

CAPITAL BEARS

PLANNING MEETING MINUTES MAY 21, 2023,

11:00 a.m.

PRIDE CENTER, DES MOINES, IOWA

Attendees: Nick Sturtz, Morgan McChurch, Michael Weeks, Mark Grover, Gene Burson, Brett Willenborg, Brian Chestelson, Tyler Stricker

Call to Order – 11:06

President Confirm Quorum – Yes

Approval of Previous Meeting(s)'s Minutes

Approval of Minutes from April: Approved, 1st Morgan McChurch, 2nd Gene Burson

BODY OF MEETING

Treasurer's Update

- Spending Account Balance: \$3,587.68
- Business Account Balance: \$2,459.39
- (No changes in accounts since April)

President's Update

- Report on Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day in April. Six volunteers were there. Good Event. Worked on trim, door frames, base board, closets. Will plan on doing again in fall 2023.

Vice President's Updates (Merchandise and Marketing)

- * Update-None

Secretary's Updates

- * Update-None

Social Officer's Updates

- The Capital Bears Member Appreciation Picnic will be held June 4, 2023, 12-4 pm at Evelyn K. Davis Park. Please RSVP for potluck on Facebook. Let us know on Facebook under event what dish you plan to bring and share. Meat will be provided.
- Discuss ways to revamp monthly happy hour. What can we do to encourage better turnout? How can we encourage involvement from general membership? Possible ideas discussed were coffee meet ups, moving happy hour to a later time, alternative items to give out and sell at happy

hour besides shots, planning an ice cream social, food sales, theme nights, a beer bust, trivia nights, Will speak with owners of the Garden about various possibilities.

Bear Necessities Chair Updates

Bears Necessities Planning Meeting will take soon. Looking at April 2024 for date of event.

Capital City Pride Chair Update

- * Discuss Capital Bear volunteer opportunities for pride. (Parade participation/Covering shifts in beer tent, sign up, etc.) Several people have offered trucks to decorate and drive in parade. Still waiting to hear from Capital Pride Committee for volunteer shift at beer tent.

Pride Sport League Chair's Updates

* Join us for Volley Ball on Monday nights at Campbell Recreational Facility at 9 pm.

Social Media Administrator's Updates

- Update-None

Bylaws Chair's Updates

- Any proposed updates will be discussed at June planning meeting.

Old News:

New News:

Discussed using SMS messaging for events. Can we export contacts? Would need to obtain consent from membership to send text messages. This would be another means for communication with general membership. Will need to find out cost.

Open Discussion:

* Bears Invade Omaha event will be June 5-6. See details posted in event of Facebook Page.

- * Mark G. Discuss possible options for group holiday shopping weekend out of town with dates after Halloween and before Thanksgiving. (e.g. Mall of America, Kansas City, Chicago)
- * This will be discussed in more detail at the June Planning Meeting to determine venue, dates, etc.

UPCOMING PLANNING MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES OF NOTE

Capital Bear Appreciation Picnic June 4

International Mr. Leather May 25 – 29, 2023

Des Moines Pride June 9-11, 2023

June Happy Hour CANCELLED

June Planning Meeting June 18, 2023

July Happy Hour July 8, 2023

July Planning Meeting July 16, 2023

Capital Bears Invade Omaha August 5-6

August Happy Hour August 12, 2023

August Planning Meeting August 20, 2023

Iowa Leather Weekend August 25 – 27, 2023

***MEETING ADJOURNED: 1st BRIAN C., 2nd
MORGAN M.***