

GIRL SCOUTS—DAKOTA HORIZONS, INC.
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
Hosted by: Girl Scouts—Dakota Horizons Southwest District
MINUTES – DRAFT VERSION
April 12, 2022
(Held virtual via GoTo Webinar)

1. Call to Order

Vice President Valerie Loudenback called the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of Girl Scouts—Dakota Horizons to order at 7:01 p.m. Central Time / 6:01 p.m. Mountain Time on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 from her location in the Southeast District in Sioux Falls, SD. 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 photos of girls from Southwest District Troop 76326 (Rapid City, SD).

2. Credentials Report

Jackie Swanstrom, Director of Governance and Executive Support reported that the number of delegates connected was 36 with each district represented. Quorum was achieved.

3. Approve Agenda

Vice President Valerie Loudenback 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. Motion Carried.

4. 2021 Business Meeting Minutes

The 2021 Annual Business Meeting Minutes were presented in the meeting packet. Vice President Valerie Loudenback assumed the motion to approve the 2021 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. Motion Carried.

5. Review of 2021 Financial Report

CFO Dale Norton provided an overview of the 2021 Annual Report provided in the meeting packet. Statement of Activities is comprised of Public Support and Revenue as well as Expenses. Expenses are broken down into three (3) categories: Program Service, Management & General, and Fundraising. Most asset categories remain favorable to prior year. Cash came in flat, investments were quite favorable, liabilities increased and debt was cut substantially. The Council is financially stable with 12.5 months of operating reserves- well within the recommendation of GSUSA, and an increase from prior year. Overall, Council was in a solid financial position. The Council is focused on serving the mission in a fiscally responsible manner and making every experience for the girls, members, volunteers and staff the best that it can be.

6. President’s Report

Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons’ Board President Jennifer Baloun shared via a slide read out loud by Valerie Loudenback highlighting that the 16 board members were actively involved and all donated personally to Girl Scouts and helped find new donors. There was an in-person board retreat with a focused on property planning. It was also shared how there was another year of a clean audit and a sound budget to support mission. A 3-year charter with GSUSA was secured and marketing materials were updated to reflect the new logo and branding. The strategic priorities always focus on serving the girls.

7. CEO

Chief Executive Officer Marla Meyer provided a report as follows:

- Thank you to all those on the meeting- consistently “wowed”.
- Council will continue to stay focused on Girls and girl experiences.
- Congratulations to the 3 winners of the early registration incentive.
- Highlights:
 - Iconic trefoil unifies the movement.
 - Membership showed a solid renewals.
 - Six unique live events held virtually in place of in-person recruitments.
 - Outreach opportunities across various states.
 - 2021 focus on resilience and being robust.
 - Four pillars: Life Skills, Entrepreneurship, Outdoor, STEM.
 - Higher Awards- nearly 200 recipients.
 - 110 years as a movement is a great achievement.
 - Looking forward to being intentional, curious, creative, and intentional in 2022.
 - Thrive mindset.

8. Report from the Board Development Committee

Laura Lueder, Board Development Chair, submitted the Northwest District Slate to the Northwest District Delegates for vote:

NW District

Name	Term Expiration	
Laura Lueder	2024	Electing to Third Term
Erica Johnsrud	2024	Electing to Second Term

A motion was made by Laura Lueder, 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.

Laura Lueder submitted the Southeast District Slate to the Southeast District Delegates for vote:

SE District

Name	Term Expiration	
Ashley Hall	2024	Electing to Third Term
Linda Salmonson	2024	Electing to Fourth Term
Lori Clausen	2024	Electing to Second Term

A motion was made by Laura Lueder, 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.

Laura Lueder submitted the Northeast District Slate to the Northeast District Delegates for vote:

NE District

Name	Term Expiration	
Sue Klose	2024	Electing to Second Term
Casey Sanders-Berglund	2024	Electing to Second Term

A motion was made by Laura Lueder, 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.

Laura Lueder submitted the Southwest District Slate to the Southwest District Delegates for vote:

SW District

Name	Term Expiration	
Marie Ruetters	2024	Electing to Third Term

A motion was made by Laura Lueder, 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.

Laura Lueder submitted the Council's **Board Development Committee** Slate to all of the Delegates for vote:

Board Development Committee:

Name	Term Expiration	District	
Laura Lueder	2024	NW	Electing to Second Term
Britt Ingersoll	2024	NE	Electing to Second Term
Valerie Loudenback	2024	SE	Electing to Third Term
Marie Ruetters	2024	SW	Electing to Third Term
Laurie Knutson	2024	SE	Electing to Second Term
Megan Howard	2024	SE	Electing to First Term
Billie Jo Lorus	2024	NW	Electing to First Term

A motion was made by Laura Lueder, 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.

Laura Lueder 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
Samantha Meehl	NW District	Girl Delegate
Grace Payton	SW District	Girl Delegate
Taylor Johanneson	SE District	Girl Delegate
Margaret Dailey	SE District	Girl Delegate
Sarah Krogfoss	NE District	Adult Delegate/ Chaperone
Jennifer Baloun	SW District	Adult Delegate
Harriet Boltjes	SE District	Alternate Girl Delegate
Madison Zimmerman	NW District	Alternate Girl Delegate
Brooklyn Gerzewski	NE District	Alternate Girl Delegate
Anastasia Wood	SE District	Alternate Girl Delegate
Jackie Owen	NE District	Alternate Adult Delegate
Kathy Peppenger-Reardon	SE District	Alternate Adult Delegate

A motion was made by Laura Lueder, 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.

9. Girl Scout Experiences:

Four girls from across Council spoke about their experience in Girl Scouts. Highlights include: Olivia V.- It was fun to have a weekend in Denver, CO at the zoo, aquarium, and butterfly center. Horseback riding, camping, and planting a tree at Storybook Island were special events too. Loves Girl Scouts because she always has a friend that understands.

Laney G.- Favorite event was camping with her troop. Loved snow hiking and survival skills. Girl Scouts allowed her to make great memories.

Arabella A.- Amplify Adventure at the state park was a favorite event. There were so many different activities and she is excited to use the skills and have fun.

Yvee G.- The cookie program is her favorite and she likes all the skills she is learning. She wants to start her own business someday. Cookie University has helped her to know lots of important skills so she can be more confident when selling. This is important to her as she wants to reach her goals.

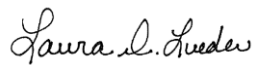
Closing remarks of gratitude

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the virtual meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Central Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Swanstrom, Recorder



Laura Lueder, Secretary