can do it whenever you like. It is necessary to contact Good Sam Headquarters for the bags.

Someone asked when the chapters drew for the arrival times at the Samboree. Glenn said there are two drawings. The arrival time was drawn at the State Meeting in December; then when a chapter arrives at the fairgrounds on Wednesday, the president draws for their parking area, be it A, B, C or D area. This is so a chapter doesn't get stuck out 'in the middle of nowhere' every time. Glenn asked everyone to put their chapter name and chapter number on the registration form. This will help Samboree Treasurer Renee Gilmore, as the program she uses generates the chapter a person belongs to by the number of the chapter. If the number isn't on the form, she must look it up.

Glenn encouraged everyone to attend our Samboree. He said if you attend a Samboree of another state, you will find ours is the best.

Someone tried to use a "Free Night at the East Bay RV Park" prize they won at the Samboree last year. The park wouldn't give the free night because they were already getting a discount. Glenn said there hasn't been a problem with the park before. He couldn't speak for East Bay but he was aware a group of ten or more rigs gets a discount. He will talk to them when he goes there in May.

Glenn asked if any of the chapters were selling baked goods at the Samboree. His reason for asking was if a chapter was going to sell baked goods, they would ask the high school not to sell theirs. The Northern Utah Golden Spikers are going to sell baked goods, and it was agreed they would sell theirs on Thursday and Friday and the girls can sell their baked goods on Wednesday.

A question was asked about the Ladies' Social and the Men's Lunch, as they weren't on the print-out of the Samboree schedule. Glenn said the schedule was just a tentative schedule and he didn't include all of the games on it either. The Ladies' Social is at 11:30PM on Friday and the Men's Lunch is at 12:00PM.

Someone said if members arrive at the Samboree on Friday, they couldn't see paying the fee of \$70 if they aren't there Wednesday and Thursday. Can they just buy meal tickets for Saturday night only? Glenn explained the Saturday night meal costs \$11 (\$22 for two people); the breakfast is \$5, so that would be a total of \$33; the Ladies' Social is \$7, making the total \$40. The entertainment for Friday and Saturday night is \$1,200. The only thing they are not getting is the Ice Cream Social and that is the reason we can't drop the price. He asked if that made sense to everyone. We do have some older people that don't bring their rigs and stay in a motel; we can knock a little off the fee in that case. We pay \$2,000 for the use of the fairgrounds, and if they are not staying there, we would take \$10 off the regular fee. We would rather have them come and stay at a motel than not come at all. We are on a tight budget for the Samboree. More money is made at the Fall Tag-Along than the Samboree because of the entertainment.

The entertainment for Friday night is a group called "On the Air"; they perform locally. On Saturday night the entertainment is Barber Shop harmony by the group "All Achor".

Glenn mentioned the New Mexico Rally and an 'exercise walk' they have every morning. He asked if there was any interest in having an exercise walk before breakfast on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There was some interest in doing this and Gerrie Bowman was put in charge of the walk. Some didn't want the walk too early. Glenn said the time would be worked out and will be put on the schedule.

There were no other questions and a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and the meeting closed.

Beverly Olsen
For Jean North, State Secretary