

CAPITAL BEARS PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

11:00 a.m.

PRIDE CENTER, DES MOINES, IOWA

Call to Order – 11:02

President Confirm Quorum – Yes

Members present: Michael Weeks,
Scott Silipino, Morgan McChurch, Mark
Grover, Brian Chestelson, Tyler
Stickler, Brett Willenborg, Gene Burson

**Approval of Previous Meeting(s)'s
Minutes**

Approval of Minutes from August: Gene
Burson 1ST, Brian Chestelson 2ND,
PASSED

BODY OF MEETING

Treasurer Update:

Balances:

Business Account Balance-2459.39

Spending Account Balance-4108.35

Income:

ILW Smoke Out Cook Out-655.66

Happy Hour-160.20

Membership-19.12

Expenses:

ILW Smoke Out Cook Out-123.88 (Motion
A.23.08.20-up to 200)

Outstanding Motions:

Motion B.23.07.16-Up to 600 for the Mini Golf Event

Reimbursement form needs to be turned in for
prepayments related to mini golf event.

President's Update:

A. Debrief of Capital Bears 10 year anniversary mini golf event held September 16, 2023. 19 attendees, great event, new people turned out.

Fee to renew post office box due October 16. PO login updated. Price has gone up-140 dollars renewal fee. Must have physical address for Secretary of State. (Table for open discussion. See details below new business.)

Vice President's Updates

A. Bear Necessities 2024

No one has stepped forward to form a planning committee. Zach has scheduled already scheduled two zoom meetings and no one showed up.

Do we still hold the event? Take it down to one day?
Do we have infrastructure to support? Need to focus on membership drive.

B. November Happy Hour will be kickoff for Adopt a Family Fundraiser.

Planning for variety show at this event will begin soon. Zach G. Will handle entries.

Event will be held at The Garden and begin November 11 at 7 p.m

Secretary's Updates

A. November 17-19 Bear Invasion in Minneapolis
Update:

Event will remain posted on Capital Bear's Facebook Page until November 1st.

Will need at least 8 people from Des Moines area to indicate they are going for this event to take place.

Social Officer's Updates

A. Brett W will post Happy Hour event for October.

B. Holiday Party date and venue will be scheduled soon. Tentatively planning for early December. Dates and venue TBD.

C. Six people have signed up to attend the Orchard Grove event. Please sign up soon if you plan to

attend. The majority of those who've rsvp'd have voted to have the event on October 17 at 5 p.m. Representative members must be there at the start time to be eligible for free admission (applies to 2023 dues paying members).

Final decision for date will be this coming Thursday and event will then be posted.

MOTION: A.23.09

SPEND UP TO \$420 TO COVER THE ADMISSION FOR PAID MEMBERS INTO THE CENTER GROVE ORCHARD FOR THE 2023 OCTOBER ORCHARD VISIT EVENT.

1st Tyler, 2nd Morgan, PASSED

Capital City Pride Chair Update

* Update

Pride Sport League Chair's Updates

* PSL 10 year anniversary Oct. 17

Social Media Administrator's Updates • Update

Bylaws Chair's Updates

- Update

Old News:

New News:

Look at cheaper alternatives for mail box renewal next year. Possibly share mailbox with The Sisters.

Open Discussion:

ADJOURN: Scott S, Brian C.

Upcoming Events:

Visit to Center Grove Orchard: TBD
(Early-Mid October)

October Happy Hour: October 14,
2023

October Planning Meeting: October
15, 2023

November Happy Hour November 11,
2023 (Adopt a Family Kick-Off and
variety show.)

Capital Bears Invade Minneapolis:
Nov. 18-19(PENDING)

November Planning Meeting:
November 19, 2023

Capital Bears Holiday Party: TBD

Adopt a Family Gift Wrapping Party:
TBT

December Planning Meeting:
December 17, 2023