



# Grand Council

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PROCTORS, ECV, INC., MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MAY 18-19, 2012 AT THE PARIMUTUAL BUILDING SONORA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, CALIFORNIA

1. Call to order at 1:01 pm Friday May 18, 2012 by SNGH Gary Glud.
2. Roll call: Present were: Gary Glud SNGH, Bob Romer/Nameless, Fred Ludemann SNGR, and Proctors Ken Berry, Bill Davidson, Glenn Hearrell, Steve Macie, Brian Nash, Dan Stark, Glenn Thornhill, Dan Barger, Geno Oliver, and Jim Waterman. Absent was Proctor Tom Crawford.

There were 13 present and 2 absent. A quorum of 8 was met and the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

A moment of silence was offered in memory of recently deceased Proctor Joe Girard.

3. Minutes of Previous meeting on January 6, 2012, were presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.
4. SNGR presented the Gold Dust report to the Board. All receipts and balances were found to be in good order. The Report was approved unanimously by all proctors present.

5. A presentation was made by the SNGR on required Chapter statistics, insurance, dues, and corporate status. In discussing the general health of all Chapters, it was noted that all necessary requirements had been reached by all Chapters with the exception of Las Plumas Del Oro Chapter 8 and Mountain Charlie Chapter 1850, both of which were listed as 'Suspended Status' by the CA Secretary of State. The Sublime noted that since this requirement for Chapter in Good Standing was not met, a letter shall immediately be drafted by the SNGR to inform these two Chapters that their Charter was suspended as of May 18, 2012 and will be reinstated as soon as the CA Corporate status is corrected and again listed as 'Active'. Any Chapter with a Suspended Charter is forbidden to hold an event, take in money, or otherwise conduct business as a Chapter in ECV until such time as the Corporate Status is reinstated by the CA Sec of State. A letter to the SNGR showing proof of active status is all that is required.
6. Discussions on various topics and appearances that are scheduled for the continuation of this meeting on Saturday May 19 were then addressed as preparation for those appearances.

Slim Princess Chapter 395. Conversations had been held in the past weeks between SNGH Glud and XNGH Jeff Kennedy. It was felt that Slim Princess had addressed the concerns of the observations noted at their June 2011 event in a letter, and their appearance would provide additional details.

Expelled Clampers. Notification reminders that include a photograph, and date of membership revocation would be sent to all Chapters on an annual basis. Additionally, this information would be posted on the GC webpage.

Scheduled appearances by the two Outposts and their sponsoring Chapter were discussed. After much discussion, the Board found the performance of the Outposts sufficient to promote both pending their appearance and report from YB#1. The Board's recent experience with Umpqua Joe showed that a move forward is beneficial from a political as well as motivational point of view, and frustration can mount during extended delay between advancement. It was noted that both Outposts were started from former Chapters and that core leadership had experience.

Trademark issues and complaint. Final copies of the COMPLAINT FOR TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT AND UNFAIR COMPETITION that was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California on May 17, 2012 was distributed by the SNGR. The complaint lists E Clampus Vitus as Plaintiff vs. David L. Steiner, Thomas Peak, John Moore, Karl Dodge, and Joseph Zumwalt Chapter 169 E Clampus Vitus as Defendants.

CARP and its President, John Coyle. SNGR recalled the CARP meeting he attended in February, at which time the importance of identifying the trademarked signs and symbols used by ECV, Inc. was stressed to the assembled CARP membership by always including the ® symbol. An example of successful removal of items using ECV trademarked designs was sited. CARP membership voted to seek support from the Board of Proctors to help with this, and Coyle would appear on their behalf to request CARP be recognized so as to establish a distinct line of communication.

A review of CARP action against Mt. Charlie Hawker Zuberbrier was made and it was determined that CARP may make these non binding notifications to Chapters when violations of CARP guidelines occur. The problem of Don Jersey's ECV inventory which was legally purchased at auction from a storage space was discussed, and unfortunately, the Board has no legal grounds to intervene in the sale of those items on Ebay.

Matthew Simpson. A review of correspondence after the formal cancellation of the licensing agreement to sell ECV, Inc. items was terminated in January, 2012. No further action was necessary.

