

**MAINE GOOD SAM PRESIDENTS' MEETING**  
**BROWN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**CLINTON, MAINE**  
**OCTOBER 17, 2009**

**The Presidents met at 9:30**

**The general meeting was called to order by State Director, Diane Qualey at 10:20 a.m.**

**State Director Diane Qualey opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag. Chuck Atkinson gave a short prayer.**

**At Roll Call, there were nine Chapters present. Diane thanked the Presidents, their representatives and her staff for attending the meeting. Diane asked for input from those in attendance.**

**Moved, seconded and VOTED to accept the Secretary's Report as mailed.**

**Moved, seconded and VOTED to accept the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$ 8,790.54 in the checkbook. This was an increase of \$ 3,650.05 over the previous year. Treasurer Bob Bonney also reported the following amounts earned from various activities. These funds are dedicated for charitable donations.**

<b>Chicky-Maine-O.....</b>	<b>\$ 232.28</b>
<b>Games.....</b>	<b>216.10</b>
<b>Beano.....</b>	<b>384.00</b>
<b>Pot of Gold.....</b>	<b>931.60</b>
<b>Chinese Auction.....</b>	<b>351.00</b>

**Bob Bonney said that he has a good accounting of the various inventories in both Mike LeClair's kitchen and Cindy DeCapua's State Store.**

**Cindy reported that the store made a net profit of \$277.01 and came in under budget by \$ 510.01. The store inventory is approx. \$ 2033.00 retail. The kitchen inventory has a conservative value of \$722.92.**

**Presidents' Meeting Report given by Don Wiswell. Items discussed :**

- 1. There were very few complaints from folks regarding the Samborees.**
- 2. Presidents felt the cost of entertainment was high. Could we get free entertainment in lieu of paying such high prices.**
- 3. Most were happy with having the entertainment in the afternoon.**
- 4. Complaint regarding the food vendor being slow. Diane will address this with the vendor**

5. Complaints regarding the pancakes being too thick and large. Mike will be using a larger grill to eliminate this problem.
6. Complaints that the donuts ran out on Friday and there were too many on Sunday. Bob Bonney said this will be counted more closely. It was decided to stay with two donuts per person for both days. No return to the ticket system for donuts.
7. The Pot of Gold people do not want to use the number system to determine winners.
8. The registration number system worked great for the raffles Chapters had no trouble tracking down the winners.
9. Diane urged the Presidents to try to get members to attend Samborees in other States and Provinces. Hopefully that will increase attendance at our own Samborees.
10. The Presidents thought it should be an option to move the meeting location further south as most have to travel quite a distance to get to the meeting. It was decided to keep the meeting in Clinton for the next session.
11. Discussion ensued regarding early bird registration. These registrations are not coming in early enough to be able to get an estimate of the number attending the Samboree. Therefore, it's difficult to order what is needed for food. Bob Bonney leaves for the Samboree a week before the opening day, so he doesn't receive mail that arrives after that date.

Don Wiswell made the motion, seconded by Alice Sanborn, and Voted to approve that early registration applications must be postmarked 21 days prior to the Friday of any Samboree. The Early Bird **(NOT TO BE CONFUSE WITH EARLY BIRD ARRIVAL Tue/Wed/Thurs)** fee will be \$10.00 less than the gate fee.

Cancellation fees remain the same. A cancellation must be submitted 3 weeks in advance to receive the full refund. If a cancellation notice is received within the 3 weeks prior to the Samboree, a \$10.00 processing fee will be deducted from the refund amount.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

New Business:

Martin Qualey gave an update and explanation about the new Good Sam Virtual Chapter. The new Dirigo e-Sams is chartered and approved by California. This is the first virtual chapter in the country. Kudos to Martin and Diane for their ongoing work in this endeavor. Martin is hoping this will bring in many new members. The Dirigo e-Sams has no geographic limit. There are now 26 members. Two members in Nova Scotia, two in Virginia, two in Pennsylvania with the balance in Maine. Members can belong to more than one chapter.

The Maine Good Sams website has been set up so Martin can see the location of those asking for information. He has steered 5-10 people to the Presidents whose

chapters are a good fit for these people. It will be up to the Chapter to contact those folks.

A motion was made by Don Wiswell, seconded by Norm Fournier and **VOTED** to send a contribution of \$200.00 to The Patrick Dempsy Challenge. This donation will be made in the name of Calvin Weeks, Past Director. Calvin passed away Sept.22,2009 after a long battle with cancer.

A motion was made by Paul, seconded by Norm and **Voted** in favor of Felicia Wiswell joining the Budget Committee. Ray Young is now working with Mike LeClair in the kitchen and as such had to be replaced on the Budget Committee.

Discussion regarding the vendors followed when Wes DeCapua said he had heard a complaint that we didn't have enough vendors. With the smaller attendance, the vendors who do come have a hard time making it pay for them.

