



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

Meeting held on Friday, May 21, 2021

Mother Load Fairgrounds, Sierra Building, Sonora, CA

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by SNGH Dan McCormick. SGNR Dave Otero was asked to lead those assembled in the pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call. Present – SNGH Dan McCormick, Russ Chapman, Jeff Winn, John Wrobel, Brian Nash, SGNR Dave Otero, Steve Myers, Ken Jaques, Jim Cirner, VSNGH Gregg Simas, Mark Hall-Patton, Liam Driskill, Lyle Ducheneaux, Brandon Wilding, Proctor Pupae Gary Parrott. Absent: Bill Wensrich

There were 14 Proctors present. The quorum requirement of 8 was met and the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

3. **1:10 P.M. Samuel Clemens Outpost No. 1856**

The President Aaron Soraci and Vice President Jeff Leek were not present. Chosen delegates and XNGH from Snowshoe Thompson No. 1827; Bill Sovinsky, Jordan, Bo, Red Beard and Barry came in and talked to their past year's activities; 2

Candlelight Doins, 4-way doins, Widders Ball, Highway Cleanups, 2 Plaquing's. The Outpost could not do any volunteer work due to Covid. They are planning on an overnight doins in June.

They added 18 new members since the last visit and now have approximately 145 members. 20 to 30 Brothers attend their monthly meetings. The members moving up have 3 to 6 years of experience as Clampers. 4 of the original members are on the board. They oversee the Outpost. The current President will soon move onto the board.

They have their own bank accounts. They are independent of Snowshoe Thompson. Their General Account has a minimum \$2000.00 at all times and the Hawker Account varies depending upon the stuff we buy. It usually has between \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00. Today they are over \$5,000.00. They might create a Widders & Orphans Account to be used for charity.

Snowshoe Thompson Statement: They are very good. They are well liked by the towns out there in Humboldt County. They have put some nice plaques. One of their plaques is right on the Courthouse. Their communication with us is strong. The local airport out there has contacted them to put up a plaque on a historical air beacon.

4. 1:20 P.M. South Pass '67ers Outpost No. 1867

Ed Ransford, Ryan Hamilton, Dustin Newman, Nicholas Newman, Oakie NGH of Chapter No. 100, XSNGH John Magnuson.

They had 35 members in 2020 and now have 61 members in 2021. 15 Brother's attend monthly meetings. We are very spread out.

The outpost was asked if the outpost is standing on their own financially? Daniel Boone: We have \$6000.00 in our General Account and \$3000.00 in the Hawker Account.

The outpost seemed to get good participation from the chapters around them. They are supporting each other in the region. They are using electronic media to let people into the meetings that may not be able to drive that far. It was recognized that other small chapters that have geographic problems should adapt this also.

5. 1:40 P.M. Abernathy/Gray Outpost No. 1792

Keith Spangle, Charles Rising, Clint Brown Doc Maynard, Joe Fineman, Joshua Wheatley NGH Doc Maynard, Daniel Mancuso, NGH Umpqua Joe, Keith Ball, Wright Allen and XNGH Bob Tensfeld attended.

Keith Spangle: Keith said that Abernathy/Gray Outpost No. 1792, Outpost of Doc Maynard must dissolve. This was due to legal proceedings from a previous member Wes Edwards. Wes stepped down from his role. He shut down the Outpost and took the money. He filed a Police report and took punitive actions against the outpost. We are no longer allowed to use the Abernathy/Gray name. We have a different group of officers. We are now called Sam Barlow 33 Historical Society.

Keith Spangle further clarified that there was complete dissolution of the Abernathy/Gray Outpost No. 1792 corporation name. They have been in communication with the lawyers and are at a mutual spot. In addition it was stated that Sam Barlow 33 Historical Society is a new corporation that is fully incorporated and has insurance.

Spangle stated that they have met all GC guidelines. We are at the same status we were at before dissolving Abernathy/Gray. It was recognized that there was a post on Facebook acknowledging the fact of the dissolution of Abernathy/Gray Outpost and the corporate status of it.

Spangle noted that prior to the dissolution there was some negotiations with the leaders of Doc Maynard Chapter and Umpqua Joe Chapter who conferred and that Umpqua Joe will take over as sponsor to the new group called Sam Barlow 33 Historical Society. The group acknowledged it made sense because they are an Oregon group. The outpost expressed appreciation for all the hard work Doc Maynard did with us to keep things moving.

6. 1:58 P.M. Irish Kate Barrett Outpost No. 1858

Matt Christensen, Eric Slater, Dain Wharton, Joshua Wheatley, Doc Maynard NGH, XNGH Bob Tensfeld, attended.

