

**WNY Sam's May 2016 Campout
Woodstream Campground - (May 20-22)**

PRESENT: Dick & Judy Cox, Dick & Maryann Crouch, Mike & Linda DeRose, Carol Ellis, Ed & Diana Fackler, Jim Gray & Sherrill DeVantier, Dick Kashdin & Sandy Donovan, Bill & Ann Marino, Chuck & Susan Massey, Jerry & Marge Meyer, Jack & Ginger Morinello, Keith Pierce & Nancy Craig, Bob & Debbie Reumann, Tim & Donalee Shields, Don & Terri Sokol, Dean & Bonnie Stenshorn, Jim & Ellie Strickland and Rich & Carol Ward

Meeting Called to Order at 9:30 am

Everyone stood for the Pledge to the Flag
Prayer was led by Linda
Moment of silence was held in Memory of Butch Ellis

The Good Sam Pledge, which we will say at each meeting, and Chapter Standard Operating Procedures were distributed. **Good Sam Pledge was recited.**

Guest introduced:

Welcome to **Jan Ingerson & Cindy Jaeger**. Welcome! Let us know if you want to join, especially after Friday night's Newbie Dance. (Thanks for being such great sports!)

MOTION was made by Jerry and seconded by Sandy to dispose of the reading of the minutes from the December meeting. Carried.

Correspondence (Diana):

We received a card from Carol Ellis, thanking the group for those who attended Butch's service and also for the floral arrangement that was sent.

Dick & Beverly Elliot will be having a busy summer. Going to Nashville and other traveling. They will be attending Turning Stone in June.

Treasury Report (Keith):

Currently have \$1,428.42 in our account. There were zero deposits, zero checks/credits, and zero interest. There are 3 outstanding transactions, (flower reimbursement to Nancy, December Christmas party fees still owed to Marge, Reumann's membership check still has not been deposited). We also received \$20 cash from new members (Jim Gray & Sherrill DeVantier) this weekend. Questions/Comments regarding Treasury Report? Comment was made that it is nice to have a treasury report at the meetings. Nancy commented that the camp did not receive the donation from last year. It was for \$150. **MOTION** made by Marge for Keith to send Camp Get-A-Way \$150, seconded by Terri. All in favor and carried. Another **MOTION** was made by Tim and seconded by Chuck to accept the May Treasury Report. All in favor & carried. One last **MOTION** was made by "Little" Dick (Cox) and seconded by Ginger to take money from the treasury to reimburse Nancy for the flowers. All in favor and carried.

Wagon Master (Terri Sokol):

Nothing new to report. DeRose's and Sokol's will be hosting the June campout at Four Mile Creek State Park. We have volunteers for the following Campouts:

July: Rally
August: (Dream Lake) None yet – **Volunteer(s) needed**
September: (Sleepy Hollow) - Wards & Meyers
October: (Southwoods) None yet – **Volunteer(s) needed**

Our August campout at Dream Lake is also a volunteer opportunity for Camp Get-A-Way. Camp runs from 8:30 am until 9:30 pm. We should let Nancy know if we plan to stay for breakfast, lunch or dinner so she can let the cooks know to prepare for extra people. **Bonnie** passed along information that Dream Lake accepts Passport America if you are a member, you can save a little money on registration.

June Campout (Mike DeRose): Mike asked if anyone would be interested in a catered meal for the June campout. For \$10/person, it would include breakfast on Saturday & Sunday and a catered meal on Saturday night. Meal would include pasta, chicken, roast beef, salad & rolls. A show of hands were counted and it was felt that we were close enough to the 30 person minimal. Mike will order dinner to be delivered to the campground for Saturday night during the June campout. Since no shelter in June, anyone who has tables, or easy ups or canopies are asked to bring them along so we can provide a meeting area between out rigs.

Diana stated that there is no water hookup available in the park. You have to fill your fresh water tank at home or when you get to the park. There is 30 & 50 amp electric available and a dump station when you leave.

Comments from State Director:

Maryann reported that things are moving along for the July Rally. Changes in the chapter structure. There will be no activities for the Finger Lakers since they are not attending. They usually sponsored a basket auction, and they are looking for someone to take over that responsibility. It would involve setting up baskets with containers to drop tickets and drawing the winner for each basket.

Mary Ann is also having trouble with the president's responding to her requests. She would like to give pens away as door prizes. They cost \$.59/each and are available in different colors. She would like to include them in the "goody bags". Usually there are toilet chemicals, disposable gloves, KOA information, etc.

There is a representative from Cutco Knives who will be selling product as well as giving a donation for a \$140 knife set. Other donations include a truck tire pressure system and other really nice stuff. She would like to have a live auction. Looking for an auctioneer. Proceeds to go to charity.

Needs front gate banner design. \$1,000 budget for the Rally. Fair grounds are providing entertainment for Friday night with the group paying for Saturday entertainment. She is looking for a "Good Sam" feather type banner for the Welcome Sign. Cost is about \$250.

Vendors: All ideas are welcome. There is no charge for vendors. They are welcome to stay at the fairgrounds at the Rally price or they can stay in town. No charge for a display table. There was a successful truck system seminar last year, who will be returning, & someone from Fantasy Tours.

Currently have 23 registrations. Diana stated that she has registration forms available for those that need one. The theme of the Rally is "Fifty Years of:_____". (Fill in the blank). There is a new chapter on Long Island who has 2000 members. Looking to have the Rally there. Chuck Bradford has also formed a new chapter – Easy Goin' Sams

Finger Lakers may have also sponsored BINGO. Diana asked what about WNY Sam's helping with the basket auction/flea market this year. There was no objection and Maryann was told to put us down for the coupon/basket auction. We also have the \$50 hat raffle. Dick Cox has a hat we can use. Should we have toilet paper games again this year?

