



**GOOD SAM'S OF FLORIDA
STATE COMMITTEE
MEETING
MINUTES**



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WINTER RALLY, TALLAHASSEE, FL
FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

Director Tommy Crutchfield called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Tom Booth gave the Invocation and Wagon Master Wayne McGee led everyone in the Pledge to Allegiance. Parliamentarian Robin Murray read the Good Sam Pledge, then asked if all presidents or representatives had checked in with the secretary. Bill Chambers of Lake Eola Sams checked in. He then pointed out that there were microphones on each side of the room and gave instructions to hold up the red card to speak, and give your name and chapter before making any statements. He also said that it was very important that everyone give the cards back after the meeting.

SECRETARY Mary Murray called the roll, with 23 chapter presidents or representatives present, and advised Director Crutchfield that we do have a quorum.

Tommy asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting held in Eustis, FL. Tressa Dishman of Getaway Sams made the motion to accept the minutes as posted on the website. Liz Trotter of Palm Coast Traveling Sams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER Linda Voyton asked if anyone needed a copy of the Treasurer's report. She also asked if anyone had any questions. Wendy Parsels of Carefree Sams made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as posted on the website and John Russano of Trail Blazing Sams seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tommy asked if there was any discussion.

STATE STORE - Tom Booth said they are doing very well this week. Sales were a little slow earlier but today has been very good and invited everyone to stop by.

DOGS FOR BETTER LIVES - Bill & Joan Conway - Joan said there is now a program for autistic children and they are looking for people to place a dog with. Representatives will be at the Okeechobee Rally with a dog. Joan said they had a very good costume dog walk in Eustis and raised \$1,074.00, which was split 50/50 with Florida Dog Guides. Donations from chapters came to \$3,239.26. She thanked all the chapters for making those donations.

FLORIDA GUIDE DOGS - Joe & Debbie Weston are not present. No report.

HISTORIAN - Sherrie Risberg asked everyone to please keep their chapter's history and asked that the chapters send in their chapter traditions. She said other chapters are interested in what you do so be sure to send in that information.

WEBMASTER - Jill Campbell said we have a lot of new presidents and she has updated the webpage. She asked that all presidents check and make sure the information is correct. She said if anything in there is not correct, please send her an email at webmaster@goodsams-fl.org and asked for any changes to be sent to her as soon as possible. Jill said the website keeps being remodeled and now has pictures for every rally back to 2004. She said Sherrie has been scanning all albums since the Everglades Chapter first started. Jill asked that all chapters send in their newsletters and said she would post them on the website.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE - Brian Whittie said Eustis was boring for him. The equipment is ok. There has been only one fall so far and asked everyone to continue to be careful.

BOGGY CREEK - Bob & Peggy Brown - Peggy asked that all chapters get back to them to let them know how many patches or hearts are needed from your donations at Eustis. She said there will be a representative here on Saturday at 2PM.

ASD - Wayne McGee said they have checked in 183 RVs as of 9AM and have 5 more due in.

Director Crutchfield said we have had some good rallies in the past but the weather hasn't helped us any at all. We can't plan the weather.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - Rick Neblock of Ocala Central Sams said people are saying they don't want to go to Tallahassee. He said they have grown this chapter from 5 rigs to 25 and have potential for 30. People are telling him they don't want to go to Tallahassee. His chapter has 7 rigs here this year. Two years ago they had eighteen. He asked why we're going to Tallahassee in the middle of winter when there is a potential for rain and cold. He said the unpredictable weather makes it so that they don't want to come this far. He said when we go to Okeechobee it is beautiful up here. He said fix the problem and get down south when it's cold up here and get up here when it's warm. He said we have 183 rigs here and we should have 383. He said we used to go to Palatka and there's got to be someplace in the south for this time of year. He said people don't want to come up here to this unpredictable weather.

Director Crutchfield told him we are looking into other avenues but haven't found the right remedy so far. He gave special thanks to all the presidents that are here and told them they are doing a great job. He said he's having a meeting at 4PM on Sunday with the fairgrounds and we will go forward from there.

Mr. Crutchfield said if anyone was interested in running for State Director for 2019-2020, please see him after this meeting. He said Lois and he are still interested in serving for 2019-2020 if you all will have them.

There was much discussion about placing Tommy & Lois Crutchfield's name in nomination for Florida State Director in 2019-2020.

Tressa Dishman made the motion to place their name in nomination for the Florida State Director's job in 2019-2020. Motion was seconded by Bill Pitz of Capital Seminole Sams. Motion carried

Mr. Crutchfield reminded everyone that the new Century Patches have Kentucky instead of Mississippi on them. He also reminded everyone about the 50th Anniversary celebration in Eustis. He said to contact Sharon Bundy. The application is on the website. Also, the Mad Hatters contest will be at Okeechobee so see the website for details. Eustis will have the Wild, Wild West Parade.

Ken Risberg said there will be approximately 400 people at this rally and asked everyone to please push chairs back in or, if moved, put them back where you got them from when you're done with them. Also, at the chapter raffles in Okeechobee and Eustis he is asking for your help. He said it takes a lot of time for staff to push those chairs back in and to put the moved ones back where they came from.

Mr. Crutchfield said out next meeting will be April 19, 2018 in Okeechobee.

Louis Galea of Good Time Sams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Liz Trotter of Palm Coast Traveling Sams. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Murray

**Mary Murray, Secretary
Good Sams of Florida, Inc.**