Eric Slater said they did their best with the pandemic this last year. They were able to put up a plaque in October. They had about 60 Brother's attend. They were able to do some charity at Thanksgiving. At Christmas the outpost was able to give out over a hundred stockings to Orphans. They started a once-a-week bean brigade that serves hot beans, corn bread, hot coco and coffee out to the community. They will be transitioning that to sack lunches in the future. They are trying to stay as active as possible during covid. The Outpost has 69 local members and have 20 to 30 members show up at monthly meetings.

Joshua Wheatley said they are functioning independently. For the past 3 years all the events, plaques have been on us.

7. 2:15 Special Bodie Chapter No. 64 Break

Bodie came in with some special libations for the BOP and serenaded Gregg with the Do-Da song.

8. 2:20 P.M. Copper Queen Outpost No. 1915

Joe Macduff, Mitch Miller, PXP - Gene Dunker, Bob Mosley, Gunny, Julia C. Bulette NGH Fred Eldred attended.

The presentation started with Joe Macduff talking to the large support they have from their neighboring chapters and outposts. They have 275 members with 15 to 30 members who attend the monthly meetings. Even with covid they donated over \$2000.00 to various local charities.

A member has donated property that has 2 acres with a barn on it to the Outpost. The barn came out of Virginia City originally over 100 years ago. They have to do due diligence with insurance, lawyers etc. After a couple of more plaques this year, they will begin focusing on this.

9. 2:30 P.M. Jesse Lee Reno Outpost No. 1422

Matt Medeiros, Tim Leosch, John Jangula, Gary Fontaine NGH of Lucinda J. Saunders No. 1881, Larry Juden

Matt Medeiros presented a check for \$750.00 for the ECV Historic Preservation Fund. He talked to their activities over the last year with Doins, Community

Donations, such as toys at Christmas and Easter baskets. They participated in an Austin, NV. 4-way Doins with Lucida, Snowshoe Thompson, Samuel Clemons Outpost. There were 4 plaques erected. They had our Spring April Foolery Doins at Rye Patch, 150 plus people attending. They had a successful good year even with covid. They have over 250 members with about 55-60 active members. The Outpost has a very strong relationship with Lucinda J. Saunders Chapter No. 1881.

10. 2:47 P.M. Pio Pico No. 1801

John Perez, Tirian Remmer, Downieville NGH Carl Salinas, Gilbert Elvira, Bill Rausch, NGH Sam Brannan No. 1004 Archie Eckles, NGH Yerba Buena No. 1 Chris Carney, Kai Wada Roth

Tirian Remmer spoke to the amount of volunteer work they do with food kitchens, toy drives, Easter baskets, High School scholarships. They have not plaqued but have future plaques that they listed off. They get 18 – 20 local members that attend their meetings. We are in the Yolo County and Woodland area. We want to be right with the world of Clamperdom and do everything right.

They have a list of future plaque opportunities in the territory. The first one we will do is Camp Haswell (the old Boy Scout Cabin) in Rumsey. There are some other opportunities which we have listed in our hand out book. Yolo County has listed us as a recognized Historical Group. We have for 4 years in a row now had a Historical Essay Contest at the local High School in which \$1801.00 is given to a deserving student.

The BOP expressed that they want to see more historical preservation effort. Charity is good but we need plaques.

The BOP asked if there is a need in the territory for a chapter that is so covered by Sam Brannan? Would you be able to draw enough membership? Archie Eckles; NGH of Sam Brannan No. 1001 stated that there is a need for them in the territory. Sam Brannan does not cover this area. They have a open ended Trespass Agreement that Loren Wilson wrote. Sam Brannan would like to help them achieve Chapter status. They will give them the territory if they Charter.

It was asked why Downieville Chapter No. 1849 was the sponsor? John Perez said that Sam Brannan has sponsored Outpost groups in the past and they have not

worked out well for them, in example Doc Semple. Sam Brannan said they will give them the territory if they could find a sponsor. Downieville said they would sponsor them. This territory of Yolo is shared with John A. Sutter No. 1841. Woodland is Sutter and the rest if Sam Brannan. They have a letter of support from John A. Sutter No. 1841.

Tirian ended saying they are looking for guidance. We take advice very seriously because this is serious shit!

11. Adjournment: A motion was made by XSNGH Brian Nash to adjourn and was seconded by Proctor Mark Hall-Patton. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Cirner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Cirner, SGNR
E Clampus Vitus®, Inc.



