



***NORTH KOOTENAI GOOD SAM CHAPTER
IDAHO GOOD SAM ORGANIZATION
~ Standing Rules ~***

Revised-May 2013

PREAMBLE

With the objective of stimulating a greater interest and development of the principles of good camping, ecological awareness, kindness for our fellow human beings and all wildlife throughout the world; and with the avid desire of creating an enthusiasm which by reason of example, we hereby form ourselves into the Idaho Good Sam Organization as North Kootenai Good Sam Chapter adhering to the following pledge:

The Good Sam Club Pledge

As a member of the Good Sam Club I pledge to give aid to others in need, respect nature and the environment, give back to the community and those less fortunate, treat others with dignity and respect, and to wear a smile (like Good Sam and Good Samantha's) and promote the pledge of the Good Sam Club to others.

Consonant with the most liberal spirit of tolerance in the achievement of our purpose, we further agree that in its vigorous pursuit, this Chapter shall at all times during the span of its existence, maintain an attitude strictly non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-sectional and non-racial, and it shall not, as an organization, take any part in political issues, or the affairs of state/province or governing body with the sole exception of those which exclusively affect the positive attitude of the future of camping in respect to our defined ideals.

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Article I - NAME & SPONSOR

As chartered by the Good Sam Club, this Chapter of the Idaho Good Sam Organization shall be known as North Kootenai Good Sam and was organized on May 27, 2005. This Chapter of the Idaho Good Sam Organization adopts the Good Sam Club Constitution and By-laws as their own.

Article II - DEFINITIONS

The North Kootenai Good Sam will always use the terminology “Chapter” when referring to its organization. The term “State” refers to the Idaho Good Sam Organization and the term “Club” always means 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 the 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.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

1. All people who are members in good standing 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.
2. Each membership includes only one couple or single individual, and any dependent children living with them.

Article IV - CHAPTER OFFICERS

1. Officers of this Chapter shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Wagon Master, and Legislative Representative (optional – elected or appointed), and such additional officers as deemed necessary by members of this Chapter.
2. All officers will be elected (or appointed by Chapter President) at an annual Chapter meeting and will hold office for two (2) years.

Article V - EMBLEM

The Chapter emblem must include either the words “Good Sam” or include a reasonable facsimile of the Good Sam Logo. The State Director must approve this emblem before it is recognized as official.

Article VI - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these standing rules shall be made only with the approval of three-quarters (3/4) vote by the membership of the Chapter.

Article VII - MEMBERSHIP

- 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 to thereof.**
- 2. Each membership consists of one couple or single individual and any dependent children living with them.**
- 3. Applicants are encouraged to attend at least three Chapter “get-togethers” (example: three campouts, three meetings, two campouts and one meeting or two meetings and one campout) prior to submitting an application for membership.**
- 4. For those members who no longer own an RV, the active members may elect them to an Honorary Membership Status, which allows them to still enjoy the social aspect of this Chapter. They may not hold office or vote, and they do not pay Chapter dues.**
- 5. Annual dues of \$20 per year, per rig, must be paid to the Chapter Treasurer within 30 days of acceptance into the Chapter; then annual dues of \$20 per year, per rig, must be paid to the Chapter Treasurer at the designated date for all members. Membership dues are subject to change with a 51% majority vote of all Chapter members.**
- 6. 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.**
- 7. Membership in the Chapter will be forfeited for failure to comply with the above stated requirements. Individuals shall be notified in writing, signed by three elected Chapter officers, that his/her/their Chapter membership has been terminated, listing the cause.**
- 8. Membership in this Chapter will be reinstated by the unanimous agreement of the elected Chapter officers who originally signed the termination letter, provided that the original cause for forfeiture is removed.**

Article VIII - MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE COMMITTEE

- 1. The Chapter is authorized to act with other Chapters within the same State to form a State Committee. The State Committee is composed of one Chapter President, or his/her appointed delegate, from each Chapter in the same State, and has the voting power to reconcile serious disputes within the State and in any Chapter within the State, and to establish, regulate, and control a State Treasury, including the right to levy any 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 committee meetings. Each Chapter must fully participate in the State committee and meet all requirements thereof.**

Article IX - DUES

- 1. Chapter dues shall be established by a 51% majority vote of all Chapter members.**
- 2. State Dues – If the State Committee of which this Chapter is a member has established State dues, said Chapter member will be required to pay such annually. At present \$20 per Chapter and \$4 for each membership annually.**
- 3. Dues shall become due on September 30th.**

New Applicants accepted into the Chapter less than six (6) months from the annual dues date will pay 50% of the annual dues for their initial dues.
- 4. Failure to pay dues – Members who do not renew their membership by October 31st will be considered delinquent and will be sent a written notice informing them of their delinquency. Members who are still delinquent on November 30th will be dropped from the membership.**

Article X - VOTING

- 1. Each family membership 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 voting for Chapter officers (and new members) shall be by secret ballot.**
- 2. A quorum at any individual meeting shall be fifty-one (51%) of all Chapter members in good standing.**

Article XI - MEETING AGENDA:

