

**CAPITAL BEARS**  
**PLANNING MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 16,2023,**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**PRIDE CENTER, DES MOINES, IOWA**

**Call to Order – 11:15**

**President:** Confirm Quorum – Yes

Mark Grover, Micheal Weeks, Brian Chestelson, Zach Gillette, Morgan McChurch, Gene Burson, Nick Sturtz, Tyler Stricker, Brett Willenborg

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

Approval of Minutes from June: 1st-Gene, 2nd Morgan

***BODY OF MEETING***

**Treasurer Update:**

Business Account Balance: 2459.39

Spending Account Balance: 3205.73

Income: 38.54 (New Memberships)

**President's Update**

A. PLEASE NOTE: THE PROPOSED BY LAWS CHANGES BELOW WILL BE VOTED ON BY BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES WHO PAID THEIR ANNUAL DUES FOR 2023 DURING THE JULY PLANNING MEETING. SECOND READING

By Laws Proposed Changes:

4) Establishing Quorum

a. A quorum of a Planning Meeting and Emergency Meeting shall consist of at least

**three fifths** (3/5) of Officers and at least 3 Representative Members.

5) Meetings

c.i. ~~Social events occur.~~ **Any social events that occur throughout the year will be** These events are created and promoted on social media with times and locations.

9) Elections

b. Voting shall be completed by secret ballot, with the winner being the candidate with a simple majority that totals not less than **one tenth** (1/10) of the number of Representative Members.

d. Interested individuals should submit their name for a position on the ballot no later than the 1st Friday of ~~January~~ **the month prior to elections** to the chair of the election in writing.

**Move to accept changes: Nick S. 1st, Mark G. 2nd: PASSED. (Motion A.23.7.16)**

B. We had a great turn out for July Happy Hour at The Garden! We encourage everyone to continue coming the second Saturday of each month!

# Vice President's Updates

- A. Bear Necessities virtual planning meeting for April 2023 will be held July 27 at 6:30 p.m. You may sign up on the Capital Bears Facebook page to take part.
  - 1. This will be the first meeting to determine interest and share information on how to get involved in the planning of this event to be held at the Stay Bridge Suites in downtown Des Moines.
  - 2. This event is planned for April 19-21, 2024.
  - 3. A block of rooms has been reserved at the group rate of 129-149 dollars depending of room size. Twenty-five rooms reserved.
  - 4. Pool party for on night after 10 p.m. and use of board room is inclusive in price.

# Secretary's Updates

- A. Information for Capital Bears trip to Minneapolis the weekend of November is now live on Facebook page.

# Social Officer's Updates

- A. Michael W will work with Brian C to plan a miniature golf outing in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of The Capital Bears.
- B. Event will be scheduled for Sept. 16 or at 4 p.m.
- C. Motion for Mini Golf classic event to spend up to 600 dollars. Motioned by Brian C. 2nd by Morgan McChurch, Motion Approved. (Motion B.23.7.16)**

D. Reach out to Adopt a Family Program(West Des Moines Human Services) Email from Kelly G. To be forwarded to us.

## **Capital City Pride Chair Update**

\*Parade was great event. Thank you to those who participated/ marched.

## **Pride Sport League Chair's Updates**

\*Summer Soft ball has started.

\*Summer sand volley ball starting for July and August

## **Social Media Administrator's Updates • None**

## **Bylaws Chair's Updates**

- See under President's updates

## ***Old News:***

## ***New News:***

Those interested in volunteering for ILW can reach out to them directly at their website.

Capital Bears will reach out to IWL to see what assistance we can provide for future events.

## ***Open Discussion:***

Capital Bears will have further discussion on hosting Sunday Beer Bust and Sunday Show Tunes at The Saddle.

Michael will reach out to Ryan Ima Dennis about assisting with events.

Discussion to sell snacks at Club G for IWL.

Can we sell Jello shots at Woolly's?

ADJOURNED AT 11:54 1ST BRIAN, 2ND ZACH

