



Grand Council

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Minutes of the Board of Proctors of E Clampus Vitus®, Inc.

Meeting held on Friday, May 19, 2017
at the 2017 Grand Council in Sonora, CA

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 12:57 PM by SNGH Brian Nash. Proctor Dave Otero was asked to lead those assembled in the pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call. Present were XSNGH Jim Waterman, XSNGH Ken Berry, SNGH Brian Nash, VSNGH Ken Jaques, SNGR Bill Wensrich and Proctors Danny Bauder, Mike Eckley, Dennis Holschlag, Jim Cirner, Dave Otero, Dan McCormick, Bill Baumann, Dean Hamlin, Ken Moser and Gregg Simas. Also present was Proctor Pupa Steve "Iggy" Myers.

There were 15 Proctors present at the meeting. The quorum requirement of 8 was met and the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

3. Nominating Committee Report/Introductions. SNGH Nash briefly discussed how well the Proctor/Chapter Liaisons were working, and humorously announced Jim Waterman's upcoming retirement from the Board. The SNGH then asked the Nominating committee Chair person, XSNGH Ken Berry, to read the Committee recommendations to the Board. Ken presented the following to the current SNGH, Sublime Officers and Board of Proctors:

To Wit:

Recommendation 1# -- Roll through Brian Nash from the current position of SNGH to forever and in violet, be known as XSNGH. Brian will complete his remaining term on the Board as a sitting XSNGH-P supporting the Board with his vast wisdom and inspirational guidance.

Recommendation 2# -- Roll over Ken Jaques to a second five year term and elevate him from "Nameless" to the highest position known within ECV® as the new and incoming SNGH.

Recommendation 3# -- Roll over Bill Wensrich to a second five year term and elevate him to the position of VSNGH or to always be referred to during his term as "Nameless", as there is no Vice in ECV®.

Recommendation 4# -- Elevate current Proctor Dan "Tuna" McCormick to the position of SNGR to include all of the tasks and obligations this anointment entails.

Recommendation 5# -- Promote XNGH Steve "Igggy" Myers to the position of first term Proctor replacing the most extinguished XSNGH Jim Waterman as he completes the tenure of his second term.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominating committee recommendations. The SNGH asked for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Gold Dust Report. SNGR Bill Wensrich presented a:

- Profit and Loss summary covering the 12 month period from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 for the ECV Inc. general operating checking account, and
- Savings Account summary detailing the Scholarship and Wall of Comparative Ovations funds.

The ending balances for both the General and Savings Account funds were reported and both accounts were found to be in good order. Bill stated all the bills through the end of April were paid including the insurance.

SNGH Nash asked for a motion to accept the GDR as presented. A motion was made and seconded. SNGH Nash called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Chapter Statistical Reporting. SNGR Bill Wensrich updated the Board as to the current status of all Chapters with respect to insurance, corporate status, dues and statistical reporting. All 48 Chapters and Outposts submitted their valid incorporation and insurance status and were current with the annual reporting requirements.

6. Adam Lee Moore Grave Site Bricks Project. XSNGH Ron Cox reported he met with the Major William Downie Chapter for a proposal to present to their county supervisor. He stated they are proceeding and the project is moving forward.
7. Outpost Status and Guidelines. SNGH Nash asked Board members to review the Outpost Guidelines document provided to them. He then reviewed the summary document provided showing current Outposts and previous group appearances. Brian summarized the discussion stating:
 - All Chapters next to the territory being requested for Outpost status must support the effort (in writing), and
 - Territory requests must be clear and preferably delineated by county.
8. Robert Leroy Parker Chapter. XNGH Gary Parrot, and NGH Ron Metzger thanked the board for awarding Chapter status to their club last year which was done in record time. They announced their upcoming Charter Doins' and shared some of the planned highlights with the Board. Other speakers included XSNGH Sonny Marshall, XSNGH John Magnuson, XNGH Mike Ashcroft and VNGH Al Boyce.
9. South Pass 67ers Historical Society. Al Packer Chapter NGH Keith Kelsner and Society President and Secretary Ed Ransford and Nicholas Newman made a presentation requesting Outpost status for their group. They have:
 - Been operating for 2 ½ years
 - Incorporation and Insurance status current and in place
 - Letters of support from four adjacent ECV Chapters
 - Active members of at least 15 to 16 in number
 - Held a Function with 41 attendees
 - Depth of Leadership plans
 - Requested territory reduced from last year's request of 14 Wyoming counties to six.
10. Captain Robert Gray Historical Society. Doc Maynard XNGH Roger Wood and Brian Mead petitioned for Outpost status for this group. Their territory request for seven counties in Washington and Oregon along the Columbia River remains the same as last year's presentation. They stated their proposed territory would include four counties along the Columbia River in Washington State, and three counties along the other side of the Columbia in Oregon. Those counties are:

- Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz and Clark Counties in Washington
- Clatsop, Columbia and Multnomah in Oregon

They have letters of support from adjacent chapters and they are ready to acquire insurance if Outpost status is granted.