Report on Special Olympics. Diane said we had received a letter of appreciation for those participating in Orono. Good Sam has put on the Special Olympics for years and if we don't get more Good Sammers to help out, we will lose the opportunity. Chuck Atkinson explained that if we don't get more volunteers the VFW or Latter Day Saints will take over this important charitable event. The Olympics are held in Orono the weekend following the Spring Samboree. Please call Emily Atkinson to sign up to help.

Previously, the Presidents had asked for more information about the charities we send donations. Dick Salisbury brought in the requested data. He said that the Presidents have never voted on how much to keep in the Treasury. The balance went below \$ 7500.00 because all the monies dedicated to the charities have to be paid out, bringing the balance below the \$7500 last year. Following is the breakdown of the donations Oct. 2009.

Good Shepard Food Bank.....	\$ 232.28	(Chicky-Maine-O)
Special Olympics.....	235.12	( Horse shoes, Pony Races, Cribbage)
Camp Sunshine.....	250.00	
Make a Wish.....	282.60	
Ronald MacDonald House Bangor	250.00	
R. MacDonald House Portland.....	250.00	
Total Charitable Donations.....	\$1500.00	

Camp Sunshine will receive matching funds from The New Balance Foundation.

Director Diane Qualey reported on the Camper Shows. Each President was given a brochure to update with information regarding their Chapter. Chapter patches can be included for the logo. These Brochures will be handed out at the Camper Shows the information must be returned to Diane by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The Bangor Show is allowing Good Sam a little extra space. Diane wants to use this space to have games. Hopefully, this will get people interested in the fun aspect of the Good Sam Club. Volunteers are needed. This show is the last weekend in January.**

**Good Sam may not get into the Augusta Camping Show. They require a \$250 fee to participate. Diane is still trying to get a spot there. Show date being March 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Portland Camping Show is all set. Rick Abarre has guaranteed a spot for Good Sam Maine. Show Dates are Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Dick Salisbury has volunteered to set up the Bangor show. Dick and Brenda Caldwell will set up the Portland show.**

**Diane will need a list of the volunteers, dates and times for manning the booths. She expressed appreciation for the volunteers that worked last year.**

**Van Sawin said working the show was great fun, so please sign up.**

**Theme for 2010 Samborees will be “Red, White, & Blue Hulabaloo”**

**Members are asked to think up RV related games and people who will play. Some games mentioned were:**

**Hub Cap Toss, Beat the Clock, Tire Roll, Throw the Bull (jokes competition).**

**These games will be the center of attention and will not overlap other activities.**

**Red, White and Blue Medals will be awarded.**

**Diane requested the use of any stop watches available for these games.**

**Diane reported that we will be allowed to have tenting at Farmington, and Fryeburg. This will be reflected on the applications. A separate, safe area near rest rooms will be needed to accommodate tenters. Harold Cebula and Diane will work this out.**

**Mike LeClaire suggested we put on a bean supper at Farmington. Staff would serve in waitress costume. A motion was made by Helene Courier, seconded by Norm Fournier, and Voted to approve the Bean Supper. Diane has said she will donate her homemade brown bread. It was also VOTED to work with the same people who cooked the Fryeburg meal last September.**

**The Director reported that there a few Chapters who:**

- 1. Do not have regular representation at Presidents’ Meetings**
- 2. Have no members attending (or participating in) annual Samborees**
- 3. Make no monetary (or door prize) contributions that aid in promoting Samborees in lieu of actively providing volunteers at our events.**

**She asked the Presidents to approve her sending a letter to those chapters soliciting their support.**

**In several dialogs with Good Sam Headquarters she was reminded that many Chapter By-laws specify active involvement with a 'State Good Sam Club' is a provision of maintaining a chapter charter.**

**Discussion followed with the feeling that all chapters must contribute and share responsibilities. A motion was made by Paul Grantz, seconded, and VOTED to have Diane to proceed with a letter sent to all chapters reminding them of their obligations to the Maine Good Sam Club.**

**Rosters must be in to Brenda Caldwell by Dec. 15, 2009. Diane said California is very particular that the rosters come in the right way.**

- 1. Cross out names if no longer a member.**
- 2. Write new members in at the end of the list.**
- 3. Write in the correct expiration date for each member.**
- 4. Write in the members correct member number.**

**Date of the next President's Meeting is April 10, 2010.**

**A motion was made, seconded, and VOTED to have the Spring meeting in Clinton.**

**A motion was made BY Don Wiswell, seconded by Paul Grantz and VOTED to donate \$50.00 to the church for use of the hall.**

**Diane and Martin have decided to run for the Directorship again next year. If anyone else wants to run, or to nominate someone, they are welcome to enter the race.**

**Door prizes were awarded. Alice Sanborn won \$ 28.00 in the 50/50 drawing.**

**Don made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 12 Noon. this was seconded and VOTED.**

