

TENNESSEE STATE CONSTITUTION & BY - LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

This **organization** shall be known as the Tennessee State organization of the International Good Sam Recreational Vehicle Club. The aforementioned shall recognize the International Good Sam Club's Constitution and By-Laws as their ultimate body of law.

The Tennessee State Organization will always use the terminology "State Organization" when referring to its organization. The term Club always means the International Good Sam Recreational Vehicle Club.

The State Organization will only use the Good Sam name and logo in good taste, and to promote the Good Sam Pledge and State Activities in a manner consistent with the Club Constitution, By-Laws and General Policies.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I: All members of the State Organization must be members in good standing with both the International Good Sam Club and the State.

SECTION II: Members of the State Organization will be classified as either Chapter Members or State members-at-large. State Members-at-large will be defined as those members of the International Good Sam Club who do not belong to a Chapter, but who have voluntarily decided to be members of the State Organization and pay their dues.

ARTICLE III - DUES

The Annual Dues for the State Membership will be \$1.00 per year and must be paid to the State Treasurer. Chapter Members should submit their State dues to the Chapter Treasurer who will remit payment to the State Treasurer on or before January 1 of each year.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

STATE DIRECTOR: The State Director is appointed to a two-year term as specified in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Good Sam Club. The State Director is the highest Club Officer in the State. As the State Director belongs to everyone, he shall not remain a member in his Chapter during his term of office, but can be an Honorary Member of this Chapter.

The State Director's functions are:

1. To represent his State's membership to the Club
2. To represent and uphold the Club Constitution, By-Laws and General Policies of the Club to the membership
3. To act as the advisor in the administration of State and Chapter business
4. To administer the formation of new Good Sam Chapters
5. To officiate at all State Samborees
6. To advise the State Committee composed of Chapter delegates, officiate at the State Meetings and to vote only in the event of a tie
7. Upon request, to assist Club headquarters staff with the planning and hosting of International Samborees and special events in his/her state and Region
8. To perform such other functions as specified by the Club

As the State Director receives no compensation, but he represents the State at the International Samborees, and other functions not compensated by the Good Sam Club, the State will pay mileage and campground fees as per the schedule set by the Good Sam Club.

The State Director will be comped to All State Samborees and is comped to all Region 6 State Samborees, which in turn, all Region 6 State Directors are comped to the Tennessee State Samborees.

The State Director may appoint one or more Assistant State Directors, a State Secretary and other state officers as appropriate for the functions of the State Organization (except the State Treasurer who is elected by the State Committee).

PAST STATE DIRECTORS:

The Past State Directors will be available to assist and help in any way the State Director would like his assistance. The Past State Directors will be comped to All State Samborees.

ASSISTANT STATE DIRECTORS:

The Assistant State Director will be assigned responsibility for a particular geographical section of the state, and will serve as the representative of the State Director for this area. The Assistant will assist with the State Samborees and the duties will be as directed by the State Director.

STATE SECRETARY:

Is appointed by the State Director to handle all correspondence, attend all regular and special meetings of the State Committee, recording the minutes of the meeting, reading the minutes from the previous meeting, and distributing the minutes to the State Committee. To maintain records on all members of the State organization, including Chapter Members and State member-at-large.

STATE TREASURER:

The State Treasurer will be elected by a simple majority of all members of the State Committee. The State Treasurer's term will run concurrently with the State Director. The Treasurer will be elected in October and taking office on January 1. No transfer of accounts can be made until January 1.

The State Treasurer will be responsible for all funds and assets of the State Organization, keeping full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, and to make a report of such at all regularly scheduled State Committee Meetings, with an itemized financial report distributed to the State Committee.

The Audit Committee may be appointed by the State Director with the State Director acting as Chairman. The out-going and incoming Treasurer may participate in this audit.

All disbursements shall be by check or credit card. Any expenditure other than the operation of the State Samborees shall be approved by the State Committee where expenditures exceed \$300.00, unless set out by State By-Laws.

Upon the death, resignation, or departure from the State, of the State Treasurer, the State Director will conduct a special meeting of the State Committee, as soon as possible, for the purpose of electing another State Treasurer to fill this position.

