

**HIGH COUNTRY RAMBLERS  
IDAHO GOOD SAM CHAPTER  
STANDING RULES**

Revised March 4, 2013

As Chartered by the Good Sam Club, this Chapter shall be known as High Country Ramblers and was organized on September 19, 2002. The aforementioned shall recognize the Good Sam Club's constitution and By-Laws as their ultimate body of law.

The High Country Ramblers will always use the terminology "Chapter" when referring to this Chapter, "Organization" when referring to the State and "Club" when referring to the Good Sam Club.

This chapter will only use the Good Sam name and logo in good taste and to promote the Good Sam Pledge and Chapter activities and in a manner consistent with the Club Constitution, By-laws and General policies of the Club. The Chapter agrees to cease and desist from all use of the Good Sam name and logo upon loss of its charter from the Club for any reason.

## **PURPOSE**

It is the purpose of this Chapter to operate a social organization to promote the use and enjoyment of recreational vehicles and outdoor fellowship among its members through trips and group activities. This Chapter shall maintain an attitude which is strictly non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-sectional, and non-racial, and shall be dedicated to bringing together people interested in the ideals and principles of the Good Sam Club.

## **STANDING RULE 1 – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

All people who are members in good standing (except honorary members) with the Good Sam Club, and who are interested in the promotion of good recreational vehicle camping and the purpose for which this Chapter was formed, are eligible for membership. Each membership includes one couple or single and any dependent living with them. Honorary members have no vote and no dues and are available to past members by a majority vote of the members in September.

## **STANDING RULE 2 – CHAPTER OFFICERS**

Section 1. Officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Wagonmaster.

Section 2. All officers will be elected at the annual Chapter meeting in September and will hold office for one (1) year, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **STANDING RULE 3 – EMBLEM**

The Chapter must include either the words "Good Sam" or include a reasonable facsimile of the Good Sam logo, in order for it to meet the requirements established by the Good Sam Club. The emblem must be approved by your state Director before it is recognized as official.

## **STANDING RULE 4 – AMENDMENTS**

A proposed amendment to these Standing Rules shall be presented to the President in writing and shall be read to the members at the next regular meeting. Written proposed amendments shall then be given to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to voting on said change(s). A  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of all Chapter members shall be required for approval of such amendment. Any changes require approval by the State Director.

## **STANDING RULE 5 - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** All members of this chapter must be members in good standing with the Good Sam Club and must annually report their Club membership number and expiration date to the Chapter Secretary, as evidence thereof.

A member is defined as any adult individual who is part of a membership.

**Section 2.** Requirements for joining the Good Sam Club or a Chapter does not require ownership of an RV. Therefore, if a member in good standing (meaning dues are current), does not own an RV, they can still be a Good Sam Club and Chapter member with all privileges, i.e., voting, meeting attendance, etc.

**Section 3-** Annual dues will be voted on by the membership, in September.

### **Section 4-**

The conduct of each Chapter member during Chapter activities shall be at all times a credit to the Chapter and to the Good Sam Club. The excessive consumption of alcohol, the use of vulgar and profane language will be discouraged at all functions. Tobacco use may be used with consideration of others. No illegal drug use will be allowed.

Pets shall be cared for and handled in such a manner as not to disturb or threaten others. At no time shall pets be allowed inside an enclosed eating area and shall be kept at a reasonable distance from other common eating areas when food is being prepared or served.

**Section 5.** Membership in this Chapter may be forfeited for failure to comply with chapter Standing Rules or the Constitution and By-Laws of the Good Sam Club. A warning letter of possible loss of membership stating the reasons why shall be sent 60 days prior to loss of membership. Individuals shall be notified in writing, signed by three elected Chapter officers, that his/her Chapter membership has been terminated listing the cause.

**Section 6.** Membership in this Chapter will be reinstated by unanimous agreement of the Chapter officers, provided that the original cause for forfeiture is resolved.

A potential member may participate in up to three outings before being required to join or stop attending.

## **STANDING RULE 6 – MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE COMMITTEE.**

The Chapter President is a member of the State Committee and votes on all matters before the Committee. The President must appoint a proxy to represent the Chapter at State Committee meetings in his/her absence.

## **STANDING RULE 7 – DUES**

**Section 1.** Chapter dues shall be established by 51% of members in attendance in September.

**Section 2. State Dues-** If the State Committee of which this Chapter is a member has established State dues, said Chapter members will be required to pay such annually. These dues will be included in the chapter dues.

**Section 3.** Dues run from October 1 through September 30. No pro-rating of dues for new members.

## **STANDING RULE 8 – VOTING**

**Section 1.** Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote, except the President, who shall only vote to break a tie. Voting for Chapter officers may be by secret ballot or voice vote if members in attendance agree to do so.

**Section 2.** 25% of the Chapter members will constitute a quorum.

**Section 3.** Voting by proxy is allowed and shall be in writing. Emails are acceptable. Absentee ballots are allowed and need to be received by the Chapter president prior to the election.

## **STANDING RULE 9 – MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** Meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

**Section 2.** Special meetings may be called by the Chapter President at his/her discretion.

## **STANDING RULE 10 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** Chapter officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Wagon master) will be elected at annual Chapter meeting in September and will hold office for one (1) year.

**Section 2.** Nominations and elections shall be held in September. New officers will take office October 1.

**Section 3. Election Committee –** The Chapter President shall appoint a committee of not more than five (5) but no less than three (3) Chapter members (not currently Chapter officers) to select nominees, prepare ballots and tally election votes.

