

**GOOD SAM  
MILITARY VETERANS  
OF  
IDAHO**

**STANDING RULES**

**JULY 2015**



## STANDING RULES

Submitted to Membership and Adopted July 17, 2015

1. As chartered by The Good Sam Club (hereafter known as CLUB). on August 15, 2006, this chapter shall be known as the GOOD SAM MILITARY VETERANS OF IDAHO, (hereafter known as CHAPTER). The CHAPTER is a member of the Idaho State Good Sam Organization. The CHAPTER year will be from October 1 to September 30.

2. The CHAPTER will use the Good Sam name and logo in good taste and promote the Good Sam Pledge in a manner consistent with the CLUB'S Constitution, By-Laws and general policies.

Upon the loss of the CHAPTER for any reason, the CHAPTER agrees to cease and desist from all use of the Good Sam name and logo and return the charter to the State Director.

3. It is the purpose of this CHAPTER to promote the use and enjoyment of recreational facilities and outdoor fellowship among members through trips and group activities. This CHAPTER shall maintain an attitude which is strictly non-partisan, non-sectional, non-sectarian, and non-racial and shall be dedicated to bring together people interested in the ideals and principals of the CLUB.

4. Membership in this CHAPTER is limited to those individuals who are actively serving or who have been honorably discharged from any of the U.S. Armed Services (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, Military Transport Service, Reservists and National Guard members) or individuals having served in the Military Services of any Allies of the United States of America. These members must meet the same criteria as is proposed for US Personnel. They must also be in good standing with the CLUB. Only members in good standing may address the CHAPTER on matters of policy. All members must annually report their CLUB membership number and expiration date to the CHAPTER'S secretary.

5. The CHAPTER emblem must include either the words "Good Sam" or a facsimile of the Good Sam logo, in order for it to meet the requirements established by the CLUB. The emblem must be approved by the State Director and the NW Regional Director before it is recognized as official.

6. It is the CHAPTER President's responsibility to attend (or appoint a delegate to attend) all scheduled State Committee meetings. The CHAPTER must fully participate in the State Committee and meet all requirements thereof.

7. The annual CHAPTER membership dues will be paid to the CHAPTER Treasurer no later than August 31 to be in good standing. Annual dues for this CHAPTER shall be \$15.00. Dues that are not paid by August 31 will be considered delinquent. A written notice will be sent to the member informing them of the delinquency. Members whose dues are still delinquent on September 30 will

be dropped from the CHAPTER'S membership. If the State Committee has established state dues, the CHAPTER'S Treasurer will annually remit the required dues to the State Treasurer.

8. Each member will be entitled to one (1) vote. The President will only vote to break a tie. In order for a motion to carry, it must be approved by a majority of the members present and voting.

9. Meetings will be held three (3) times a year at the - Spring Fling, Samboree, and Fall Roundup. For the purpose of conducting a regularly scheduled meeting, after previous notice, the members present will constitute a quorum. Members failing to attend allow those attending and voting to express the will of the majority. Special meetings may be called at the CHAPTER President's discretion.

10. Election of CHAPTER officers will be elected at the Samboree meeting and will hold office for two (2) years: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Treasurer will be elected in even years and the Vice-President and Secretary will be elected in odd years, not to exceed two (2) consecutive terms.

The CHAPTER President will appoint an election/nominating committee at the Fall Roundup meeting of not more than five (5) but not less than three (3) CHAPTER members (not currently CHAPTER officers) to seek nominations, prepare ballots and tally election votes. The committee will submit the names of at least one (1) candidate for each office at the Spring Fling.

Nominations can be made by any CHAPTER member in good standing either in person at the Spring Fling meeting or in writing to the CHAPTER President prior to the Spring Fling meeting. Nominees must either be present to accept the nominations, or must accept nomination in writing to indicate willingness to serve.

All CHAPTER members in good standing are entitled to vote. Absentee ballots must be made available to absent members. Ballots must be returned to the election committee by a previously established date to be valid.

In the event of the resignation or removal of a CHAPTER officer, the President may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint a pro tern officer to fill the vacancy until the next scheduled election or until a special election can be held.