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

Meeting held on Saturday, May 22, 2021
Mother Load Fairgrounds, Sierra Building, Sonora, CA

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by SNGH Dan McCormick. Nameless Dave Otero was asked to lead those assembled in the pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call. Present – SNGH Dan McCormick, Russ Chapman, Jeff Winn, John Wrobel, Brian Nash, Dave Otero, Steve Myers, Ken Jaques, Jim Cirner, Gregg Simas, Mark Hall-Patton, Liam Driskill, Lyle Ducheneaux, Brandon Wilding, Proctor Pupae Gary Parrott. Absent: Bill Wensrich.

There were 14 Proctors present at the meeting. The quorum requirement of 8 was met and the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

3. 8:11 A.M. DIGyP Chapter No. 1.5 [Books]

XSNGH David Holmes and PxP Tim Spenser came in to give a book report. E Clampus Vitus Comes to California. David Holmes said this is the latest book. This research has changed history for E Clampus Vitus. It is definitive in who brought E Clampus Vitus to the West. That person was Joel Henry Zumwalt. The Board of Proctors were presented with a book payment of \$3,036.96. The next book to be released is a reprint of the “Now & Then” however, it will have updated information

and it will most likely be soft cover. We will try have the books made as inexpensively as possible so we can encourage chapters to buy them and give out to their Poor Blind Candidates.

Tim Spenser passed out framed photographs of the newly discovered E.C.V. Flag Cover. He appreciated the efforts and work that the San Andreas Museum has given ECV with the housing of the artifact. We are encouraging you as a board to support that museum.

4. 8:18 A.M. Sid Blumner Presentation

XSNGH Sid, XSNGH Wes Beavers, XSNGH Glenn Thornhill, Art Akouris

Sid started off by stating that he was not taking his hat off as the Sublime was his XPBC. Sid said they were going to restore an old tradition. It used to be when they had TRASH Treks the TRASH Board leaders delivered the stuff to the Proctors. We decided to restore that.

5. 8:25 A.M. Billy Holcomb Chapter Presentation

XSNGH Sid Blumner, XSNGH Wes Beavers, XSNGH Glenn Thornhill, Art Akouris, XNGH Karl White, Tim, Clampatriarch, Paul Reiner, Captain David Ziegler

Karl went over the 2019 highlights and said due to Covid they did little in 2020, however they are coming back strong with a Vituscan 4 x 4, plaque in Apple Valley and another one in October 2021.

Dan McCormick talked to a Chartering Ceremony book that was written by Dave Otero based upon the suggestion of XSNGH Sid Blumner. In the future if we have any Chartering events, we now have a ceremony to follow. A copy of it was presented to Sid.

6. 8:42 A.M. ECV Past, Present & Future

PxP Edward Hawkins and XSNGH Loren Wilson.

Eddie spoke to the history of the Mother Lode Fairgrounds with ECV. The low numbers reminded him of the first year of Grand Council in Sonora. He talked to the wall and bricks down in the Livestock area. The bricks were not being done well

and the program was stopped by mutual agreement of the Fairgrounds and ECV. There will be potentially a new Wall of Remembrance at the entry of the fairgrounds near the entry on the creek side.

Eddie announced that he will be stepping back and having PxP Mike Eckley come in as assistant coordinator at the end of next year, if all goes well. He had been looking for a replacement for years and now that Mike has moved up there from the Bay Area it is a good fit.

XSNGH Loren Wilson said he has worked with Ken Jaques, Bill Wensrich, Dan McCormick on the Wall of Remembrance. The structural calculations and plans are ready. The first part of the process is to submit these plans to the State of California to get approval.

7. 8:55 A.M. Floating Whang

Dain “BIG” Wharton and Dain “Little” Wharton.

The NGH of the Floating Whang chapter Dain “BIG” Wharton gave a report of his year. Floating Whang donated to the Cancer Society and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. There were no new members and nobody went to the Golden Hills.

8. 9:13 A.M. Nomination Report, New Pupa

The 2021 committee report showed that SNGH Dan McCormick was rolled through to X-Sublime Noble Grand Humbug, Nameless Gregg Simas was rolled over to Sublime Noble Grand Humbug, SNGR Dave Otero was elevated to Nameless and to elevate Proctor Jim Cirner to Sublime Grand Noble Recorder. In addition, XNGH Gary Parrott from Robert Leroy Parker Chapter No. 1889 was nominated to first term Proctor.

XSNGH Brian Nash was thanked for his years of service on the Board of Proctors. All positions will be effective at the close of business at the General Meeting on May 22, 2021.

Motion to approve this report as written was made by XSNGH Brian Nash. This was seconded by Mark Hall-Patton.