They were advised to further research bi-state operations requirements. SNGH Nash advised them Outpost status is contingent upon having insurance and the process is a 5 to 7 yearlong activity.

11. Irish Kate Barrett Spokane County Historical Society. Doc Maynard VNGH Rodger Wood and Society President and Vice Matt Christensen and Dane Wharton made a presentation requesting Outpost status to the BOP. Highlights included:

- Meeting participation is at about 18-24 Redshirts
- Active members include 30 Red Shirts
- Total membership approaches a count of 100
- All administrative requirements are in place, Insurance is pending approval of their request.

SNGH Brian Nash reminded them this is a 5 to 7 year process.

12. Samuel L. Clemens 1856 Historical Group. Snowshoe Thompson Clampatriarch Brandon Wilding and Group Executive president and Historian William Sovinsky and Dave Ringski made a presentation to the BOP requesting Outpost status. They stated the ECV historical significance of Humboldt County in Nevada is one of the reasons for their request and that county is proposed to be their territory. They stated they have:

- Membership approaching 62 to 68 Redshirts
- Been operating since May 2014
- Have all administrative requirements in place except insurance which is pending approval of their request
- Support from adjoining Chapters LJS and JCB

13. Outpost Growth Discussion .

- a. **South Pass 67ers.** Following positive comments by BOP members the SNGH called for a motion. A motion was made and seconded to grant this group FLEDGLING Outpost status. The motion was seconded and the SNGH asked for a vote. The motion passed. They are authorized to begin operating in the specific territory indicated in their presentation handout and listed below.

Assigned Territory subject to review by the BOP: Wyoming Fremont, Sweetwater, Carbon, Albany, Laramie and Unita counties.

- b. **Captain Robert Gray.** Following positive comments by BOP members the SNGH called for a motion. A motion was made and seconded to grant this group FLEDGLING Outpost status. The motion passed. They are authorized to begin operating in the specific territory indicated in their presentation handout and listed on the attached Outpost Progression History document.

Assigned Territory subject to review by the BOP: Washington Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz and Clark counties and Oregon Clatsop, Columbia and Multnomah counties. Their bi-state territory is subject to future review and potential restructure by the BOP.

- c. **Irish Kate Barret Spokane Historical Society.** Following positive comments by BOP members regarding readiness the SNGH called for a motion. A motion was made and seconded to grant this group FLEDGLING Outpost status. The motion passed. They are authorized to begin operating in the specific territory indicated in their presentation handout and listed below.

Assigned Territory subject to review by the BOP: Washington Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln and Spokane counties.

- d. **Samuel L. Clemens Historical Group.** Following positive comments by BOP members regarding readiness The SNGH called for a motion. A motion was made and seconded to grant this group FLEDGLING Outpost status. The SNGH called for a vote. The motion passed. They are authorized to begin operating in the specific territory indicated in their presentation handout and listed below.

Assigned Territory subject to review by the BOP: Nevada Humboldt County.

14. Adjournment: A motion was made by XSNGH Jim Waterman to adjourn and was seconded by Proctor Mike Eckley. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM.

And soooooooooooooo recorded!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Wensrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Bill Wensrich, SNGR
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Meeting held on Saturday, May 20, 2017
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1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by SNGH Brian Nash. Proctor Dave Otero was asked to lead those assembled in the pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call. Present were XSNGH Jim Waterman, XSNGH Ken Berry, SNGH Brian Nash, VSNGH Ken Jaques, SNGR Bill Wensrich and Proctors Danny Bauder, Mike Eckley, Dennis Holschlag, Jim Cirner, Dave Otero, Dan McCormick, Bill Baumann, Dean Hamlin, Ken Moser and Gregg Simas. Also present was Proctor Pupa Steve “Iggy” Myers.