A **MOTION** was made by "Little" Dick and seconded by Sandy that Maryann has the support of WNY Sams to purchase pens for the Rally. All in favor and carried. It was suggested that Maryann should first check to see if there are set up fees for printing as there is usually a \$50 set up fee. After checking the flyer with the pens, "Little" Dick found that no setup fee is charged.

Vice President Report (Rich Ward):

We have sign in sheets this weekend. Make sure that everyone signs in. It's nice to have a record of who is here.

Problem with firewood. We can't depend on same people to provide wood for a big group. Should we take money from the treasury to pay for wood each weekend? What if we add to the amount each rig pays each week to cover the cost of wood for the group.

Discussion:

Sandy: Not allowed to burn wood outside of 50 mile radius. Campgrounds all sell wood.

“Big” Dick: Before we take money from treasury, are there people who have sources to get wood?

Jerry: There are travel restrictions-50 mile radius, especially Ash wood.

Marge: No wood allowed in State Parks. Need a sheet to verify where wood came from if bringing it in. Large fines apply if caught.

Jerry: May be able to make a deal with campground to deliver wood with campers contributing toward purchase. He would like to make a MOTION when traveling to campground, to purchase 1/2 cord of wood for week end use.

Camp Wagon Masters will look into wood purchase. Many campgrounds will provide or donate wood for fires.

Carol W: We can collect more money as needed. Adjustments would also need to be made as to if we need wood because of rain, we might not have a fire, or how many people are attending, or how much wood we already have on hand.

Deb: Likes the idea for wagon master committee, when making/checking out campgrounds or making reservations, to make arrangements for wood use/purchase. The committee can communicate how to support wood purchase/use.

Jim S: Can get wood on his own property. He doesn't mind bringing wood to camp.

“Little” Dick: Southwoods will probably donate wood. He has dealt with owners before and will ask about donation.

MOTION made by Deb and seconded by Jerry for Wagon Master Committee to look into purchasing and securing wood for campouts. All in favor and carried.

Tim: Has a friend who supplies wood to Allegany Campground. He will check to see if he can make a deal. We also have to consider the 50 mile radius with this.

Ann commented that we need to update information on the rigs with pictures. Diana stated that it is her goal to try to get pictures of rigs and owners this weekend so that they can be posted on the webpage as well as updating membership list.

New Business:

The group that had arrived on Thursday had discussed possible ideas for the Chapter Booth – the idea was relayed to the group. Question was asked if there were any other ideas. Since there were none, it was decided to go with the **60's Hippie Rage! Rich and Jerry agreed to make the Chapter booth for the July Rally.** They will decorate the booth with tie dye. Roll of the dice will get you that number of tickets to put in for the Chapter raffle. Nancy was asked if she would be willing to help with the Tie Dye project and shirts or other clothing to wear to the Rally. She stated that dye is available. **Can we dye at the June campout?** Underwear is an option! Other ideas are welcome. **What about the give-away?** If there are going to be pens available, how about we give out the pads? What about fridge magnets? If ordering anything, do not use a date so anything that is not used one year can be used again. How about tie dying men's hankies? Check the set up fees for printing. There is usually a \$50 set up fee. After checking the flyer with the pens, “Little” Dick found that no setup fee is charged.

Thoughts on magnets, handkerchiefs, writing pads? Someone should check prices. Keith can look into pricing. All these items should be inexpensive.

MOTION was made by Jerry and seconded by Ginger that Keith look into prices for giveaway items for the Rally. No date on items so they can be used again in the future.

Marge: Does anyone have an old television to play DVDs for old 60's shows? They have a DVD player to use. They can also download pictures of old board games and laminate to use as a base to throw the dice.

Chuck mailed quite a few of the cards that were printed in 2015 to Diana. She asked if we would agree to dispose of them, since they are no longer valid? All agreed and they will be disposed of.

Looking for Donations for Booth Prizes. Carol E will contact Camping World for a donation. Jerry will contact Myers Trailers.

Nominations for a State Director for next year:

Maryann stated that she is not going to run again. Dick (Crouch) said he is just a "Go For" and that Maryann does all the work. Jim Gray stated that he is a new member and asked what the requirements for the Director position are? Nominations forms need to be completed, pretty much a resume for Regional and National Directors. Lots of work for a volunteer position. Responsibilities include contacting other chapters, currently 18 chapters in state, run meetings, event coordinator, attend Rally, purchase water, drinks, order food, ice cream, plan entertainment, work on the Fall Fest. Nominations must be postmarked by June 30th if interested. Table until next meeting.

Other Business:

SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) have been passed out. Please read them over.

Judy asked if there was any agenda for the Turning Stone Campout in June. Maryann stated she has no information. A group from National is running the weekend. There is currently no information on the Good Sam website. The Kilmer's are making arrangements. There will be someone meeting members at the gate. One hundred sites reserved. Carol E stated that she has reservations on site 304. She will turn over the reservations for the \$149 cost (Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday nites)

Nancy commented that she will bring dye to June campout. Everyone will need to provide clothing, etc. to dye. Cotton or cotton blends are best.

Nancy will also be holding a craft 15 minutes after the meeting ends, Cost is \$8.

"For the good of the club":

Diana stated that it was suggested that we add this to our meeting agenda and she thought it was a good idea as well. This will be to recognize birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Linda was wished a Happy Belated Birthday.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Jerry and seconded by Chuck. All in favor and carried.

Meeting ended at 10:44 am

Diana has extra copies for Herkimer Rally. Ontario Rally is in August (St Claire Ontario).

Respectfully submitted

May 25, 2016

Linda DeRose

WNY Sam's Recording Secretary :)