**Section 4.** Nominations can be made by any chapter member in good standing either in person at the designated meeting or in writing to the Chapter President before the date of the designated election meeting. There shall be a letter of acceptance from any nominee not in attendance at the election.

**Section 5. Elections –** All Chapter members in good standing are entitled to vote. After nominations have been made the voting may take place by a written ballot supplied to each member in good standing. This will be determined by a voice vote by those in attendance. The ballots will be tallied and the results announced at same meeting.

**Section 6.** The President shall not hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms. No officer shall hold more than one office concurrently.

**Section 7.** Members of the same family shall not hold any of the above elected positions concurrently or hold any position in the Club, Region, or Chapter concurrently unless special permission is obtained from the State Director or the Good Sam Club if applicable.

**Section 8.** Roster of Newly Elected Officers and all chapter members must be kept up to date on the State website at [idahogoodsam.com](http://idahogoodsam.com) as required.

**Section 9. Vacancies –** In the event of the resignation, death or removal of a Chapter officer, the President shall , with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee, appoint a pro term officer to fill the vacancy until the next scheduled election.

## **STANDING RULE 11- DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Presides at all meetings, appoints all committees, supervises all Chapter activities, represents the Chapter as a member of the State committee at State Committee meetings.

**VICE- PRESIDENT:** Conducts meetings in the absence of the President, coordinates activities of all committees. Assumes the office of President in the event of resignation, death, or removal of the President.

**SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Chapter with the time and place of the meeting, how called or authorized, the notice thereof given, the names of those present at chapter meetings, number of members present at membership meetings and the proceedings thereof. Receives, reads, and answers all correspondence after action taken by the membership at meetings, or at the direction of the Chapter President. Maintains a current roster of the members on the State website.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds, securities, and assets of the Chapter, shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, and report to Chapter members all such receipts and disbursements made on a monthly basis.

**WAGON MASTER:** Responsible for organizing, with the assistance of others, chapter campouts which includes responsibility for selecting camp sites, making all necessary arrangements for outings, arranging tours and activities at campouts, assist with parking, arrange for payment of fees, and coordinating activities at campouts.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Executive Committee will consist of all Chapter officers.

## **STANDING RULE 12 - CHAPTER TREASURY**

**Section 1.** All moneys received by the Chapter from dues or any other sources shall go into the Chapter treasury.

**Section 2.** All expenditures of moneys from the Chapter treasury shall be ratified by the members at a regular business meeting. Expenditures requiring immediate action may be authorized by the Chapter President, and a majority of the Executive Committee, to be ratified by members at the next meeting.

**Section. 3.** All disbursements from the Chapter shall be by check, after ratification by a majority of members in attendance at the meeting.

**Section 4.** The President shall appoint two members of the Chapter (non officers) to act as an audit committee, with the President acting as Chairman. This audit will be conducted annually in conjunction with the relief of outgoing officers and installation of new officers. It will be carried out regardless of whether the Treasurer is re-elected. The outgoing and incoming Treasurer will participate in the annual audit to attest to his/her own satisfaction as to the validity of the audit. Special audits shall be initiated by the President whenever a change in the Treasurer position occurs.

### **STANDING RULE 13 – COMMITTEES**

The President shall be empowered to appoint such special committees as he/she deems needful at any time, or on the majority vote of the members at any meeting, he/she shall appoint committees as they direct.

### **STANDING RULE 14 – DISBANDMENT**

**Section 1.** the Executive Committee must notify the State Director and all members listed on the current Chapter roster, and in writing of the Chapter’s intention to disband, unless objection is voiced by Chapter members to both the State Director and the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days of receipt of letter.

**Section 2.** Upon official dissolution of Chapter, charter must be forwarded to the State Director.

**Section 3.** If this Chapter should decide to disband, all moneys still left in the Chapter treasury shall be distributed as follows. pro-rated back to the membership in good standing at the time of disbandment.

### **STANDING RULE 15 - STANDING RULES**

**Section 1.** Only members in good standing may address the Chapter on matters of policy.

**Section 2.** This chapter’s Standing Rules, and any amendments made thereto, must be submitted to the State Director for approval.

### **STANDING RULE 16 – AMENDMENTS**

A proposed amendment of the Standing Rules shall be presented to the President in writing and shall be read to the members at the next regular meeting. Written proposed amendments shall then be given to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to voting on said change in the Standing Rules. A  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of all Chapter members shall be required for approval of such amendment.

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President

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State Director Approval

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**ADDENDUM TO THE STANDING RULES  
OF THE  
HIGH COUNTRY RAMBLERS  
IDAHO GOOD SAM ORGANIZATION  
OF CASCADE, IDAHO**

It is hereby determined by a simple majority vote of the members present at the October 3, 2017 meeting of the High Country Ramblers of Cascade, Idaho and so reflected in the minutes of this meeting that this addendum be added to the Standing Rules of this Chapter of the Idaho Good Sam Organization.

Therefore, the Chapter membership has the right to waive any standing rule if it is determined to be in the best interest of the Chapter and further that said waiver does not create a discriminatory practice on behalf of the Chapter.

Such a waiver may not contradict the Idaho Good Sam Organization Standing Rules or the Good Sam Club Constitution and ByLaws.

Such a waiver may be accomplished by a simple majority vote of members present at a regular meeting and approved by the State Director.

The length of time such a waiver is in force shall not exceed one year.

Such a waiver is not to be construed to be an amendment to this Chapter's Standing Rules as the original rule remains in place once the waiver expires or is voted null and void by a simple majority of the membership at a regular meeting.

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Chapter President

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Date

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State Director

09/09/2017

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Date

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