

CAPITAL BEARS
Planning Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2022
11:00 a.m.
Pride Center, Des Moines, IA

Attendees: Michael W., Zach G., Kelly G., Brian C., Gene B., Nick S., Morgan M (via zoom),.

Call to Order – President

Confirm Quorum – Quorum confirmed.

Call to order – Meeting called to order at 11:08 a.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting(s)'s Minutes

Approval of Minutes from May: moved by Brian and second by Kelly.

BODY OF MEETING – High Priority Items (Round 1)

Treasurer's Update

- Bank Balance: (spending acct) \$9,159.46 \$100 in control acct
 - 2 memberships sold
 - 2 accts.(spending is approved/budgeted money)
(2nd acct is control acct where deposits are made)
Fee -12.00 x 2 for debit cards total of 24\$
-50.56 Pride sam's club
+20.83 membership
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-96.24 amazon Pride
-94.18 Vistaprint Pride
-26.11 sam's club picnic
-10.69 picnic
- Quick Books- Kelly makes a motion to spend \$325.00 for 1 year of Quick books starting 07/01/22. Second by Zach, Kelly abstained. Approved
- BN donations -\$1500 per charity for total of \$3000. Continuing under BN update.

President's Updates

- Conversation with accountant recap- had conversation with John S about our situation. Was always our impression about having to pay taxes if we have 10k or more. He advised we have to have 50 k in transactions in a year, to have to pay taxes. Asked what we use for accounting software. He strongly recommends us becoming a 501c3, Concerns about donations going out and coming in. He advised this is not an issue. Just have to be careful how we word our donation to a group or title. Lots of good information from this meeting. John @ \$50.00 per hour will do the 501C3 and will take up to 3 hrs. Is this something we are interested in moving forward with. Gene would like to explore this more.
- Brian- Thinks we should look in to becoming a 501C3.
- Kelly- wants to know if John will re-file the Articles of incorporation?
- Zach- is there additional cost to filling and becoming a 501C3? There is an additional fee to become a 501C3.
- This would open us to having tax write offs and looking in to grants from the state or government.
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Vice President's Update

- Soft & Spun update- only spent \$570.00.
- Morgan ordered the dark heather and got a lite heather in place of his shirt. Mike ordered neon pink and got salmon tank. Need consistent feedback to folks that ordered shirts and did not get what they ordered. Brian likes the shirts. Nick had someone reach out wanting to get a shirt at pride and was referred to order online, is not a member, is an older member that may not be able to order online. Are we able to order large qty.
- Merch Committee- papa gene would like to be included
- Ames Pride- Social update

Secretary's Updates

- Item

Social Officer's Updates

- Mini Golf in September 9th year.
- **Motion to spend up to \$450 for mini golf outing. Second by Morgan. What would be included, mini golf, prizes, Pizza, Golden plunger. Approved 9/18/22**
- Ames pride- Find more information on the date. Brian has messaged ames pride.

Bear Necessities Chair Updates

- Had recap meeting, great feedback. Will have first planning meeting for 2023 in July date TBD.
- **Making motion to donate \$1,500 each Iowa safe school and rainbow railroad for total of 3000.00. Second by Brian. Morgan called to question. All approved, nick Abstained**
- \$2600.24 Seed money for 2023.
- Question is how we donate. Rainbow Railroad may have to mail in a check for donation.
- Gene would like to post on Instagram and twitter more about donations.

Capital City Pride Chair's Updates

- Had parade was great turn out. 19 folks walked with group. Need to order more flags and candy for 2023. We need to make sure when people are giving input, someone gave feedback and no one came to the planning meeting. Everyone has ideas but is not wanting to help. With feedback advise to join the planning meeting. Morgan Suggests pinning a message about an event with contact info.

Pride Sport League Chair's Updates

- Item

Social Media Administrator's Updates

- Update

Bylaws Chair's Updates

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Iowa Leather Weekend Chair's Updates

- October 7-9, 2022 tickets are on sale.

Merchandise & Marketing Chair's Updates

Will be having planning meeting in soon.

BODY OF MEETING – Lower Priority Items (Round 2)

President's Updates

- Update

Vice President's Updates

- Update

Treasurer's Updates

- Update

Secretary's Updates

- Update

Social Officer's Updates

- Update

Bear Necessities Update

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Capital City Pride Chair's Updates

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OPEN DISCUSSION (Round 3)

Papa Gene has been approached by someone that works for Habitat for humanity. Is Chris working for HFH, Is wanting to know if we have anyone that would like to volunteer. Is getting more information for volunteering. Will get information and bring back more information. Something for everyone to be able to do.

UPCOMING PLANNING MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES OF NOTE

- World Bear fund raiser June 25, 2022. For World Bear travel fund and Rainbow Railroad 4:30 to –?? will be a grill out.
- July Happy Hour. July 9, 2022
- July Planning meeting. July 17, 2022.
- Saddle's X-Mas in July. July 23, 2022 Bear's hosting a grill out.
- August Happy Hour. August 13, 2022.
- August Planning meeting. August 21, 2022.
- September Happy Hour. September 10, 2022 Iowa vs Iowa State Game
- September Planning Meeting. September 18, 2022
- Mini Golf outing. September 18, 2022
- World Bear Weekend. September 22-25, 2022
- Iowa Leather Weekend. October 7-9, 2022
- 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

Zach makes motion seconded by Morgan. Adjourned at 12:03 p.m.