

Oregon Bears Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 2 2007, 7:00p.m. 9:00 p.m.



Board Members:	Ben B. Charles H. Dave C. Frank A.	Member at Large, Media Board Member ex-officio Oregon Cub 2006 Administrative Secretary Treasurer	Mike R. Rob Z. Steve L. Steve S.	Membership Secretary President Assets Secretary Member at Large Oregon Bear 2006
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Members: Kevin F., Rob B. Josh T.
Guests: Jake,

Call to Order Frank A.
Welcome Guest(s) Frank A.

Approval of Agenda for May 2, 2007 Board meeting (as amended) Board
Moved: Steve L.
Seconded: Ben B.
Abstained: None
Approved

Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2007 Board meeting (as amended) Board
Moved: Mike R.
Seconded: Steve S.
Abstained: None
Approved

Officers' Reports

President's Report

President Bryan Akers has resigned from the Board of Directors. Dixon Martin has also resigned from the Board of Directors. The Board wishes both Bryan and Dixon well in their endeavors.

Frank A. presided over the opening of the meeting as acting president, calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

See handout. Everything is in balance. We have \$10,564.39 in the bank.

Two to three applications have been received for the R.B. Hiatt Scholarship Fund.

Administrative Secretary's Report

Nothing new to report at this time.

Membership Secretary's Report

We have 236 total members, 201 are active and 35 are in grace.

Assets Secretary's Report

Steve L. is going to look into moving the Oregon Bears Storage unit from downtown Portland to the inner East side for the sake of location. He would like to find a unit that is equivalent in size and price as the one we currently have.

Officer Elections

Ben B. nominated Rob Z. for the position of president. Dave C. seconded this motion. No one abstained. The motion was approved. Congratulations to Rob.

Dave C. nominated himself for the position of Administrative Secretary. Rob seconded. No one abstained. The motion was approved. Congratulations to Dave.

Rob had nothing new to report at this time (for the sake of the President's Report).

Reports on March Events

Bears Brunch

Brunch was well attended, we made about \$60.00

Frank A.

Sign Language Class

Venue has relocated to the Fox & Hounds. Members are starting to attend again. Mike asked if he and Johnney Cub could talk to the media re: PR for the ASL classes. The board approved this

Mike R.

Video Night Rob Z.
Video night was held at Andrew Adams' home. Approx. 12 people attended.

Bears Bust Frank A.
Tom asked Frank to sell busts at the door. This worked out well. Frank sold 16 busts. Frank also recommends that we continue to sell busts at the door.

Double X Dance Steve L.
Turn out was great. Discussion was had with regards to asking members to show their Member ID card in order to get into the dance free of charge. Rob Z.
The board decided that this should be implemented over a 2 month period.

Bears Brunch Steve L.
Approx. 13 people in attendance. Brunch was held at Starky's.

Friday Happy Hour Rob Z.
Happy seems to going well.

Hosting Schedule and Discussion, Recurring Events

Bearsigns ASL Class	May 9, 23 June 1	Mike R. Mike R.
Video Night	May 8 June 12	Bruce and Darald Rob and Butchy
Bears Bust	May 19 June 16	Ben B./ Steve S. Rob Z. / Frank A.
Double X Dance	May 25 June 22	Mike R.(E) / Frank A. (L) Steve L. (E) / TBD (L)
Bears Brunch	May 27 June 24	Dave C. – Jubitz Steve L. – Starky's
Friday Happy Hour	May 4, 11, 18, 25 June 1, 8, 15, 23, 30	Rob Z. Rob Z.
New Member Dinner	May 19 th , 6:30PM	Mike R.

New Business

Underbear Party
The Bears will host an Underbear Party on May 26, 2007 from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight at the North Portland Eagle. A raffle will be held.

Forest Grove PFLAG

Cecilia from the Forest Grove chapter of PFLAG has asked the Oregon Bears if one of our board members could give a presentation about our organization to their organization. Dave C. has agreed to attend this event. Ben B. will try to attend as well. Dave will hand out pamphlets and News Letters from the Oregon Bears.

Bear Blast

Ben B. and Frank A. will be hosting this event. It will be held at the North Portland Eagle on May 12, 2007 from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight. There will be an \$8.00 cover charge.

Davis Wilson Retirement

Davis will be retiring soon. One of our members has asked if the Board of Directors could do some sort of special recognition. Steve L. has stated that he would like to do a special Bears Brunch at Starky's on July 29 in Davis' honor.

Title Holders Report

The title holders wish to donate the remainder of their travel fund to the Oregon Bears Campout Committee.

Committee Reports

BearTown Committee

Things are progressing. New venues are being added to this year's event. The next committee meeting is on May 3rd at Cooper's Coffee.

Rob Z.

Campout Committee

We have 10 confirmed reservations. There are only 2 RV sites left. The merchandise has been chosen and the T-shirts will be designed in June. The next campout committee meeting is on June 5th at Cooper's Coffee.

Steve L.
and
Steve S.

Media Committee

Ben B. has asked if he could spotlight Leather Pride Week in the July/August edition of Paw Prints. A campout application was included in the latest issue of Paw Prints. The committee has also had approx. 125 BearTown applications to hand out at upcoming events.

Ben B.

Pride Committee

Frank A. will be distributing a sign in sheet to work the Pride booth. It was mentioned that a board member must be with "the box" at all times. Ben B. offered to store the items to be used during Pride. Ben is also working on the procurement of T-shirts for Pride. Steve L. motioned to appropriate \$200.00

Frank A.

toward the purchase and design of T-shirts. Dave C. seconded this motion. No abstentions. Approved.

Leather Pride Week

Ben B.

Ben and Danzig are going to meet with Karl of Eagle PDX with regards to holding an underwear party/tea dance at the end of Leather Pride week. This will be done in conjunction with the Oregon Bears. The Leather Pride Committee is going to hold a picnic on the Thursday of Leather Pride week from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (venue to follow). The Leather Pride Committee has also expressed in holding a fundraiser for the Central City Concern (www.centralcityconcern.org) at one of the Oregon Bears events.

Unfinished Business

2007 Bears Picnic

Ben B.

The 2007 Bears picnic is set (date to follow). It will be held at Overlook Park. Ben B. reports that all of the fees for this event have been paid. We have the park from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

R.B. Hiatt Quilt

The Quilt has been finished. Thank you Jake!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Action Items

Owner	Action Item
Rob Z.	Talk to Slaughters about members having to show the member ID card in order to get into Double X Dances for free.
Dave C.	Talk with Steve L. about donating raffle prizes.
Steve L.	Please pull 4 black shirts from BearTown 2006 out of storage to use as raffle prizes.
Dave C.	Sent out an announce to the membership with regards to the upcoming BearPaw Bust/raffle (done).
Mike R.	Pass out “give aways” at the next New Member dinner (get these from Steve L.)
Steve L.	Pull out 2005 BearTown pins and T-shirts (to give to Mike R).
Dave C. / Ben B.	Attend the Forest Grove PFLAG meeting on May 15, 7:00 p.m.
Frank A.	Provide Dave and Ben with the location of the PFLAG event or contact

	info for Cecilia.
Rob Z.	Get together with Dave C. and decide what should be talked about at the PFLAG event. Please provide Dave / Ben with the materials (pamphlets and News Letters) to be handed out.
Steve L.	Put together a photo album of for Davis Wilson's retirement.
Steve S.	Look into getting a flat bed truck for Pride.