Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
Saturday, March 30, 2019
9:30 a.m.
Video Conference
Emporia, Garden City, Hays, Salina, Wichita

Presiding: Arnold Hudspeth, Chairman

The Annual Council Meeting of the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland was March 30, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was conducted by video conference connecting members at Amend Girl Scout Center in Emporia, Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City, The Hadley Center in Hays, Salina Country Club in Salina, and Wichita State University in Wichita. Notice was made available to all members of the Council in accordance with the Bylaws.

Arnold Hudspeth, Chairman, called the meeting to order. All attendees were welcomed and Board and Board Development Committee members were recognized.

Council Business

Muriel Boyce, Credentials Chair, was introduced. Muriel confirmed that the total number of voting members in attendance exceeded the minimum required, and Arnold declared that a quorum was present. The Credentials Report was adopted without objection.

Annual Meeting Standing Rules for 2019 were presented and adopted without objection.

The Agenda for the 2019 Annual Council Meeting was presented and adopted without objection.

Arnold Hudspeth announced the appointment of the following:

- Muriel Boyce, Credentials Chair,
- Tina Kendall, Muriel Boyce, and Kara Haynes as the Minutes Approval Committee,
- Mark Young as Timekeeper, and
- Muriel Boyce as Head Teller; Kara Haynes, Aimee Versch, Krista Wagner, Tina Kendall, Leslie Ring, Angela Cheever, and Lisa Cech as Tellers.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Council Meeting were approved by the committee appointed at that meeting and have been made available to the membership.

Treasurer’s Report

Jeremy referenced the audited statement of the year ending September 30, 2018 and highlighted the total revenue, expenses, and change in net assets. The year ended to the positive financially and he reported the council does well with about 83% of expenditures going to program services.
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There was no discussion about the finance report and Arnold thanked Jeremy for his presentation.

State of the Council

Arnold spoke about Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland and said it is a place for girls to support and encourage one another in a pressure-free environment. This council remains committed to providing relevant leadership and program experiences for girls only. He emphasized that Girl Scouts will stay girls only. Declining membership across the country has presented challenges but GSKH is developing strategies to turn that around, and GSUSA is providing resources to help. He told members to look for cool and exciting things coming soon and said that GSKH continues to be relevant.

Arnold introduced Liz Workman, CEO, to continue the State of the Council address.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Liz thanked Arnold for his years of service on the Board of Directors, and as Chairman.

Liz commended volunteers for mentoring and supporting girls in the organization; helping them develop skills and gain confidence. She acknowledged the efforts volunteers make to continue succeeding in leadership roles, and to fully expose girls to STEM career opportunities even as those careers continue to evolve.

Liz announced new program options, and upgraded facilities, to get girls outdoors including the horse program at Camp Four Winds, archery at Camp EE, and shooting sports at Starwoods Outdoor Center. Mini resident camps will also entice girls to experience outdoor adventures. New this year is a bridging event in May for Girl Scouts across Kansas, hosted at the Keeper of the Plains on the Arkansas River in Wichita. GSKH has partnered with Textron Aviation to host an epic badge workshop in October called, Leadership Takes Flight with Textron Aviation.

A call to action was issued by Liz for all members to promote the organization and share the positive impact of Girl Scouting. A new, limited-time opportunity was announced for volunteers who have a minimum of 10 years of service. Through the month of April, those volunteers can purchase a lifetime membership in Girl Scouts for $200, which is half the regular fee.

The Juliette’s Pearls Leadership Society supports the council and holds an annual luncheon to raise funds. This year’s event is April 13 and features Sheila Bair, former Chair of the FDIC. Liz extended an invitation to council members.

Liz promoted the opportunity to make a planned gift to the council and recognized those who have met that challenge: Shelly Harris of Salina, Arnold and Freda Hudspeth, Sandy Remsberg, and Sharon Bastian, all of Wichita.
Board Development Committee Report

Helen Wimsatt, Board Development Committee member, was introduced and presented the slate of nominees for the Board of Directors:

Chair (Three-year term, 2019-2022)
   Helen Wimsatt

Second Vice-Chair (Three-year term, 2019-2022)
   Stacy Root

Treasurer (Three-year term, 2019-2022)
   Mandy Stark

Secretary (Re-elect, Three-year term, 2019-2022)
   Sharon Rye

Members-At-Large (Re-elect, Three-year term, 2019-2022)
   Chad Glenn
   Allie Medina
   Tyrena Judie

Members-At-Large (Three-year term, 2019-2022)
   Tara Laughlin
   Stacy Mill

Acknowledging there were no nominations from the floor submitted to the Board Development Committee, the nominations were declared closed and the slate of nominees for the Board of Directors was adopted by acclamation.

Helen Wimsatt presented the slate of nominees for the Board Development Committee:

   Board Member (Three-year term, 2019-2022)
      Patricia Dengler

   Non-Board Member (Re-elect, Three-year term, 2019-2022)
      Terri Schmitz

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Newly elected members of the Board of Directors and Board Development Committee took an oath of office delivered by Arnold Hudspeth.

Arnold turned the meeting over to the newly elected Chair, Helen Wimsatt.
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Girl Scout Recognitions

Helen recognized members of the Board of Directors and Board Development Committee whose terms concluded at this meeting.

Martha Brewer
Jeremy Coleman
Barbara Davis
Dr. Paula Fried
Abi Griffin
Susan Swift
Troy Unruh

Helen honored Arnold Hudspeth with words of praise and gratitude, and thanked him for his service to the council and Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

Helen introduced Sheryl Stanley, member of the Gold Award Scholarship Committee to present a certificate to the 2019 recipient, Alicia Thurston.

Recipients of the 2019 George W. and Jayne S. Smith Scholarships, McKenzie Beard, Kourtney Hawkins, Dalyn McFee, and Nena Taylor; were presented certificates by committee members, Sharon Bastian, Patricia Dengler, and Sandy Remsberg, and Director of Human Resources, Jennifer Urban.

Jerry Primm, Director of Property, and Gretchen Jennings, Volunteer Support Specialist, awarded Riley Padget-Cook with the Prudential Spirit of Community silver medallion in recognition of her outstanding community service. Riley will travel to Washington D.C. in May to represent Kansas at the national awards event.

The Medal of Honor, one of two lifesaving awards issued by Girl Scout of the United States of America, was presented to Lori Stanton. As a Girl Scout Ambassador in December, 2017, Lori witnessed a car accident, called 911 and gave aid to the victim until help arrived.

The meeting was adjourned.

[Signatures]

(Minutes Approval Committee)