

GIRL SCOUTS—DAKOTA HORIZONS, INC.
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
Hosted by: Girl Scouts—Dakota Horizons Southeast District
MINUTES – DRAFT VERSION
April 4, 2020
(Held virtual via GoTo Webinar due to COVID 19)

1. Call to Order

President Jennifer Baloun called the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of Girl Scouts—Dakota Horizons to order at 1:57 pm CST/ 12:57 MT on Saturday, April 4th, 2020 from her location in the Southwest District in Rapid City, SD. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the meeting was held virtually via GoTo Webinar with participants logged in from their homes in Rapid City, SD, Sioux Falls, SD, Bismarck, ND, Minot, ND, Grand Forks, ND, Fargo, ND and many locations in between. (Prior to the call to order, moderator Tara Brady, opened with moderator comments.)

The Presentation of Colors was carried out via a slide featuring a photo of Ana W. - Southeast District Troop 40265.

2. Credentials Report

Jackie Swanstrom, Director of Governance and Executive Support reported that the number of delegates connected was over 45 with each district represented. Quorum was met. (Quorum = 43).

3. Approve Agenda

Jennifer Baloun, Chair of the board assumed the motion to approve the business meeting agenda as presented. A second was not necessary. Only delegates were eligible to vote. Voting was completed via the poll option in the GoTo webinar platform.

4. 2019 Business Meeting Minutes

The 2019 Annual Business Meeting Minutes were presented in the meeting packet. Jennifer Baloun, Chair of the board assumed the motion to approve the 2019 Annual Business Meeting Minutes as presented. A second was not necessary. Only delegates were eligible to vote. Voting was completed via the poll option in the GoTo webinar platform.

5. Review of 2019 Financial Report

CFO Dale Norton provided an overview of the 2019 Annual Report provided in the meeting packet. Expenses are broken down into three (3) categories: Program Service, Management & General, and Fundraising. Overall, Council was under budget in Expenses by about 4%. The Statement of Financial Position A/K/A Balance Sheet shows most categories remain favorable with prior year. Long term debt is down and custodial account balances are up. The Council is financially stable with ten (10) months of operating reserves- well within the recommendation of GSUSA, and an increase from prior year.

6. President’s Report

Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons’ Board President Jennifer Baloun shared that the primary goal is safety while carrying out the mission during the current pandemic. Jennifer further shared that in the past year the board met quorum for all board meetings and most recently they unanimously supported the Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program application. In closing, Jennifer thanked everyone for attending.

7. CEO

Chief Executive Officer Marla Meyer provided a report as follows:

- Thank you to Jennifer Baloun for her leadership.
- Council will continue to work through the unknown.
- Congratulations to the 2 winners of the early registration incentive.
- Many accomplishments in the past year:
 - Membership exceeded goals and showed a 1% growth
 - Membership outpaced the movement
 - The past year was the third year of serving more girls
 - Over 12,000 people participated in programs
 - Over 13,000 badges were earned
 - Staff remains committed to the mission with 100% employee giving in 2019.
 - Strong appreciation for council volunteers
 - In 2020 Council will continue to be adaptable, nibble and safe as we always have and will prevail as Girl Scouts do.

8. Report from the Board Development Committee

Marie Ruetters, Board Development Committee member, submitted the Northwest District Slate to the Northwest District Delegates for vote:

NW District

Name	Term Expiration	
Dot Frank	2022	Electing to second term
Laura Lueder	2022	Electing to second term

A motion was made by Marie Ruetters, on behalf of the Board Development Committee, to approve the Slate as presented. Only delegates in the select district were eligible to vote. Voting was completed via the poll option in the GoTo webinar platform. Motion Carried.

Marie Ruetters submitted the Southeast District Slate to the Southeast District Delegates for vote:

SE District

Name	Term Expiration	
Tracy Munce	2022	Electing to third term
Ashley Hall	2022	Electing to second term
Linda Salmonson	2022	Electing to third term

A motion was made by Marie Ruetters, on behalf of the Board Development Committee, to approve the Slate as presented. Only delegates in the select district were eligible to vote. Voting was completed via the poll option in the GoTo webinar platform. Motion Carried. Motion carried.

Marie Ruetters submitted the Northeast District Slate to the Northeast District Delegates for vote:

NE District

Name	Term Expiration	
Amanda Keller	2022	Electing to second term
Suzette Klose	2022	Electing to first term

A motion was made by Marie Ruetters, on behalf of the Board Development Committee, to approve the Slate as presented. Only delegates in the select district were eligible to vote. Voting was completed via the poll option in the GoTo webinar platform. Motion Carried. Motion carried.

Marie Ruetters submitted the Southwest District Slate to the Southwest District Delegates for vote:

SW District

Name	Term Expiration	
Marie Ruetters	2022	Electing to second term

A motion was made by Marie Ruetters, on behalf of the Board Development Committee, to approve the slate as presented. Only delegates in the select district were eligible to vote. Voting was completed via the poll option in the GoTo webinar platform. Motion Carried. Motion carried.

Marie Ruetters submitted the Council’s **Board Development Committee** Slate to all of the Delegates for vote:

Board Development Committee:

Name	Term Expiration	District	
Ashley Bakkegard	2022	NE	Electing to second term
Valerie Loudenback	2022	SE	Electing to second term
Laurie Knutson	2022	SE	Electing to first term
Marie Ruetters	2022	SW	Electing to second term
Travis Engelhardt	2022	NW	Electing to second term

A motion was made by Marie Ruetters, on behalf of the Board Development Committee, to approve the slate as presented. Only delegates were eligible to vote. Voting was completed via the poll option in the GoTo webinar platform. Motion Carried. Motion carried.

Marie Ruetters submitted the Council’s **National Convention Session Delegates and Alternate Delegates** Slate to all of the Delegates for vote:

National Convention Session Delegates and Alternate Delegates:

Name	District	Role
Grace Payton	SW District	Girl Delegate
Isabelle Schild	SW District	Girl Delegate
Emma Shea	SE District	Girl Delegate
Rose VanNelson	NE District	Girl Delegate
Jane VanHatten	NE District	Adult Delegate
Johanna Best	SW District	Adult Delegate
Jennifer Baloun*	SW District	Adult Delegate
Evelynn Longtime	NE District	Alternate Girl Delegate
Grace Rockwell	NW District	Alternate Girl Delegate
Alexis Knobloch	SE District	Alternate Girl Delegate
Wendy Dailey	SE District	Alternate Adult Delegate
Tara Mitchner	NW District	Alternate Adult Delegate
Lisa Schild	SW District	Alternate Adult Delegate

A motion was made by Marie Ruetters, on behalf of the Board Development Committee, to approve the slate as presented. Only delegates were eligible to vote. Voting was completed via the poll option in the GoTo webinar platform. Motion Carried. Motion carried.

9. Girl Scout Experiences:

One girl delegate from each of the four districts spoke about her experience in Girl Scouts.

Delegates sharing input on behalf of their Service Units in regard to the two (2) key topics questions were reminded to provide their responses via the Jotform previously provided.

- *As we evolve our Outdoor programs, what activities would you like to see included to interest girls and volunteers?*
- *What one or two things could Council or service units do to more effectively retain troop co-leaders in order to serve more girls?*

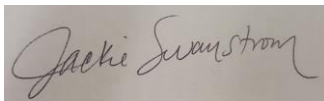
Adjournment:

There being no further business, the virtual meeting was adjourned at 2:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brianna Myers, Secretary



Jackie Swanstrom, Recorder