Motion: Passed

9. 9:16 A.M. Chapter Status Report 2020/2021

It was noted that several chapters were appreciative that Chapter dues for 2021 were waived in light of the Covid Pandemic.

There are still a few chapters that did not send in all of their information. Proctors need to be diligent and work with their chapters and outposts to receive the information, and chapters need to be more proactive to provide the information.

10. 9:21 Gold Dust Report

Dave Otero: The General Account and ECV Historic Preservation Fund (Formerly the legal fund) are in good standing, and we are solvent.

Motion: Motion to accept the report by XSNGH Brian Nash and Seconded by Liam Driskill.

Motion: Passed

11. 9:24 A.M. ECV Memorabilia @ University of The Pacific

Dave Otero had a discussion with Mike Wurtz of the Holt-Atherton Special Collections and Archives at UOP. At the origination of setting that arrangement up between UOP and ECV PxP R. Coke Wood, XSNGH Max Johnson and XSNGH Earl Schmidt signed an agreement of “Permanent Loan Status” of the ECV archives given on August 13, 1976.

The UOP has requested that ECV change that to a “Donation” of the entire collection. Everything since this original 41 boxes of documents has been donated. This original material is in a limbo status and they would like us to donate permanently this material also.

Motion: Mark Hall-Patton said that we need to donate these records. With a first right of refusal for anything that they are not going to hold on to. Mark will be

appointed to work with Mike Wurtz and write up and negotiate the agreement with University of the Pacific. Second: Brian Nash

Motion: Passed

12. 9:34 A.M. Wall of Remembrance at Sonora Fairgrounds

Gregg Simas: Motion - Should we move forward with the Wall of Remembrance that will be located at the entrance of the Mother Lode Fairgrounds?

Second: Mark Hall-Patton

Motion: Passed

Dan McCormick said the wall is supposed to be the history of ECV. The Wall of Remembrance. Significant events of people, places things in the area. The current written agreement states this.

Motion amended: Brian Nash – That we proceed to obtain the approval from the State to build the wall.

Second: Gregg Simas

Motion: Passed

13. 9:55 A.M. CARP & Hawkers Code

Proctor John Wrobel and PxP Mike Eckley

John Wrobel talked about CARP. CARP is a suborganization and would like to be the primary entity that deals with all chapters Hawkers. John read a suggested CARP Members Code of Conduct.

Mike Eckley stated they would like a letter from the Board of Proctors that shows we are the authority for all ECV Hawking.

Dave Otero: Motion – I motion that we accept CARP as being the responsible organization to negotiate with chapters for all things Hawker related.

Seconded: Steve Myers

Motion: Passed

John Wrobel will be the Board of Proctor Liaison to CARP.

14. 10:17 A.M. Break

15. 10:32 A.M. Bodie Chapter Presentation

Representatives: Molasses, Bubba, Cochran, Scooter Trash, Tony, Brian Simas
Bodie presented a check for \$564.00 to the ECV Historic Preservation Fund.

16. 10:37 A.M. Outpost Progression Nominations

Samuel L. Clemons Outpost No. 1856

Motion: To hold Samuel L. Clemons Outpost as “Provisional”

Motion: Passed

17. South Pass ‘67ers Outpost No. 1867

Motion: That we upgrade South Pass ‘67ers to “Probationary”.

Motion: Passed (**Gregg to provide verbiage in regards to Chapter status**)

18. Abernathy/Gray Outpost No. 1792

Motion: To accept Abernathy/Gray disillusionment and invite Sam Barlow 33 Historical Society to present next year for Outpost Status.

Motion: Passed

19. Irish Kate Barrett Outpost No. 1858

Motion: To elevate Irish Kate Barret to Chapter status.

Motion: Passed

20. Copper Queen Outpost No. 1915

Motion: That we retain Copper Queen at “Probationary” status for another year.

Motion: Passed

21. Jesse Lee Reno Outpost No. 1422

Motion: That Jesse Lee Reno No. 1422 be moved up to Chapter status.

Motion: Passed

22. Pio Pico No. 1801 Outpost Status Request

Motion: That we ask them to come back next year.

Motion: Passed

23. 11:00 A.M Retiring Proctor Statements:

Brian Nash stated it has been a tremendous honor to serve on this board. It was an honor to be a Sublime and I think we are in good hands with all of you.

Dan McCormick presented Brian with a certificate of thanks.

24. 11:00 A.M. General Discussion

25. Adjournment: XSNGH Brian Nash made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Proctor Mark Hall-Patton. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Cirner, SNGR

Jim Cramer

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