

**GOOD SAM RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS, INC.**  
**MORNING MEETING SATURDAY, July 14, 2018**

On Saturday, July 14, 2018, the Good Sam Recreational Vehicle Association of Illinois, Inc. Morning Meeting was held at the Champaign Sportsman Club, Mahomet, IL. Director, Carolyn Schaefer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No one is hosting the meeting.

Roll Call was taken. Chapters in attendance were – Chamco Sams, Forest City Sams, and Prairie State Sams, Salty Sams and Sunshine Sams.

Carolyn said Dave Morgan no longer has a position with National Good Sam. If we need help we can contact Jamie Howard in Bowling Green, KY. No plans to appoint someone to Dave's position. Jim L. Asked why we continue to pay for a GS membership if they do not want to support us. Carolyn explained that those "dues" get us discounts at Camping World and discounts at some campgrounds. Some states have lost their charter due to no longer having a Director. Other states are in danger of losing their charter. We discussed at the last meeting what this means.

We do not have a Chaplain. If you know of someone who would do this contact Carolyn. Eric Brown, Indiana past Director will serve as Wagon Master for the Rally. We do not have a Rally coordinator, but Carolyn hopes everyone pitches in to get the fairgrounds ready for the Rally. Three chapters have told Carolyn they are turning in their charters but have not done so yet. This will leave us with only 7 chapters.

Carolyn, John, Bob & Lynn met with the Fair Board and set June 26-30, 2019 as next years Rally. We have discussed changing the Rally time for years, so we will try this in 2019. They also negotiated a new contract. This is covered in the Meeting minutes. Next year we will have a specified "day" rate for those who drive in for 1 day. Bob said he usually charges something if already if people let him know they are there just for the day.

Carolyn thanked Carol F. for her work on the Sam-o-gram, website and Staff Directory.

Door prizes – National gave us \$120.00 to purchase door prizes for the Rally. Carolyn & John have done so. Remember each Chapter is responsible for 2 door prizes and 1 blue Light Special prize, each worth at least \$10.00. Forest City Sams will run the Blue Light Special this year.

Green shirts are to be worn Thursday – Sunday during the day so people can identify who can help or answer questions.

There is a sign-up sheet to volunteer to help with the various activities. No one volunteered to coordinate the Mini-Games, so they will not happen. Amanda said she will do some paper games since people seem to enjoy doing them. Bureau Valley will do the Root Beer Floats(\$2.00/person) with Staff help. Lynn sent out 15 invitations to vendors we only got 2 replies.

We have 1 craft and 2 seminars – Jean Skelly asks that people bring a 12" ruler, scissors and 3 dowels to her craft, "What is it" will be presented by Stan Seevers, and Lynn Myers will present a program on "Can You Hear Me" – sign language.

There will be a Ladies Luncheon on Saturday from noon – 1:00. Drink & dessert provided. The Dog Show will be on Saturday.

Each night the announcements and entertainment will start at 6:30. Morning meetings will be held each morning at 8:30 in the Hunt Building.

Thursday night will be movie night. Steve McK will set up a screen and run the movie. Some suggestions were made, Food coupons will be given out Thursday night, so people can use them over the weekend. Friday

night is Family Feud, like the TV show. Saturday night is Dennis Stoughmate (a fiddler) (cost - \$800.00) and Sunday night is One More Time (cost - \$600.00)

We will collect non-perishable items for the Henry Food Pantry, plastic bottle caps, and toiletry items for the Ronald McDonald House.

A white board will be placed in Hospitality in addition to the one at the Registration table to note updates and changes.

A prized will be given to someone who finds a mistake in the program.

Steve McK is the Game Coordinator. Bean Bag Baseball, Ladder Golf, Turtle Game Corn Hole, and Plinko are some of the games. Forest City will have some games for any youth attending and the "young at heart".

We will need to elect a Treasurer at the Business Meeting this afternoon.

We will have hoses at the dump stations again. It seems to speed things up. There will not be Welcome Bags but will be First Timers Bags. Forest City is doing the 1<sup>st</sup> timer bags. We will hand out bottles of water when people register.

A Cake Walk, Dessert Auction or Cookie was suggested. Voted down.

Themes for the 2019 Rally were suggested – Moo-ving On, The Great Outdoors, Summer's Here, and the Good Ole Summer Time. We will vote at the Business meeting.

We will ask each rig to bring cookies or bars for Hospitality. Each chapter should bring fruit or veggies.

Memorials – Carolyn needs the information and \$10.00 for the plaque by August 1. Checks made out to Illinois Good Sam. Man/Women of the Year, Bud Guymon, Chapter of the year and any other award nominees are due by noon on Friday, August 31.

Carolyn & John attended the Ohio Rally (140 rigs), Indiana (120 rigs), Kentucky (85 rigs), and Michigan (88 rigs). We cannot expect out-of-staters to attend our Rallies when, other than the Director, we do not attend theirs.

The Sunday offering will go to the Henry Food Pantry.

Meals for the Rally:

Wednesday supper -- potluck

Thursday supper – ham & beans. Becky will make corn bread.

Friday breakfast – Sky Med will host. Not sure of menu.

Saturday breakfast -- cold cereal, milk, rolls, fruit, juice, coffee -- Prairie State Sams

Saturday supper – Baked potatoes (\$3.00 /person) You can bring toppings or dessert if you wish. Let Carolyn know by 10:00 a.m. if interested. Out-of-State Directors will help.

Sunday lunch – Walking Tacos – Salty Sams will help.

Ice Cream Social – Ice cream and condiments will be purchased from Sam's Club. Bob will provide a freezer.

First timers – we can take pictures of them and post in Hospitality. Pictures can also be posted on our website.

The program will address the issue of people discarding their cigarette butts on the ground. Please dispose of properly. Carolyn will compile a list of "Things to do & See" in the area.

Staff should greet people and perhaps we will have staff stationed at the doors of meals to greet people.

We will have a Flea Market on Saturday morning.