If for some reason the State Director is unable to function, the State Treasurer being the only other elected officer will temporarily function as Chairman of the State Committee until the State Director is able to return.

There shall be two names listed at the bank for writing checks, the State Treasurer and either the State Director or State Secretary. This is only for efficiency and convenience and with the discretion of the State Treasurer.

The State Treasurer will be comped and paid mileage to attend the three State Committee Meetings. The mileage will be figured on the same schedule as the State Director. The Treasurer will present an expense account to the State Director for his approval and signature before payment is made.

STATE COMMITTEE:

The State Committee is composed of all Chapter Presidents within the state, or their appointed delegate. An appointed delegate must have a letter from the President and presented to the State Secretary stating the delegate will be representing him at the meeting. Only the President and/or his delegate are permitted to vote or speak at the State Committee Meeting.

The State Committee will meet three (3) times during the year, or if necessary a called meeting by the State Director. Two (2) of the meetings will be during the State Samborees and the other set at the discretion of the State Director. A simple majority will constitute a quorum.

It is the responsibility of the President of each Chapter to serve on the State Committee. If unable to attend, it's the responsibility of the President to see that a delegate is sent to represent the Chapter, with a letter to the State Director and/or State Secretary stating whom the Chapter delegate would be.

The President is to report the proceeding of such meetings to the Chapter Members and to bring their input to the meeting. All Chapter Members are welcome to attend the State Meetings.

CHAPTERS:

No Chapter Meetings can conflict with or show impropriety during the weekend of a State Function. Chapter Meetings will be held at the Samborees on those respective months. Chapter Members are expected to attend the State Functions and should be so noted in the Chapter by-laws.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS:

SECTION I: Proposed amendments to these By-Laws must be submitted to the State Director by a State Committee Member, in writing, to be included in the agenda of the next meeting.

SECTION II: The proposed amendment(s) in its final form shall be sent to each President to be shared with each Chapter Member ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment(s) is to be voted on.

SECTION III: The amendment(s) may be passed with an affirmative vote by a majority of the State Committee Members present.

ARTICLE VI - DISBURSEMENTS:

In the event the Tennessee Good Sams disburse and/or discontinue being a Good Sam Organization, all monies in the State Treasury will be distributed equally among the Ronald McDonald Houses in the State.

REVISIONS

The following action(s) of the Tennessee Good Sam Club was taken at the State Meeting held on May 13, 2006 in regard to proposed By-Law changes:

Article IV – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Item #1 - State Director:

At the present time there is not a term limit for the State Director. There has been some discussion about establishing a term limit for the State Director. After reviewing the comments and arguments for and against this proposal, this committee recommends adding to the State By-Laws a limit of two (2) two year terms. With the provision that the State Director can be re-elected after sitting out one (1) two year term.

Motion failed. By-laws will remain the same

Item #2 - State Treasurer:

In the section of the By-Laws under the heading of **State Treasurer**, where it States “All disbursements shall by check. Any expenditures other than the operation of the State Samborees shall be approved by the state committee where expenditures exceed **\$100.00**, unless set out by the State By-Laws.”

This committee recommends that the expenditure limit be raised to **\$300.00**. Also in the same section and paragraph it states the expenditures shall be made by **Check**. It is recommended by this committee to change the statement to read “**By check or Credit Card**”.

Motion passed unanimously with an affirmative vote by a majority of the State Committee Members present.

Article VI – DISBURSEMENTS

Item #3 - Disbursements

Where it reads “In the event the Tennessee Good Sams disburse and/or discontinue being a Good Sam Organization, all monies in the State Treasury will be sent to **DOGS FOR THE DEAF**”.

Since the state Good Sams have elected to discontinue their support for the **Dogs For The Deaf** and support the **Ronald McDonald Houses** in the State of Tennessee. This committee recommends the Article be changed to read that the monies to be distributed be distributed equally among the Ronald McDonald Houses in the State.

Motion passed unanimously with an affirmative vote by a majority of the State Committee Members present.

These amendments become effective today, May 13, 2006.