

**WNY Sam's June Meeting  
August 17, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 8:33 am

Prayer (Carol Ellis)

Pledge to the Flag  
Good Sam Pledge

Introduce new member: Rich "Richard" Tilton. Expecting Brooks and Brenda Rime as guests at Sleepy Hollow in September. Mike and Jane Gurr will also try to make September campout.

Motion to dispose of the reading of the minutes to the June meeting was made by Carol Ellis/seconded by Mary Thompson. They both also made motions to accept the June minutes as written. All in favor and motions carried.

Correspondence to share: Anne Marino wrote that Bill's eye surgery is coming along very well. Second time works like a charm. They hope to be at next campout.

Maryann shared an update on Sue Massey. She is improving rapidly and is walking with a cane and walker now. They are also hoping to make the September campout.

**Treasury Report (Keith):** Last month's Balance: \$1,156.01

**Deposits:**

\$ 54	to Diana Fackler for May campout expenses
160	Raised at July Good Sam's State Meeting
20	Dues from Dick Tilton
13	Excess funds collected from June campout

**Disbursements:**

\$160	Donation to Operation Injured Soldiers
160	Donation to Camp Get A Way
82.43	Re-imbusement for July Good Sam's State Meeting expenses

Ending Balance: \$1,000.58

Motion to accept treasury report as submitted: Dick Cox/Ginny Groff. All in favor and carried.

**Vice President Report (Rich Ward):** Nothing new to report

**Wagon Master (Terri Sokol):** Not in attendance. Nothing to report

**Old Business:** Nothing.

**New Business:** \$160 was collected at State Rally raffle. WNY Sam's will match what was collected for donations to Operation Injured Soldiers and Camp Get Away. \$50 hat raffle for the state charity collected \$108.

Dinner tonight at the Rec Hall at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$10/pp.

Still looking for a host for the October campout at Southwood's. Wards and Meyers will be hosting September at Sleepy Hollow.

**State Director (Mary Ann):** Problems in July 2015 at the State Rally. Mary Ann had problems from the beginning which continued into last year's Fall Fest. This year's Rally was even worse. Complaints about running out of donuts, even though people were taking plates full, before everyone was served. WNY members did most of the work setting up the Rally, and "taking up the slack" where others should have helped. Many chapters did not participate in the events.

At the meeting on Sunday, Mary Ann gave a verbal resignation as State Director. After thinking it over, she tried to rescind her resignation and was denied. Steve Stykes as elected the New State Director.

There is a fall meeting scheduled but no Fall Fest this year. Tentatively scheduled for September 23, 2016.

Do we want to continue to be a Chapter with Good Sam's or "De-Charter", which permanently dissolves our chapter? De-Charter procedures were handed out for member review. We will vote at the September meeting. Basically we have 2 choices:

1. We can stay and chose not to participate in events. We will not have a vote.
2. Our name and logo will be retired and cannot be used again. Chapter is dissolved.

**Other Business:** WNY Sam's had 3 items that were not raffled off at the July Rally. We will be raffling these items off at the next several campouts. Any money collected will be donated to charity. This month we will be raffling 2 camp chairs.

Motion to match contributions and split proceeds between Operation Injured Soldiers and Camp Get Away was made by Dick Cox/seconded by Dean Stenshorn. All in favor and motion carried.

September's Raffle will be a portable wagon

October's Raffle will be a tote bag with table cloth and other camping items

If we do not have a rally can we run a 50/50 raffle or make a donation on our own? Calico Sam's has a pound auction. Everyone donates something weighing one pound. (Examples: butter, nails, pasta, fruit, cookies, etc.) Items are placed in a closed bag and there is a "blind" auction similar to a basket auction. You will not know what is in the bag until you win and open it up.

Long Island chapter is interested in having a joint campout next year. They are a younger group with kids. Good opportunity to go camping with your grandchildren. Possible destination in Cooperstown in 2017. Maybe get 30 sites reserved. They play baseball and other games with the kids. This is an active group who are supportive to WNY Sam's.

Calico Sam's is also interested in having a joint campout with WNY Sam's. There are 5 families that are members of both groups.

Family Motor Coach (FMCA) is also planning to host an international Rally in August 2017 at the new Syracuse fair grounds. Fliers were passed around. Many of our members are interested in attending. More information will be available at a later date as they are currently in the planning stages.

**Good of the Club:** Nancy is celebrating a birthday and Eddie has a birthday coming up on Wednesday. Happy Birthday Nancy and Eddie!!

Bonnie brought up the issue of firewood again. A \$2/rig suggested extra money was discussed for the purchase of firewood. Should we collect every month weather we have enough wood or not and keep funds in a separate "slush" fund? Or should everyone donate wood? A motion was made by Rich Ward to create a slush fund with \$2/rig in addition to any other expenses for the week end. After discussion, another motion was made by Rich Ward to table the motion until next month's meeting. Motion was seconded by Mike DeRose. All in favor and carried.

A motion was made to adjourn. Eddie/Mike DeRose. All in favor and meeting ended at 9:40 am

Immediately following the meeting a presentation of a beautiful throw blanket made and designed by Kathy Schultz was presented to Carol Ellis. Carol had provided many of Butch's shirts that we all remembered loved and enjoyed reading and seeing Butch wear. Kathy designed these into a beautiful fleece blanket for Carol to enjoy for many, many years. It truly was a token of love and memories for us all. Thank you for your time and love in creating this memory blanket for Carol. God Bless you!

Many of us headed to Camp Get Away following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Linda DeRose  
WNY Sam's Recording Secretary