- Call to Order**
- Opening Prayer**
- Pledge of Allegiance**
- Roll Call**
- Introduction of Guests**

- Birthdays/Anniversaries
- Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Treasurer's Report – Previous Meeting
- Reading of Correspondence
- Reports of committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Article XII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. **The following Chapter officers will be elected at an annual Chapter meeting and will hold office for two (2) years: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Wagonmaster, Legislative Representative (optional), and Publicity Chairman (optional).**
 Regarding Term Limits, it was decided by the Chapter to have the Officers staggered in order to eliminate having all new officers every two years. Also since both the President and Treasurer have access to the checking account it was decided not to have them serving the same terms. Therefore the elections will be “even years” for Vice President and Treasurer and then “odd years” for the President and Secretary.
2. **Nominations and elections shall be held in May. New officers will take office in June.**
3. **Election Committee – The Chapter President shall appoint a committee of not more than five (5), but not less than three (3), Chapter members (not currently Chapter officers) to prepare ballots and tally election votes.**
4. **Any Chapter member can make nominations 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.**
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. (Absentee ballots must be made available to absentee members). All ballots must be returned to the election committee by a previously established date in order to be considered valid. The ballots will be tallied and the results reported at the next scheduled Chapter meeting.**
6. **Members of the same family may not hold any of the above elected positions concurrently or hold any other position in the Club, Region or Chapter concurrently unless special permission is obtained from the State Director.**
7. **The Chapter Secretary or other appointed officer will keep the Chapter roster updated on the Idaho website at idahogoodsam.org. The State webmaster will then send updates of the Chapter roster on to the Club when requested.**
8. **Vacancies – In the event of the resignation or removal of a Chapter officer, the President may, at his/her discretion, with the approval of the other members of the Executive Committee, appoint a pro tem officer to fill the vacancy until the next scheduled election or until a special election can be held.**

Article XIII - 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. *See Article VIII - Membership in State Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT: Conducts meetings in the absence of the President, Coordinates activities of all committees.

SECRETARY: Records the minutes of all meetings of the Chapter with the time and place of the meetings, how called or authorized, the notice thereof given, the names of those present at the Chapter meetings, number of members present at membership meetings and the proceedings thereof. Receives, reads, and answers all correspondence after action is taken by the members at meetings, or at the discretion of the Chapter President. The Secretary also assumes the position of Publicity Chairman *see Publicity Chairman. Review Article XII – Election of Officers, number 7.

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. The Treasurer shall forward a copy of a quarterly itemized Financial Report to the Executive Committee.

A committee will be appointed by the Chapter President to audit the accounts of the Treasurer at least once annually and submit their report of the findings to the membership. *See Article XIV - Treasury, number 4 below.

WAGONMASTER: Responsible for organizing Chapter campouts under the direction of the Chapter President, and includes the responsibility for selecting campout sites, making all necessary arrangements for outings, arranging tours and activities at campouts; responsible for appointing a trail boss or committee to assist with parking, collecting fees, coordinating activities at campouts.

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

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE: Responsible for keeping track of potential laws affecting RV owners in the Chapter's geographical area, and notifying Chapter officers and the State Legislative Representative of such, and other duties required. (This is an optional elected or appointed officer).

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN: Responsible for submitting news of the Chapter activities to the State Director for Highways publication; responsible for generating publicity for the Chapter from local media; and other duties required.

Article XIV - CHAPTER TREASURER

- 1. All moneys received by the Chapter from dues or any other source shall go into the Chapter Treasury.**
- 2. All expenditures of moneys from the Chapter Treasury shall be ratified by the membership at a regular business meeting. The Chapter President may authorize extraordinary expenditures requiring immediate action after telephone conference with the Executive Committee.**
- 3. All disbursements from the Chapter Treasury shall be by check (co-signed by the Treasurer and the Chapter President if over \$100) after ratification by the membership.**
- 4. The President shall appoint two members of the Chapter (non-Officers) to act as an audit committee, with the President acting as Chairman. The audit will be conducted biannually in conjunction with the relief of outgoing officers and the 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 bi-annual audit to attest to his or 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.**

Article XV - 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 shall appoint committees as they direct.

Article XVI - DISBANDMENT

- 1. The Executive Committee must notify the State Director and all members listed on the current Chapter roster, in writing of the Chapter's intention to disband. Upon official dissolution of Chapter, the Chapter Charter must be forwarded to the State Director.**
- 2. If this Chapter should decide to disband, all moneys still left in the Chapter Treasury shall be distributed as follows: contributed to a charitable organization of the Chapter's choosing.**

Article XVII - STANDING RULES

- 1. Only members in good standing may address the Chapter on matters of policy.**
- 2. This Chapter's Standing Rules, and any amendments made thereto, must be submitted to the State Director for approval.**
- 3. The Good Sam Club's Constitution and By-Laws and the Idaho Good Sam Organization's Standing Rules supersede this Chapter's at all times.**

Article VIII - AMENDMENTS

A proposed amendment of the Standing Rules shall be presented to the President in writing and shall be read to the membership 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 changes in the Standing Rules. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of all Chapter members shall be required for approval of such amendments.

President

State Director

Date

Date

Regional Director

Date