

**HIGH DESERT DRIFTERS
IDAHO GOOD SAM CHAPTER
STANDING RULES**

As Chartered by the Good Sam Club, this Chapter shall be known as **HIGH DESERT DRIFTERS** and was organized on April 30, 2011. The aforementioned shall recognize the Good Sam Club's constitution and By-Laws as their ultimate body of law.

The **HIGH DESERT DRIFTERS** 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 (including 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 (rig) includes only one couple or single and any dependent children or adult living with them.

STANDING RULE 2 – CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers shall be the President, Vice-President(s), Secretary and/or Treasurer, and such officers as deemed necessary by the members of this Chapter.

Section 2. All officers will be elected at an annual Chapter meeting in September and will hold office for one (1) year.

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 Chapter will present an emblem for approval by the State Director, who will recognize the emblem before it is recognized as official. And, thereupon and henceforth be the only official emblem of the Chapter. The colors of the Chapter chosen for the emblem and the vest of the Chapter will be presented to the State Director for approval.

STANDING RULE 4 – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Standing Rules shall be made only with two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the membership of the Chapter in attendance at the meeting as designate for the purpose of making such amendments, said meeting will be the monthly or the annual Chapter meeting or as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. The proposed amendment shall be read at two consecutive meetings and then voted upon at the third meeting by members in attendance. The amended Standing Rules shall be submitted to the State Director for approval.

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.

Section 2. Each membership includes only one couple, single and any dependents regardless of age living with said member and may be referred to as a rig.

Section 3. An applicant for membership in the Chapter will be encouraged to attend two consecutive regular meetings or campout (outings) prior to submitting an application for membership.

Section 4.—For those members who no longer own an RV, the active members may elect them to an Associate or Honorary membership which still allows them to enjoy the social aspects of the Chapter. They will not be allowed to hold office or vote and will be required to pay the Chapter dues. They must also be a member in good standing with the Good Sam Club.

Section 5. Annual dues of \$15.00 per year must be paid to the Chapter Treasurer within thirty (30) days of the annual meeting. All new applications for membership must have attached the application fee and dues of \$15.00 and thereafter as so described in this section.

Section 6. Former Members wishing to rejoin the Chapter shall submit an application for membership. Reinstatement shall be treated the same as a new applicant.

Section 7. Membership in the HIGH DESERT DRIFTERS Chapter shall be limited to thirty (30) member families.

Section 8. 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.

Section 9. Membership in this Chapter will be forfeited for failure to comply with the above stated requirements. The member shall be notified in writing signed by three of the elected Chapter officers that the Chapter membership has been terminated listing the cause or causes.

Section 10. Membership in this Chapter can be reinstated by a unanimous agreement of the elected officers who originally signed the termination letter provided that the original cause or causes for termination or forfeiture are removed.

STANDING RULE 6 – MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE COMMITTEE.

The State Committee has the power to reconcile serious disputes within the State, and within any Chapter within the State, and to establish, regulate, and control a State Treasury, including the right to levy a reasonable fee to be paid to the State Treasury by all Chapter members within the State. It is the Chapter's responsibility to have a delegate present at all scheduled State meetings. This Chapter must fully participate in all State Committee meetings and meet all requirements thereof.

STANDING RULE 7 – DUES

Section 1. Chapter dues shall be established by 51% of Chapter members present at the annual meeting.

Section 2. If the State Committee of which this HIGH DESERT DRIFTERS Chapter is a member has established State dues, the Chapter members will be required to pay dues to the State annually.

STANDING RULE 8 – VOTING

Section 1. Each member (rig) shall be entitled to one (1) vote, except the President, who shall only vote to break a tie. Associate or Honorary members are not allowed to vote. All members voting for Chapter officers and new members shall do so by secret ballot. All other voting on Chapter business shall be done as designated by the President or whomever is in charge of the meeting.

Section 2. A quorum at any individual meeting shall be a simple majority of all Chapter members in good standing.

STANDING RULE 9 – MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall be held on the second week of each month or as voted by a majority of the members at a monthly meeting.

Section 2. The Chapter President at his/her discretion may call special meetings.

Section 3. The elected officers will be designated as the Executive Committee of the Chapter. Any appointed committee member(s) are allowed to attend Committee meetings by do not have a vote on such matters as the Committee may act upon.

STANDING RULE 10 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The following Chapter officers will be elected at an annual Chapter meeting and will hold office for one year; President, Vice-President(s), Secretary and/or Treasurer. They will be the Executive Committee and the immediate past President is an honorary member of the Committee with full voting rights and privileges.

Section 2. Nominations for the officers of the Chapter will be made thirty (30) days prior to the election which shall be held at the annual meeting to be held the second (2nd) week of October each year. The newly elected officers will take office at the beginning of the new Chapter year which shall be from January 1 to December 31. The newly elected officer will be installed prior to taking office at a designated time and place.

Section 3. Election Committee – The Chapter President shall appoint a committee of not more than five (5) but not less than three (3) Chapter members (non-officers) to prepare a slate of officers to be nominated, a ballot, and tally the election votes. The Committee will be appointed in August and will present the nomination of officers at the September regular meeting. The voting on the nominated officers will occur at the October annual meeting.

Section 4. Any Chapter member in good standing can make nominations, either in person at the meeting or in writing to the Chapter President before the date of the annual meeting.

Section 5. Elections – All Chapter members in good standing are entitled to vote. After nominations have been made the voting shall take place by a written ballot supplied to each member in good standing at the annual meeting. Absentee ballots can be obtained from the Election Committee upon written request to the President. All absentee ballots are to be returned to the Election Committee prior to the annual

meeting but no later than the day of the annual meeting in order to be valid. The ballots will be tallied and the results reported to the membership present at the annual meeting.

Section 6. No officer may hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms or more than one office concurrently.

Section 7. Members of the same family may not hold any of the elected positions concurrently or hold any position in the Club, Region, or Chapter concurrently unless special permission is obtained from the State Director.

Section 8. Roster of Newly Elected Officers and all Chapter members must be kept up to date on the State website at idahogoodsam.com as required.

Section 9. Vacancies – In the event of the resignation, death or removal of a Chapter officer, the President may , with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee, appoint a pro tem officer to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting election or until a special election can be held.

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 committees.

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.

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 made on a monthly basis. The Treasurer shall forward a copy of a quarterly itemized financial report to the Executive Committee. State dues are to be paid to the State Treasurer on or before November 15th of each year by the Treasurer.

An Audit Committee will be appointed by the Chapter President or the Executive Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer at least once annually and submit their findings to the membership at a regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee will consist of all Chapter officers and the immediate past President.

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. The chapter President may authorize extraordinary expenditures requiring immediate action only after telephone conference with members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. All disbursements from the Chapter treasury shall be by check, cosigned by two (2) of the elected officers and ratified at the next regular meeting. Any disbursement for less than \$1.00 (one dollar) can be done from the cash on hand at the discretion of the Treasurer and will be ratified at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee or the general membership. All such disbursements shall be noted and documented in the records of the treasury.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall appoint two (2) members of the Chapter (non officers) to act as an audit committee, with a Vice 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 Chapter occurs or as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

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. The President then will appoint committees as the members have so directed.

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 the Chapter, the 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; donated to a charitable organization of the Chapter's choosing.

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.

Section 3. The Good Sam Club's Constitution and By-Laws supersede this Chapter's Standing Rules at all times.

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 be given to all members at least twenty (20) days prior to voting on said change in the Standing Rules. A 66 % (2/3) vote of all Chapter members shall be required for approval of such amendment.

President

Date

State Director

Date

Regional Director

Date