There were 15 Proctors present at the meeting. The quorum requirement of 8 was met and the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

3. Billy Holcomb Chapter Appearance. XSNGH Sid Blumner and NGH Scott Wall led a large contingent of Billy Holcomb members before the BOP. NGH Wall presented incoming SNGH Ken Jaques with a Badge of Office, as well as Tee-shirts with his bird-like-likeness to all members of the BOP, along with a summary report of the Billy Holcomb Chapter year in review. XSNGH Sid Blumner also stated that the Billy Holcomb Chapter will now have three living XSNGHs to their credit. SNGH Nash thanked Sid.

Alan Reed of Billy Holcomb Chapter presented board members with copies of the L.T. Gotchy Death Valley books. L.T. Gotchy was a charter member and honorary NGH of Bill Holcomb Chapter.

4. Umpqua Joe Chapter Appearance. XNGH-PXP Glenn Hearrell and NGH Gary Rakes made a presentation to the Board regarding Umpqua Joe activities over the last year which included the erection of three historical monuments. They reported the Chapter continues to grow slowly, is performing well and acknowledged by local communities.
5. De La Guerra y Pacheco Chapter 1.5 Appearance. XNGH Steve Soenke and NGH Pete Kelly presented a \$501.50 donation to ECV Inc. XSNGH Dave Holmes then introduced long time ECV author PXP Tim Spencer (aka Seth Slopes) and presented a copy of their just published book written by Tim, *The Gyascutus, Ephraim Bee and his E Clampus Vitus*. Dave stated the book provided new information about Ephraim Bee and how his E Clampus Vitus became a legend. This new research fills in gaps in the history of ECV back east. It will go on sale for \$25 each. Dave stated that all proceeds from the book would be provided to ECV Inc. for the Wall of Comparative Ovations restoration—a serious and professional restoration. Dave also reported they produced the book for about \$8,000 which was needed to print 500 copies. This would not have been possible without a sizable donation from XSNGH Sid Blumner.

Tim is working on more books which include:

- ECV in Hawaii,
- ECV—The first years in California, and
- The second ECV ritual in California.

XSNGH Sid has also agreed to help fund the third book in this series.

6. Dumbelican Brotherhood Report. XNGH Dave “Double ZerO Zero” Bond appeared before the BOP. He announced the Dumbelicans selected as the 2017 Clamper of the Year, PXP Geno Oliver. In the running for this award were PXP Mike Johnson and XSNGH Fred Ludemann. The BOP congratulated the Dumbelican Brotherhood on a fine selection.

Dave also reported that this year’s DAMM Trek would be held east of Fresno led by Proctor Dave Otero, and that next year’s DAMM Trek would be led by what will soon be XSNGH Brian Nash.

7. Clampatriarch Badge Sales. XNGH Bobby “Nine Fingers” Moore from the Lost Dutchman Chapter made a humorous presentation regarding how to sell Clampatriarch pins. He is franchising his sales operations. His CD tells how to sell, when to sell and how to close the deal. He generously donated \$1 for the use of the signs and symbols of ECV.

As a parting discussion Bobby also stated for the record that Mark Christensen will be forever now known as Alfalfa Boy #2 who shall report to the newest Proctor, Steve “Iggy” Myers.

A good laugh was had by all present!

8. Plaque Book Update. XNGH Mark Hall-Patton, Clamplaquero discussed progress being made on the next ECV Plaque book. With the help of Phil Brigandi, they are currently formatting the new book and plan to utilize an on-demand printer. Features of the new plaque book will include:

- New binding approach,
- Clay based color glossy cover,
- Availability through Amazon,
- New format approach (sample provided to BOP members), and
- Anticipated selling cost of the new book will be \$25.

The Board provided Mark with their continue blessing for his approach and asked him to continue proceeding as planned. He has had a successful response from 35 chapters to date.

9. Copper Queen Outpost Appearance. NGH Matt Khlan and Outpost Recorder Mitchell Miller made a verbal and written presentation and requested the Outpost be elevated to Chapter status. Their territory consists of the following Nevada counties:

- Lyon
- Mineral
- Churchill

They have about 150 members now, and 12 to 20 attend meetings regularly. At their last Doins’ they had 65 Redshirts, 13 of which were graduating PBCs.

10. Four Georgians Outpost Update. Outpost CEO-Ex-President and current president Alex Tyhurst and Wade Pickering made a verbal and written presentation requesting Probationary Outpost status. Wade stated they had:

- Doins' with 50 attendees and 6 PBCs
- 25 to 30 active members from Montana
- 15 people at each meeting

XNGH Gary Wyckoff was present and added his support for the Outpost progress report.

