

Illinois Good Sam  
Morning Session – Informal  
July 29, 2017  
Sportsman Club  
Mahomet, IL

The meeting was opened by Carolyn Schaefer, State Director, with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carolyn thanked people for coming.

We still need a Chaplin.

Shirts were discussed. There is a sign-up sheet if you need green shirts because yours are the wrong size. Most need to go up one size. Let Carolyn know what size you have because they may fit someone else. If you need green shirts and did not order them previously you will owe \$20.00.

Rally – Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available. Jim Howard resigned as Game Coordinator. We need a new coordinator and a chapter to run the mini-games. They were very popular last year. Some people suggested that we have card games (hand 'n foot, euchre, etc.) available at the Rally. Tables could be set aside for this. The card games do not need to be a contest. Each Chapter is responsible for providing 2 door prizes and 1 Blue Light Special, each new and worth at least \$10.00. Door prizes are due by noon on Tuesday at the Annex. Chamco will do the Blue Light Special and give the money to Dogs for the Deaf. All door prizes will be given from the stage with restaurant gift certificates given out on Thursday night. Bob has two (2) 20' hoses for use at the dump station. The Flea Market and Chapter raffles will be done the same as last year with both taking place on Saturday morning. Chapters can do 50/50 tickets throughout the Rally. This year Carolyn received \$350.00 from National to purchase prizes for the Rally. In discussion with other states we may not receive that much next year. This will affect how many prizes we have to give out. Nominations for Awards are due by noon on Friday to Carolyn. Welcome Bags were discussed. It was decided, by discussion, to not have Welcome Bags for the 2018 Rally. If Chapters wish to make items for the 1<sup>st</sup> Timer Bags that would be great. We need about 10 or 12 items. We need to decide where the Rally Sunday offering will go. Jeanette will look up what our 4 charities are. There will be a State Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on September 4 at the Rally.

Much discussion centered around how to get more members, especially younger members. How do we get families involved? Prairie State has a weekend Family Campout that includes all family members of their Chapter. They have a lot of fun but not seem to get the younger ones to join the Chapter. Everyone seems to have the same issues.

National – Dave Morgan is now National Director of Special Projects. Jamie Howard is the main point of contact for support to Directors. She has 15 years of experience with

Camping World/Good Sam. There are no longer regions. Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio have formed an informal consortium. Mississippi did not elect a Director. National disbanded their organization. They had to inventory everything they owned. Some items were bought by another state organization and the rest was auctioned off. Chapters were asked what their favorite charity was and state funds were distributed to these charities.

Comps – Who should we comp? We decided to comp the consortium states. It is good PR and we usually get one or two additional units from that state.

Rally Dates – Carolyn has been talking to Jovanna about changing our Rally date. We need to make sure we do not interfere with other things. It was decided that Carolyn & Bob will talk to Jovanna again and if we change dates it will be for the 2018 Rally. We will vote on this at the September 2017 business meeting. The Rally would start on Thursday and end on Sunday. One advantage would be one less day of entertainment. 2018 Rally – think about a theme. To be discussed at Business Meeting.

SOP –This will be discussed at the Business meeting.

Do you like having a morning session like this? Discussion was yes.

We need more input from Chapters. Presidents need to speak up. It was suggested that sending an agenda with the notice for the meeting would help. Presidents cannot discuss or suggest items if they do not know what the preliminary agenda is.

No lunch will be served. Potluck will be at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Gawronski, State Secretary