

**Illinois Good Sam State Meeting**  
**Marshall/Putnam Fairgrounds, Henry, IL**  
**August 3, 2019**

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. by Carolyn Schaefer and welcomed everyone attending. Members attending said the Pledge. A prayer was given by Steve McKillip. Carolyn stated that Carol Froeschl will be taking the minutes in the absence of Jeanette Gawronski, who is recovering from surgery. Robert Myers reported that Lynn was not doing well. Chapters represented were Prairie State Sams, Chamco Sams, Forrest City Sams, Bureau Valley Sams, Prairie Ramblers, Rock Valley Sams, and Roamin Sams. State Officers present were: Carolyn & John Schaefer, Robert Myers, Steve McKillip, Patty Jayne, Carol Froeschl, and Jim Landry.

Carolyn stated that we will be having only one meeting and will be commenting on how the 2019 Rally went.

**RALLY WRAP UP**

June Date – comments: too close to Fair time; Fair people were around some of the events; 2020 June dates will conflict with two other regional rallies; suggested going back to Labor Day Weekend.

Positive comments: entertainment was good; games went well; people requested more games; movie enjoyed except sound was bad; Suggestions on sound: use smaller speaker; 2 speakers on each side of the stage. Over all people comments were they enjoyed the rally. Several requested more time for the games and more games; tour was a lot of walking but overall enjoyable and informative; no popcorn nights because no one volunteered to make the popcorn;

Food: good meals – Ham & Beans/Root Beer Floats; Walking Tacos/Ice Cream; Potato Bake

Movie: movie was good but sound was bad; people could have moved closer to the screen and hear better; have popcorn available during the movie.

Games: more games; suggested Corn Hole game. Mini games went well.

Seminars: no seminars; people stated they would rather have more games.

Entertainment: very good entertainment both Friday and Saturday night. Entertainment was costly and may have to cut cost next rally.

Scholarship: Kelsey Olson won the \$500.00 scholarship and was able to attend the rally. Amanda is working on next year's scholarship recipient.

Tour: People taking the tour of the I & M Canal Boat Tour and Mansion said they enjoyed. Guides were very good; Staff outstanding; lunch was good; our group had a price break for the tour; Carolyn thanked Becky and Steve McKillip for filling in for Lynn Myers in handling the tour.

Paper games: only 3 or 4 people participated.

Door Prizes: Have the door prizes after the movie so more people will stay for the movie.

Blue Light: nice gifts; not all chapters sent gifts; during set-up people wanted to come in to look at the gifts; suggestions for next year to rope off the area. Profit on blue light was \$327.00.

Dog Show: went well; Carolyn thanked Becky McKillip for filling in for Lynn Myers.

Cow Chipping: went Ok.

Number of rigs at the rally was 49.

An Ohio Chapter had made 30 bears and brought to the rally and were given to a nursing home in Henry.

#### Business Meeting:

April meeting minutes corrections: Jean Skelly was not doing a craft; \$150.0 not \$250.00 was given to the State from Good Sam; Wagonmaster is Jim Frcka; Motion was made to accept the changes by Roamin Sams and seconded by Forrest City. Motion passed.

#### Committee Reports:

Rally Coordinator, Robert Myers, thanked everyone that worked on Tuesday, plan went well; like not using the Hunt Building-saves time on set-up; it was stated that the bathroom should be available during the seminars in the Annex; early bird on Thursday should have been opening – several missed the opening of the rally. Robert stated that the Early Bird on Thursday was so we didn't have to pay the fairgrounds a fee for the day;

Game Coordinator, Patty Jayne & Steve McKillip: longer time on games; bean bag baseball only 5 endings – other rallies have 7 endings;

Chaplain: Steve McKillip - no report

Hospitality: John Schaefer reported that there was good quality of cookies brought and had plenty; Cookies that were left over were given the Henry Police Department.

Wagonmaster, Jim Frcka, stated that it went well; parking went well and no one got stuck; Wayne Schuette, past Wisconsin Director, gave people golf cart rides to events; Robert Myers thanked Jim Frcka and Wayne Schuette for their help at the rally;

Youth/Teen: no report

#### Chapter reports:

Bureau Valley: no report

Chamco Sams: low on members.

Forrest City: staying active and maintaining members

Prairie State Sams: had 20 units at the July Camping with Friends event.

Roamin Sams: had great time at camping with Friends; invite any chapters to join their chapter on any of there camping weekends

Rock Vally: camping monthly with 5 units.

Prairie Ramblers: not camping – health issues

Treasurer – Robert Myers: Not all bills are in for the 2019 Rally but feels that we had less than \$500.00 loss in the Rally. Bills for power had not been received from the Fair Grounds. At this time, seems to be around \$9,379.78 for starting next year's Rally. Robert recommends not spending as much money on entertainment next year to cut costs. Robert thanked everyone that helped with the Rally. A lot of good comments on this year's rally

50/50 Raffle: went well. Collected \$184.00 for both nights. Carolyn thanked Jim and Judie Frcka for doing the 50/50.

Election of Director: Robert Myers reported there was only one candidate running for the position of State Director. Robert read the Good Sam Bylaws on rules for electing state directors. The new Directors are Jim and Judie Frcka and duties begin on January 1, 2020.

Carolyn thanked Carol Froeschl for doing the Illinois Good Sam Sam-o-Gram the past three years.

Carol Froeschl stated that there will be one more Sam-o-gram this year and also stated she has enjoyed working with everyone and doing the Sam-o-gram and the website.

Jim and Judie Frcka took charge of the meeting. Announced that there will be a Samboree next year. There was discussion on whether to use Rally or Samboree. Carolyn was asked what other State's use and she stated that they use Rally. After several suggestions on the theme for 2020 Samboree, the decision was "Flamingo Safari" as the theme for 2020. In 2021, it will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Illinois Good Sam and Jim stated he wanted the State to go all out in celebration at the 2021 Samboree. Also, several Illinois Good Sam Chapters will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversaries.

Jim Frcka announced the next State Meeting will be April 17, 18, 19, 2020 in Henry, IL

There was discussion on raising the Samboree registration fee to \$90.00 for three days. Motion was made by Forrest City Sams to increase the registration fee to \$90.00. Motion was seconded by Roamin Sams. Motion passed. Also discussed was having the 2019 Samboree next year on Labor Day weekend. Jim will check to see if the Fairgrounds will be available for Labor Day weekend.

Suggestions for next year were to have a Rig Decoration contest, Man and Woman of Year awards and Chapter of the Year Award.

Motion was made by Prairie State Sams and seconded by Forrest City Sams to adjourn. Motion passed.

Minutes by Carol Froeschl in the absence of Jeanette Gawronski.