

CAPITAL BEARS
Planning Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2022
11:00 a.m.
Pride Center, Des Moines, IA

Attendees: Nick S., Morgan M., Gene B., Kelly G., Zach G., Jonathan K., Brian C., Mike W.,

Call to Order – President

Confirm Quorum – yes
Call to order – 11:06am

Approval of Previous Meeting(s)'s Minutes

Approval of Minutes from February: moved Brian C. 2nd Morgan approved unanimously

BODY OF MEETING – High Priority Items (Round 1)

Treasurer's Update

- Bank Balance: \$5,431.53 (combination of BN passes and memberships) See below.
 - +174 shots
 - +52.92 square
 - -11.16 Walmart (shot supplies)
 - +145.05 square
 - +386.90 square
 - +28.83 square
 - +96.80 square
 - +48.25 square
 - +183.59 square

- Game Night. Working with pride center to schedule this. Giving people another option besides bar event. Kelly G

President's Updates

- Cabinet Meeting. Friday April 1, 2022. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. At Michaels house changed to Wednesday 4/06 6-9
- Phone etiquette during meetings.
- April Planning meeting falls on Easter. Move to April 10th. Potluck
- October happy hour falls during ILW. Move or cancel? Barracuda has been sponsored by the Bears previously, Waiting for more information from Scott. Mike is going to talk to Scott and Turk. TBD with more Info

Vice President's Update

- Membership drive. **Motion to spend up to \$250 for membership drive event.**
 - Discussion about is this event Seconded by Mike W. Zach Abstained, 6 voted yes. Motion approved
- Volunteer hours need to be reported to Zach from the chairs on all events and committee meetings.
- Send all from March of 2020.

Secretary's Updates

- 2022 membership is on sale and listed on the website: just got new membership today. Have 14 R members as of this morning. Registering is confusing, Mike is sending a thank you to everyone that registers.
- <https://www.capitalbears.org/membership>

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Social Officer's Updates

- May 22, 2022 planning meeting and picnic.
- **Motion to spend up to \$150 on May Planning meeting and picnic. Motion by Brian C second by Nick S. Motion passed by all**
- Bingo June 11th? Brian C working with Rusty on plans. Brunch, bingo...
- July 23rd Imperial Court and Capital Bear show at the Saddle? Need more details on this event. Concern about donating to a group with the IPC as they are 501 c3
- December 3, 2022 tentative Holiday Party. Going to talk to Brian and Chad about hosting?

Bear Necessities Chair Updates

- Just had a meeting.
- As of right now 52 ppl signed up
- 27 rooms at Staybridge group block is full
- 20 at Savery hotel, Do not know how many are booked
- Nick has created budget per person at 50 pp our cost is 37\$ per person. Including all events total is 1850.00 which is over the projected budget. If an increase does not get approved will have to cut food and DJ.
- Nick S is making a request to increase budget. 2nd of Morgan.
- Brian C is saying bringing in more then we are spending.
- **Motion by Nick requesting an additional \$500.00 for bear necessities for a total of 2000.00. 2nd by Morgan. 7 voted yes. Nick S abstained.**
- Was asked about asking for donations for Snacks with hospitality or late night. Other groups can sponsor/promote their events by hosting hospitality.
- Zach G has hibernation passes for 2023.
- Nick is wanting to know about Raffle (sales). YES.
- Thinking about early bird special for 2023 bn. Discussion. Have to be careful about having money in account.
- Do save the date in place of the early bird sales.
- Possibly run a special for BN around the holidays
- Johnathan G photographer cost was Run pass for him and spouse
- AJ is doing the cook out, checking for grill and gas
- Paul is doing coffee at Slow Down Coffee on Euclid will have a shuttle running for this.
- 2 additional Meetings, Date will come out by the end of today and will create an event.
- April 3rd for meeting. Down town star bucks, @ noon.
- April 10th will be after the planning meeting.
- Stuffing bags on April 18th Saddle @530-730pm nick will confirm with the saddle.
- Group Chat is ok with discussions
- Charity? One Iowa, Iowa safe school, Rainbow railroad, Pride Center, LA&M.
- Decision is to split any donations 50/50 between Iowa Safe Schools, and Rainbow Railroad for chairity and Bn amount with be figured out after event is over.
- Question about can we with hold additional money to help grow and donate the rest.

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Capital City Pride Chair's Updates

- Will need more information from CCP. Had meeting last Tuesday, March 22nd is the next meeting. Brian C will be attending.
- "Float" – keep it simple with only a car/truck and walking in the parade. Thinking about doing a vehicle in the parade with members walking.
- Brian C- wants to start a committee. Is not able to start a committee with being on the cabinet. Is going to get more information. Will be beer tents and possibly sign up for a shift of volunteering for this. Having a give-a-way is wanted.

Pride Sport League Chair's Updates

- Are almost done with indoor volleyball
- Is starting sand volleyball in May going to end of June. In Clive
- Softball is playing on Sundays at 11am in hopes of being done before 3pm.
- Is asking about a bears softball team. Rec is very Rec . Only doing 1 season due to low turn out.
- Question about possibly moving Bear Planning meeting time to 9am?

Social Media Administrator's Updates

- Asking for donation from PSL for BN.

Bylaws Chair's Updates

- None

Iowa Leather Weekend Chair's Updates

- October 7-9, 2022

Merchandise & Marketing Chair's Updates

- Wanting to get new Shirts ordered with new progressive logo.

BODY OF MEETING – Lower Priority Items (Round 2)

President's Updates

- Update

Vice President's Updates

Follow up with soft and spun. For ordering shirts. Brian C wants to know what the profit will be.

Treasurer's Updates

Need to focus on Shirts. Having difficulty with shipping on shirts.

Secretary's Updates

- None

Social Officer's Updates

- None

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Bear Necessities Update

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Capital City Pride Chair's Updates

- None

Pride Sport League Chair's Updates

- None

Social Media Administrator's Updates

- None

Bylaws Chair's Updates

- None

Iowa Leather Weekend Chair's Updates

- None

Merchandise & Marketing Chair's Updates

- None

OPEN DISCUSSION (Round 3)

UPCOMING PLANNING MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES OF NOTE

- Texas Bear Round Up. March 24-27, 2022.
- Pride Night with the Iowa Wolves Basketball. March 31, 2022
- April Happy Hour. April 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Garden
- April Planning Meeting. April 10, 2022. 11: 00 a.m. at the Des Moines Pride Center
- Bear Necessities. April 22 – 24, 2022.
- May Happy Hour. May 14, 2022.
- May Planning meeting and picnic. May 22, 2022.
- Capital City Pride. June 3-5, 2022.
- June Happy Hour and Bingo. June 11, 2022.
- June Planning meeting. June 19, 2022
- July Happy Hour. July 9, 2022
- July Planning meeting. July 17, 2022.
- July Imperial Court and Capital Bears show at the Saddle? July 23, 2022
- August Happy Hour. August 13, 2022.
- August Planning meeting. August 21, 2022.
- September Happy Hour. September 10, 2022
- September Planning Meeting. September 18, 2022
- World Bear Weekend. September 22-25, 2022
- Iowa Leather Weekend. October 7-9, 2022

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- October Planning Meeting. October 16, 2022
- November Happy Hour and variety show. November 12, 2022
- November planning meeting. November 20, 2022.
- Holiday Party. December 3, 2022. (Tentative)
- February Happy Hour and Iowa Bear send off. February 11, 2023
- North American Bear Weekend. February 16-19, 2023

MEETING ADJOURNED

12:15pm meeting adjourned