

Good Luck Sams Minutes

February 17, 2024

Host/Hostess: Ted and Janice Brewer

1. Welcome/Introduction of Guests

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Baker, Brian, Monica & Girls
Brewer, Ted & Janice
Brodeur, Roland
Cannone-Smith, Lisa
Lewis, Kevin & Della
Schade, Ardith
Smith, Rick
Stott, Russ & Martie
Thomas, Ed
Trafton, Mel & Dee
Volkman, Harry & Barb

Guest: Theresa Odello

Prayer

Quotation Biker Child – everyone had a good laugh.

2. Secretary's Report: Roland Brodeur made a motion to accept minutes as published. Lisa Cannone-Smith Second. Minutes were approved as published.

3. Treasurer's Report: The current balances were given. Motion made by Harry Volkman to accept the report as presented. Martie Stott second. Report was approved as presented.

4. Old Business:

* The tax information continues to be worked on.

* Charities for 2024: The Dogs for Better Lives will be dropped since it was associated with Good Luck Sams International. There will be five charities: Eastern Plains Community Pantry, Catholic Charities, Tessa, Chapter of Angels of American Fallen, and El Paso County Humane Society. To qualify for a donation, a stipulation is being added that each organization must have at least one person donate 4 hours at the Beer Garden between April and October. If no one donates 4 hours, there will be no donation to the organization.

All of the organizations are within El Paso County in an effort to ensure we are supporting El Paso County organizations. Martie requested that her and Russ do the 4 hours of donation for

the Chapter of Angels of American Fallen. It is a small organization and would have a problem doing the 4 hours. The group agreed to the request.

Because of our nonprofit stipulation, paperwork is required for our books for each of the organizations.

5. New Business:

* A card was circulated for everyone to sign for Andschana Aljets (Bill Sessoms daughter).

* MOU – Theresa Odello Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Group. The MOU is almost the same. One change is that this year, we will be accepting credit cards and the internet has been updated to make it easier for processing the transactions. There will be a window for cards only . There will be no minimums for the cards and no tabs will be allowed. The credit cards are currently being accepted at Whittemore and working very well. The registers will be used for cash only sales. No credit card sales will be entered into the cash registers. Signs will be made to help direct patrons to the credit card windows.

Dee Trafton made a motion for the donation for the El Paso County Fair Queen for 2024 be raised to \$2000.00. The amount this year for Sponsorship was raised from the previous year of \$1000.00. This amount will be revisited each year moving forward and may be less or more. Lisa second the motion. All agreed.

Wristbands need to be put on a little tighter to ensure they cannot be slipped off. Everyone is aware that liquor cannot be in the pit area; however, it is being brought in by the race car participants in the pit area and we have no control over that area. We just need to be concerned over the Beer Garden area.

We will provide a beer satellite location for the VIP Reception, Corn Hole Tournament, Poker Tournament, and Live Stock Sale.

The fair is planning to have a Pirate Water Show, Fire Spinners, and EPC. They are also having a Taylor Swift theme event; however, we opted out of a satellite location for this event. This is to be a sensory fair and they have requested the vendors to plan one show scheduled for late afternoon/evening for those that come to the fair after they get off work.

Paint is being provided by El Paso County Fairgrounds in order for Rick Smith, Lisa Cannone-Smith, Ed Thomas, and Roland Brodeur to paint the interior of the Beer Garden.

- Mel Trafton requested volunteer help to put up and take down the entry flags to the Fairgrounds for the week of the Fair. Harry Volkmann, Ed Thomas, and Rick Smith volunteered.

- Sign-up Sheet for the Races was circulated for people to sign up.

Races begin 13 April 2024 and goes through 12 October 2024, scheduled the second and fourth Saturday of the month. We are to have a minimum of 5 people to work the Beer Garden per race night.

- Sign-up sheet were circulated for Monthly WagonMaster: April 20th will not be a campout but a lunch meeting at the Olive Garden, 513 South Academy, Time is 11:30 am and Della and Kevin Lewis will be Host/Hostess. May 17th is at Mountaindale with Issacson and Volkmann's as Host/Hostess. September 20th Big Horn, and October 5th La Veta Host/Hostess are TBD.

6. Wagon-Master Report:

- * March Meeting Location is Arceo's Mexican Restaurant off of Rusina and Garden of the Gods, Rick and Lisa Smith will be the Host/Hostess. Doors open at 11:00 with the meeting starting at approximately 11:30.

7. Communications:

- * Roland Brodeur received thank you letters from Care and Share and the Eastern Plains Community Pantry.

- * The Ranchland News, February 8, 2024 has a good article on the Eastern Plains Community Pantry. The Fire Protection District owns the building housing the Pantry and the lease was renewed until 2033 and was able to be kept at a very low monthly cost.

8. Birthdays for February: 21st – Della Lewis

**Anniversaries for February: 4th Farris & Portia Isaacson
14th Carolyn & JR Hall**

Meeting adjourned

Door Prizes: Roland Brodeur, Martie Stott, Harry Volkmann, Theresa Odello.

Submitted by: Ardith Schade