11. The duties of the officers are as follows;

**PRESIDENT:** The President is the CHAPTER'S chief executive officer and will preside over all CHAPTER and Board of Directors meetings, appoints committees, supervises all CHAPTER activities, represents the CHAPTER as a member at State Committee meetings and will abide by and enforce the CLUB'S Constitution and By-Laws.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President will preside over Board of Directors and CHAPTER meetings in the absence of the President and will assist the President in all matters as needed.

**SECRETARY:** The Secretary will attend and record the proceedings and minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and CHAPTER meetings with the date, time, and place of the meeting and how called or authorized. Additional duties are:

- a. Record the names of members present at all CHAPTER meetings and functions.

- b. Receive, read and answer all correspondence, after action taken at the CHAPTER meetings or at the direction of the Board of Directors.
- c. Provide the President with a copy of the minutes of the CHAPTER and Board of Directors meetings within two (2) weeks of the meeting.
- d. Roster of newly elected officers are to be submitted to the State Secretary by October 1 of each year (see Treasurer f).
- e. Have a list of all committees and maintain a file of all committee reports when presented.
- f. Have a copy of the Idaho State Good Sam Organization's and the CHAPTER'S Standing Rules available for reference at all meetings.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer will have custody of all funds and assets of the CHAPTER, and will be responsible for keeping full and accurate accounting of all receipts and disbursements. Additional duties include:

- a. Present reports of all receipts, disbursements and current balance at all regularly scheduled meetings.
- b. Maintain a record of the CHAPTER'S checking account.
- c. All disbursements will be made by check. The CHAPTER president may authorize extraordinary expenditures requiring immediate attention.
- d. Keep an accurate inventory of all CHAPTER property.
- e. Issue dues receipts.
- f. Shell keep an up to date state roster online at [idahogoodsam.org](http://idahogoodsam.org).
- g. Maintain a stock of Good Sam CHAPTER supplies, including patches for incoming officers.
- h. The President will appoint three (3) members of the CHAPTER (non officers) to act as an audit committee. This audit will be conducted annually at the Fall Roundup. It will be carried out regardless of whether the Treasurer is re-elected. The outgoing and incoming Treasurer will participate in the audit to attest to their own satisfaction as to the validity of the audit. Special audits may be initiated by the President as needed.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Board of Directors will consist of all elected officers. President will only vote to break a tie.

12. The President will be empowered to appoint special committees as deemed needful at any time and will also appoint committees as directed by the majority of voters at a meeting.

13. The CHAPTER has designated its uniform, logo and colors as follows: a white polo shirt with the logo and branch of service embroidered on the left side above the heart; dark pants, black shoes and belt.

14. In the case of disbandment the Board of Directors must notify the State Director and all members listed on the current CHAPTER roster in writing of the CHAPTER'S intention to disband, unless an objection is voiced by CHAPTER members, to both the State Director and the Board of Directors within thirty days, the CHAPTER Charter will be forwarded to the State Director. If this CHAPTER should decide to disband, all money still left in the CHAPTER'S treasury will be distributed to a charitable organization of the CHAPTER'S Choosing.

15. Only members in good standing may address the CHAPTER on matters of policy. A proposed amendment of the Standing Rules will be presented to the President in writing and will be read to the membership at the next regular meeting. The written proposed amendment will then be given to all members at least one meeting prior to the regular scheduled meeting at which voting will occur on said changes. An affirmative vote of a majority of the members present will be required for approval of such amendment.

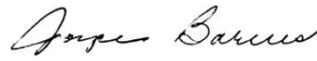
One copy of the CHAPTER'S Standing Rules and any amendments made thereto must be submitted to the State Director by email.

16. Upon approval by the CHAPTER'S membership, the State Director and the CLUB, the amended Standing Rules will become effective on the date signed by the Regional Director. The amended Standing Rules will supersede all previous CHAPTER Standing Rules.

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Jack Haynes  
President  
Good Sam Military Veterans of Idaho

 (date) 7/27/15

Joyce Barcus  
State Director  
Idaho State Good Sam Organization

Original Signed by Mary E. Swanson (date) 7-20-15  
Mary/Wayne Swanson  
NW Regional Director