11. Jesse Lee Reno Outpost Appearance. NGH Dan Roahrig of LJS and Larry Juden made a presentation on the progress the Outpost has made. Snowshoe Thomson NGH Paul Sherabrock, Jerry Wilson and Jeff Olin assisted with the presentation.

A joint upcoming Doins' with SST and LJS was discussed.

JLR 1422 has recovered and returned to JCB an old plaque for re-erection and dedication. This demonstrates revived good will between the Outpost and JCB.

12. Outpost Considerations Discussion.

- a. **Copper Queen.** Following discussion about Outpost readiness for elevation, their effective use of assigned territory, depth of leadership plans, and their growth and readiness a motion was entertained by the SNGH.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by majority vote of the BOP to leave Copper Queen Outpost at PROVISIONAL Outpost Status.

Another motion was made and seconded to elevate Copper Queen Outpost to PROBATIONARY Outpost Status. The SNGH called for a vote. The motion failed to pass.

Assigned Territory subject to review by the BOP: Nevada Lyon, Churchill and Mineral counties.

- b. **Four Georgians Outpost.** Following a brief discussion by the BOP that reflected a consensus of the board that the Outpost was progressing and had demonstrated a readiness for elevation a motion was entertained by the SNGH.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by majority vote of the BOP to elevate the Outpost to PROBATIONARY status.

Assigned Territory subject to review by the BOP: Montana Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater, Silver Bow and Cascade counties.

- c. **Jesse Lee Reno Outpost.** Following discussion by the BOP that reflected a consensus by the BOP that the Outpost was progressing and had demonstrated a readiness for elevation the SNGH entertained a request for a motion.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by majority vote of the BOP to elevate the Outpost to PROVISIONAL status.

Assigned Territory subject to review by the BOP: Nevada Pershing County.

13. Chapter and Outpost Briefing by the SNGH. SNGH Brian Nash welcomed Chapter representatives to the meeting and explained that he, SNGR Wensrich and Proctor Dan McCormick would each speak on one of the following topics:

- Mission—Nash. The SNGH emphasized the importance of our history mission and asked Chapter NGHs to emphasize that fact back at their Chapter.
- Membership—Wensrich. The SNGR talked briefly about the three legs of ECV and asked Chapter representatives to stress the importance of bringing in quality members.
- Web Site—McCormick. Proctor McCormick explained the importance and usefulness of the Grand Council web site, and how it can be a source of consistent and correct information.
- Following the briefing a Q and A session was led by SNGH Nash. Topics discussed included:
 - Release of Liability and how to implement an electronic signature process as well as the file retention period (2-3 years)
 - Legal Fund donations
 - TRASH Trek dates for 2017

14. LSD 3 Function—Assault on Humbug Hill. XSNGH Jim Waterman provided letters to support his (tongue in cheek) presentation against LSD 3 XNGH Jeffrey Strader known as Inchworm. Jim shared his allegations against the aforementioned defendant. With humor and participation by Jim’s seven witnesses from LSD 3 Rev. Inchworm was duly sentenced to a lifetime punishment of not talking to Scrub Oaks. The SNGH further declared XSNGH Waterman would be hung, but as an XSNGH he would be hung in absentia.

All participating had a good time.

15. General Discussion for Good of the Order/Retiring Proctor Statements/Nominating Report.

- Proctor Mike Eckley discussed the need for a better situation at Grand Council for Hawkers. He stated CARP is ready to rent the John Muir Building at the Sonora Fair Grounds and split the cost with those Hawkers attending next year. For a shared cost Hawkers would not have to be in the dusty Arena or in the distant Flea Market area of the Fair Grounds.
- Proctor Dave Otero suggested Outpost Guidelines be reviewed again for update.
- Danny Bauder noted XNGH-PXP Eddie Hawkins was celebrating his 50th year Clamping.
- XSNGH Nash then presented Certificates of Appreciation to the incoming Sublime Noble Grand Humbug, Ken Jaques, and retiring Proctor and XSNGH Jim Waterman. Jim spoke about his experience on the Board and thanked everyone.

16. Adjournment: Proctor Dave Otero made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by XSNGH Jim Waterman. The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 PM. And sooooooooooooo recorded!

Respectfully Submitted,



Bill Wensrich, SNGR
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