7. Meeting adjourned until Saturday May 19, 8:01 am.

CONTINUATION OF THE BOARD OF PROCTORS OF ECV, INC. MEETING HELD ON  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MAY 18-19, 2012 AT THE PARIMUTUAL BUILDING  
SONORA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, CALIFORNIA

1. Meeting called to order at 8:01 Saturday May 19, 2012 by Sublime Noble Grand Humbug Gary Glud.
2. Roll call. Present were: Gary Glud SNGH, Bob Romer/Nameless, Fred Ludemann SNGR, and Proctors Ken Berry, Bill Davidson, Glenn Hearrell, Steve Macie, Brian Nash, Dan Stark, Glenn Thornhill, Dan Barger, Geno Oliver, and Jim Waterman. Absent was Proctor Tom Crawford.
3. Plaque report by XSNGH Sid Blumner. Introduction of Himself and the next Plaquero Mark Hall-Patton was made. New books will be formatted one plaque per page. Cut off for new material is December 31, 2012, with completed books ready for the May 2013 Grand Council. A final letter was sent to all Chapters and a copy will be given out again at the NGH meeting today. By March 2013 the quantity for the print run needs to be set. Proctor Glenn Thornhill was nominated as Order Coordinator. Glenn accepted, as he was ready to do it all again.
4. Billy Holcomb Chapter representatives arrived with "RoadKill" shirts for the Board. They were thanked and the Proctors marveled at the likeness to the apparent next Sublime Noble Grand Humbug.
5. John P. Squibob Chapter representatives were welcomed by the Board as they presented a Plaque to SNGH Gary Glud, and shirts for the Board. The Squibob contingent attempted to confirm a rumor of the Sublime being an excellent chemist, and presented him with a superb chemistry set including all the ingredients to make fine Martinis. The Board thanks J.P. Squibob for the shirts and what later proved to be a Fabulous Fajita Dinner, but were denied samples from the alleged master chemist, so no one was able to verify any such rumor.

6. Outpost representatives from James Marshall 49, along with the Outpost Sponsor YB#1, appeared and presented a colorful spiral bound progress report, along with a very large check for \$449.49 for use in the ECV legal fund. A check was mailed earlier for \$100 as a voluntary dues payment, since Outposts are not required to send dues. 2012 has been a year of parades for JWM49, and two plaques are planned for the coming months. Support for various community needs was noted in both monetary and man hour contributions. Depth of Leadership is a top priority for JWM49.
7. Outpost representatives from John A. Sutter along with the Outpost Sponsor YB#1, appeared and presented an impressive progress report detailing the Outpost activities. Besides reclaiming event sites that were denied the former Chapter 5, Sutter continually provides monthly meeting minutes that are very well composed and show excellent organization of the Outpost. Plans for six plaques are underway for the near future. A contribution of \$600 to the GC Scholarship fund was accepted by the Board with thanks. Depth of Leadership is also a top priority for Sutter.
8. Representatives from Yerba Buena Number One returned to offer their comments, observations, and insight for both Outposts. After some discussion, both Outposts were recommended for advancement to Probationary status by YB#1. YB#1 was thanked for their leadership, and exited the room. A motion was made and seconded to advance Marshall. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to advance Sutter. Motion passed unanimously.
9. XNGH Wayne Edgin and XNGH Dave Wendt of Branciforte Chapter appeared to discuss recent activities of the former Hawker Don Jersey. Branciforte is pleading to have the membership of Jersey revoked. After much discussion, the Board thanked Edgin and Wendt for expressing their concerns as relates to the good name of the Order, and requested they put their plea in writing. Upon receipt of that letter, a letter will be sent by the SNGR requiring Jersey to appear at the next BOP meeting to defend himself.

10. CARP President John Coyle approached the Board with a request for assistance in enforcement and compliance with regards to trademarks owned by ECV, Inc. CARP is pushing for the ® to be included on all designs that make use of registered trademarked signs and symbols. A motion was made and seconded to charge a royalty fee of one dollar per year to license CARP to use the trademarks. Motion passed unanimously. Coyle was encouraged by the Sublime to approach the board when it can be of help, and to provide minutes of future CARP meetings to aid in communication. Coyle accepted the royalty fee mandate on behalf of CARP and both parties thanked each other for providing mutual aid.
11. Representatives from Slim Princess appeared before the Board to answer observations and discuss their Chapter's management of last year's June doins. The Board was assured that Chapter 395 takes the rules very seriously, is diligent in their management efforts, and any problems which may occur would be resolved on the spot according to Grand Council rules at all future events. Specific rules were reviewed and liability concerns were restated.
12. XNGH Jason Poe and XNGH Bruce Robins of Las Plumas Del Oro Chapter 8 were summoned by the board to address Chapter 8's participation in the so called 4-skin event with three other unrecognized organizations posing as ECV. Chapter 8 GreyBeards had two votes on the issue and both times elected to participate largely because of the financial opportunity that could pull the Chapter out of their current doldrums. After much discussion on the state of Chapter 8, they agreed it was a hazardous move, and this was a onetime event for 8. The SNGR pointed out that the CA Secretary of State recently suspended the non-profit corporate status of Chapter 8 for not filing necessary forms and reports. Robins noted that they had hired an accountant to resolve the problem. The Sublime noted that since this requirement for Chapter in Good Standing was not met, a letter shall immediately be drafted by the SNGR to inform Chapter 8 that their Charter was suspended as of May 18, 2012 and will be re-instated as soon as the CA Corporate status is corrected and again listed as 'Active'. In the meantime, no business activity shall be conducted by Las Plumas Del Oro Chapter 8.

