



**GOOD SAMs OF FLORIDA
STATE COMMITTEE
MEETING
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Southern Palms RV Resord, FL
November 18, 2017**

Parliamentarian Robin Murray asked if everyone had checked in with Mary and received their card. He said we would try to follow the Roberts Rules of Order. He then explained the meeting procedure and how to be recognized to speak and for voting. Please return the cards at the end of the meeting.

Sharon Bundy led the prayer then the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Director Tommy Crutchfield opened the meeting at 9:30 AM and asked secretary Mary Murray for the roll call. There were a total of 33 Chapter Presidents or representatives in attendance. Mary told the Director that we do have a quorum.

Tommy asked if all Presidents or representatives had read the minutes. Wendy Parsels of Carefree Sams made a motion to approve the minutes as issued. Tressa Dishman of Lake Eola Sams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Linda Voyton said she distributed a copy of the Treasurer's report to everyone and asked if there were any questions. Tressa Dishman of North Florida Lifetime Sams made a motion to approve the report and Wendy Parsels of Carefree Sams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROJECTS - Sharon Bundy - Sharon said she had previously reported on a project to capture Interstate Highway rainfall runoff and pipe it to the North Central Florida lakes to bring water levels back up to a level consistent with promoting water recreation. This project was to have been in conjunction with the I-10 and 9B highway construction. She said her concern was that the pipeline project could be dismantled or swept under the rug. She said the SJRWMD reported hurricane Irma dumped 2 trillion gallons of rain in her trip through the District, which raises the question of how much 2 trillion gallons of rain water landed in the impoverished lakes. Sharon said copies of these reports are at Dr. Sambones for anyone who would like to read them.

STATE STORE - Tom Booth said they have done well this week, sold out of many products which they will have available again in Tallahassee. They have quite a few Jackets left. He said they would be glad to take any suggestions.

DOGS FOR THE DEAF - Bill and Joan Conway - Joan said she has some very exciting news to share about Dogs for the Deaf. She said they have changed the name of the organization to Dogs for Better Lives. This will help with the confusion with Florida Guide Dogs and Dogs for the Deaf. She said if you bring a check tonight made out to Dogs for the Deaf they will still accept it. They also have two different programs that are now going on: Dogs for the Deaf and Dogs for Autistic children. They will also have a program for teachers. The person that was going to do the presentation today was not able to come so she will do it at 11AM over at the tent. There is a new logo and various programming. She has pictures from Okeechobee and she has some copies to give out as you leave. For donations tonight, there is a form on the Good Sams Website. Please encourage chapter members to participate. Vicky from Good Sam Seahorses asked if the donations were just for Florida. Joan said yes.

FLORIDA GUIDE DOGS - Joe & Debbie Weston - Joe said the dog walk set a new record and asked presidents to please encourage your chapter members who have dogs to participate. They are redoing the Awards Program and are aware that several chapters have not received their awards yet. They will be here all day back by the stage. He asked that you stop by and see them. They also will have three raffle baskets out there and will be selling raffle tickets. Joe said it is not all about the money, it's about the charities we are supporting. Joe said he & Debbie have worked diligently to keep you up to date.

Judy Willhour of Jax Rambling Sams asked if Joe could give them a bit more insight about Guide Dogs. Joe said Florida Dogs for the Deaf have branched out to Veterans in distress and the autism program. All dogs this year were rescued from a shelter. South East Guide Dogs do not keep enough dogs for blind persons. They will start breeding pairs and take pups from birth.

Vicki Porter of Good Sam Seahorses asked if the program was only for Florida or is it for other states. Joe told her it was strictly for the state of Florida.

HISTORIAN - Sherrie Risburg said to keep making those memories. That's what history is all about. She and Jill have been taking pictures all over the place. The pictures showing on TV are from previous rallies. The current rally pictures will be shown on the website. Sherrie said she put a lot of old pictures on the web and there's more to come.

WEBMASTER - Jill Campbell said to keep checking the website as they keep adding to it and improving it. More and more history is going on it. Sherrie is working diligently to get more and more old pictures on the website. Mary Murray gave her the old minutes, and these will be scanned and on the website. She has been asked about a form to turn in your rosters. If you go onto the website under "forms" this can be printed as a PDF file. Any questions? Steve Griffin of Golden Triangle Sams thanked Jill and commended her for what she's done. Jill said if you have created a website be sure to let her know. Also if you have changed your address for your website let her know. She said when the new presidents are elected, please include them on your roster. She also said anyone with newsletters, please send them to her and she will put them on the Good Sam Web Site.

EMERGENCY - Brian Whittie said the AED is up to snuff. He updated the programs and tested the batteries and it should be ok. He said it has been quiet this rally.

BOGGY CREEK - Bob and Peggy Brown - Peggy said they took thirty-nine Good Sam members on tour to Boggy Creek. Southern Palms provided buses and she would like to thank them for that. Usually when they go they must carpool then walk from station to station. Now, they ride the bus and then get on a golf cart and ride from station to station. They said it's been a blessing. They will send out information to the presidents. If you are no longer president, please forward to the new president. If there is a new president for the chapter they need to know the new email address. They need to know how many patches have been earned and how many volunteers worked.

Peggy said a member of Dogwood Sams made 101 teddy bears. They have patterns for the bears if anyone needs them. They said Boggy Creek still needs afghans and woodwork. They had other donors like Go Go Angels that gave just a gob of stuff. They appreciate all that everybody does.

ASDs - no comments

WAGONMASTER - Wayne McGee thanked everyone who helped park. We parked 326 rigs with no incidents that he is aware of. Wayne says he will see you in Tally. Tommy thanked everyone for coming to the rally. The weather was great. He said we're now getting ready for Tallahassee. Early bird is February 13 and the rally starts February 14 thru 18. The theme is Mardi Gras.

OLD BUSINESS - Brian Whittie said he heard from the VA that their representative is still sick and can't be here for the talk.

NEW BUSINESS - Mr. Crutchfield asked if everyone received a copy of the budget for 2018 and asked if there was any discussion. No one replied.

Tressa Dishman of North Florida Lifetime Sams made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Bill Pitz of Capital Seminole Sams seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tommy announced that he and Lois are planning to stay on for 2019-2020.

Tressa Dishman of North Florida Lifetime Sams said their chapter is open to all lifetime members of Good Sams. Linda Voyton said she plans to run again for Treasurer for 2019-2020.

The Director announced that Space Coast Sams has asked to be dechartered. Wendy Parsels of Carefree Sams made a motion to decharter and Tressa Dishman of North Florida Lifetime Sams seconded the motion. Opened for discussion. Someone asked why they wanted to decharter. Tommy said they couldn't get anyone to step up and take the presidency. Motion carried.

Tommy said there will be a committee meeting at Tallahassee on February 15, 2018.

Larry Schmuhl of Sunset Ramblers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by David Koontz of Florida Hi-Lofers. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Murray
Mary Murray, Secretary
Good Sams of Florida, Inc.