

**GOOD SAMS OF FLORIDA, INC. STATE COMMITTEE MEETING SOUTHERN PALMS, EUSTIS, FL
NOVEMBER 2022**

- Director Joe Weston called the meeting to order at 9:30 am
- Sharon Bundy gave the invocation
- Director Weston led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
- Tom Booth explained the Parliamentary Instructions – only Chapter Presidents or their designee are to speak. Hold up the red card when they are called on and state their name and chapter.
- Joanne Carr, Secretary, did the roll call with 21 chapters or representatives in attendance
- The minutes of the last state committee meeting are on the website. Wendy Parcels made a motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Dave Drenning. Motion carried.

Director Weston mentioned 137 RVs were on-site. This is our 10th year at Southern Palms. The cost of the fairgrounds is \$4,000, cancel fee is \$3,000. Did not have RVs from Camping World – they are selling so fast. Had the vendor tents. One item we did not cut back on was entertainment.

TREASURER – The Treasurer's report was handed out. The report was from April 2022 thru the end of October 2022. Tom Booth made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, file for audit, seconded by Larry Schmuhl. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None to be discussed at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – Okeechobee Samboree was a good time. However, ended up losing \$7,000 on Okeechobee. We would need a full rally of 225-250 to break even.

NEW BUSINESS – As of December 31, 2022, we will not continue under the Good Sam name. We will disband Good Sam of Florida, Inc. We will need a new organization.

Mike Kyle of Florida Eagle Sams – if we continue, we cannot use the Good Sam name –

Steve Griffin of Golden Triangle Sams stated to use a new organization before cancelling old organization.

Bill Chambers of Lake Eola – what will we do with the money. Director Weston commented they have met with an attorney – would be \$85 to change the name – can keep the 501c3. If we sold our assets, we would donate the money to our charities.

Wendy Parcels of Carefree Sams made a motion to change the name and go ahead as usual, seconded by Mike Kyle.

Ted Underkoffler of Florida at Large would like to see our organization as it was 10 years ago.

Steve Griffin of Golden Triangle Sams asked to have 501c3 explained.

Director Weston explained it as a non-profit organization, no one gets paid, allows Bingo, 50/50 – is a charity business. All monies belong to our charities, i.e., Boggy Creek and Dogs for Better Lives.

Ted Underkoffler of Florida at Large stated if we disband would we get Good Sam funds in the future. Good Sam never funded us.

Director Weston mentioned Camping World paid us to bring RVs to a rally and could not have anyone but Camping World on site. Camping World/Good Sam never supported us at rallies

All in favor, one opposed Mike Kyle

Mike Kyle of Florida Eagle Sams asked for name suggestions –

United Campers of Florida, Happy Campers, Sunshine Campers of Florida,
Florida Campers, Florida Campers, Florida Funding Friends

It was suggested to send emails with suggestions.

Tressa Dishman of North Florida Lifetime Sams asked about a time limit to get back with suggestions.

Director Weston stated we continue have a problem with the trailer, i.e., storage, insurance, tires, maintenance on equipment, etc. Costs to running a rally would be smaller. Campgrounds have raised rates, cost of food, entertainment, etc. Rates are higher all around. Tallahassee fairgrounds are less than Southern Palms, the Boys Ranch in Palatka no longer rents to organizations.

Larry Schmuhl of Sunset Ramblers – question going forward. How the organization will be run, directors, state staff, etc. Director Weston commented it would be up to the State Committee and will have to be voted on. The structure would be all volunteers.

Ted Underkoffler of Florida at Large Sams asked if there will be a rally next year; how many will de-charter.

Director Weston commented it would depend on the structure; would de-charter as "Sams."

Tressa Dishman of North Florida Lifetime Sams – would need a budget for 2023. Would add \$500 to 2022 budget. Before Marcus Lemonis was voted in go back to the former way to run chapters.

Mike Kyle of Florida Eagle Sams stated to continue, except for the name; keep the money going forward.

Director Weston was asked would they continue as directors – yes; if we can secure sites, yes

John Fatta of Palm Coast Travelling Sams asked Joe and Debbie to stay on; seconded by Tressa Dishman. Motion carried.

Steve Griffin of Golden Triangle Sams – does the State Committee have to approve the structure?

Director Weston – we are still Good Sams until 12/31/2022

Tressa Dishman of North Florida Lifetime Sams will website still be available? Webmaster, Paul Carr, mentioned there is no cost to change the name of the website. He also said once the name change is official it would take about a month to create the changeover and make updates appropriately.

Larry Schmuhl of Sunset Ramblers – motion to authorize to pay an attorney and others in additional funds up to \$1,000; seconded by Ted Underkoffler.

Budget for 2023, continue with the 2022 budget to be accepted for 2023 with an additional \$1,000 for attorney. Mike Kyle seconded. Motion carried.

Director Weston mentioned that Yankee Tours gave us a check for \$5,000 if we continue; another vendor gave \$500. We will spend money for things we NEED!

Linda Schraut of Jax Rambling Sams asked about dues. Director Weston mentioned it was up to the State Committee. Asked that all Chapters send an updated roster and if so, desire send in dues.

Ray Russell of Jupiter Lighthouse Sams asked if someone goes to the old website will they be directed to the new site. Webmaster, Paul Carr, will put a link to redirect to the new website. Mike Kyle made a motion to redirect the website; seconded by Ted Underkoffler. Motion carried.

Kathy Smith of Go-See-Um Sams asked how we would promote the new name. Director Weston suggested social media, facetime, Presidents send out email, word of mouth. Print would be too expensive. Bob Brown is the best person to get new members!!

Mike Kyle of Florida Eagle Sams asked does the state send dues to Good Sams. Director Weston said the state does not send to Good Sam – the state keeps the dues money. At this time, the dues would be raised; we may not need a lot of money to operate. In 2016 we had 412 RVs and had \$\$12,000 in the treasury at the rally which covered expenses. At the rally at the Boys Ranch we lost about \$12,000.

Bill Chambers of Lake Eola – NO orange shirts!! Suggested Gator Blue!! Director Weston mentioned will have to check colors that don't interfere with chapter colors – will be hard to do – and tee shirts rather than polo.

Larry Schmuhl of Sunset Ramblers made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mike Kyle of Florida Eagle Sams. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15

Respectively submitted by Joanne Carr, Secretary