13. The Dumbellian Brotherhood COO Red the Grey announced the selection by Dumbellian vote of XSNGH Tom Barry as Clamper of the Year. The Board congratulates Tom and his outstanding 50 years as a Clamper.
14. Tuleburgh Chapter 69 presented a status report from XNGH Mike Godby and XNGH Jack McCann. Although 69 has not had a function since 2009, both felt that interest could be revived in their territory. The Board encouraged them to work at making contact with their membership and reaching out for help to surrounding Chapters. Proctor Barger will assist in this effort.
15. The required Humbug meeting segment was attended by representatives from all Chapters with the exceptions of Bodie, Eureka, Frank C. Reilly, Las Plumas Del Oro, Lassen-Loomis, Matt Warner, and Slim Princess. In a note of generosity, they will be mailed the important handout regarding tax and corporate filings, and how to keep nonprofit corporate status active and uninterrupted. XSNGH Beavers defined the advantages and protections of corporations, and SNGH Glud offered explanations of necessary tax and corporate filings. The handout provided a step by step menu for compliance on both fronts, and is available for California on line at:  
<http://www.hurwitassociates.com/1 s annual ca.php>  
Other states indexed at: [http://www.hurwitassociates.com/site\\_index.php](http://www.hurwitassociates.com/site_index.php)  
This site is an extensive non-profit resource library that includes information on startups, bylaw boilerplates and much more.
16. Mountain Charlie Chapter 1850 was found to be in a state of non-profit corporate suspension by the CA Secretary of State. The Sublime noted that since this requirement for Chapters in Good Standing was not met, a letter shall immediately be drafted by the SNGR to inform Chapter 1850 that their Charter was suspended as of May 18, 2012 and will be re-instated as soon as the CA Corporate status is corrected and again listed as 'Active'. XNGH Mike Eckley stated that was in the works and filings had been made last month. The Sublime stressed to Mt. Charlie that they get their corp status cleared up before their June doins or could not do the event, and that they contact the SOS by phone to monitor the progress of their revival. As soon as a letter of confirmation is received, 1850 will be re-instated. In the meantime, no business activity shall be conducted by 1850.

17. A group of Montana Clampers appeared before the board asking for help in establishing an active ECV Outpost in the Helena Montana area. This was an energetic group represented by a third generation Clamper and was accompanied his Grand Father XNGH Tyhurst from Chapter 58. The Board was presented with reasonable supplication and renderings from the Big Sky Country. The group was advised to draft an Outpost application letter, stay in contact with Snake River Chapter, secure a sponsoring Chapter, follow the GC Outpost Rules, recruit active members thru their sponsoring or adjoining Chapters, and reach out to the community and historical organizations. A letter was presented to the Board informing us of Chapter 58's support, and sponsorship. There is a distance issue, and the sponsoring Chapter needs to be very mindful of that. The Board looks forward to May 2013 when the Montana Group will present a progress report.
18. Nominating report: The Board thanks retiring Proctors Bill Davidson and Glenn Hearrell for their insight and dedication during their time on the Board of Directors Grand Council E Clampus Vitus Inc.  
The following XNGHs have been nominated for seats on the Board of Proctors:  
Ken 'Birdman' Jaques XNGH Al Packer Chapter 100 for a five year term.  
Bill 'Foghorn' Wensrich XNGH Humbug Chapter 73 for a five year term.  
Gerald 'Scoop' Robich XNGH Snowshoe Thompson Chapter 1827 to fill out the term of Joe Girard.  
The following BOP members have been nominated for Sublime Office:  
For the Office of Sublime Noble Grand Humbug: Robert 'RoadKill' Romer  
For the office of One Who Shall Remain Nameless: Fred 'Suds' Ludemann  
For the office of Sublime Recorder: Ken 'Dorsal' Berry
19. Motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by so many so quickly that this poor scribe can only attribute this to "All seconded by All." Many then jogged to the nearest fountain before heading to the General Meeting. These minutes in part based on notes from embryonic Sublime Recorder Ken Berry. Many thanks.

And so recorded,

Fred 'Suds' Ludemann, SNGR