

GOLDEN BEAR COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Board Meeting Thursday, December 15, 2022, 7:00 pm @ Escalon CRC

- 1. President Phil Mensonides called the meeting to order and led in opening prayer. Members present were Chuck Van Gorkum, Dennis Lucas, Herman Drost, Steve DeGraaf, Vince Van't Voort, Spencer Van Rys, Ryan Vander Helm, Sherwin De Boer, and Ryan Vander Veen.
- 2. Minutes of November 17, 2022 were reviewed and adopted.
- 3. The agenda was approved as presented.
- 4. Counselor Education: Chuck went thru the proposals that will be voted on at Congress. This was done so the Board could recommend how our Congressman, Brian Beenes, should vote on the proposals. The proposals are listed below and this Boards recommends a yes vote to all three.
 - a. Membership & Promotion Committee: proposal to add a budget line item for struggling clubs.
 - b. Program Committee: proposal to bring back the RPG book with all badges included.
 - c. Communications Committee: proposal to change International Camporee age requirements.
- 5. Council Bylaws, Elections, and Budget
 - a. Chuck went thru the Bylaws that had been worked on by the Bylaws Committee. A motion was made to approve the Non-Profit Bylaws of the Golden Bear Council. Motion was approved.
 - b. Elections
 - i. Nominations for President Elect are Herman Drost. Nominations were closed. Vote resulted in Herman Drost becoming President Elect.
 - ii. Nominations for Treasurer are Daniel Enas. Nominations were closed. Vote resulted in Daniel Enas becoming Treasurer.
 - iii. Nominations f<mark>or</mark> Congressman are Spencer Van Rys. Nominations were closed. Vote resulted in Spencer Van Rys becoming Congressman.
 - c. Budget: Herman went thru the current financial report. He presented an initial draft of the budget. This will be finalized and go to the next Executive Board meeting for approval.
 - d. Calaveras Presbyterian Church. Herman and Dennis talked about their visit to this group. They have applied to the Calvinist Cadet Corps to become a Club and have received a Club number. They will send a formal letter to the GBC asking to be accepted as a new club in the Council.

6. Council Events

- a. Pinewood Derby Race and Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for February 4, 2023.
- b. West Coast Counselors Convention at Jakes's Ranch is scheduled for February 10-11, 2023.
- c. The International Camporee will be held July 19-26, 2023.
- d. Counselor Banquet: date TBD with Immanuel in charge.
- e. Pancake Breakfast: A potential date of March 11, 2023. Think about potential sponsors of food items or business card placemat advertisers.
- 7. The next meeting will be an Executive Council Meeting at First CRC on January 19 at 7:00pm.
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm and closed in prayer by Ryan Vander Helm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Vander Veen