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

May 15–16, 2026

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1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order at 12:31 PM.

2. **Opening Ceremonies**
   Pledge of Allegiance conducted.
   General announcements were provided by Nameless.
   Roll call was conducted by the SNGR. A quorum was declared present.

3. **Roll Call.** Present were **Lyle Ducheneaux - XSNGH, Brandon Wilding - Nameless, Liam Driskill - SGNR, Jim Cirner - XSNGH, Mark Hall-Patton XSNGH, Dave Otero - XSNGH, Dan Carrion, Jesse Villarreal, Ray Fowler, Matt Christesen, Paul Renner, Bruce Robbins, Justin Schoolcraft, Jeff Winn, Darrin Williams, Dave Jensen, Brad Forsythe**

4. **Nominating Committee Report**
   The Nominating Committee presented its recommendations for officer succession and Board changes effective at the close of business on May 16, 2026. The proposed line of succession included:

   SNGH Lyle Ducheneaux advancing to XSNGH

Nameless Brandon Wilding advancing to SNGH
SGNR Liam Driskell advancing to Nameless
Proctor Jeff Winn advancing to SNGR

Changes to the Board of Proctors included:

XSNGH Dave Otero rotating off the Board
XSNGH Jim Cirner rotating off the Board
XNGH Darren Williams appointed Proctor
XNGH Dave Jensen appointed as Proctor
XNGH Brad Forsyth appointed as Proctor

Motion made by Proctor Dan Carrion and seconded by Proctor Matt Christianson. Motion carried.

5. **Gold Dust Report**
The SGNR Liam Driskell presented the financial report. Highlights included:

Annual insurance premiums paid in full.
General account balance in excess of $12,000.
Additional account balance exceeding $27,000.

The report reflected the organization's sound financial position entering the next term. Motion to accept was made by Proctor Paul Renner and seconded by Proctor Justin Schoolcraft. Motion carried.

6. **Approval of Previous Minutes**
The previous meeting minutes were presented by the SGNR Liam Driskell.

Motion: Proctor Dan Carrion
Second: XSNGH Dave Otero

Minutes were approved.

7. **SNGR Statistical Report**
The SGNR Liam Driskell presented statistical information regarding chapter and organizational activities. Discussion followed regarding current chapter performance and participation throughout the jurisdiction.

8. **Chapter Assignments**

The SGNR Liam Driskell reviewed Proctor assignments and chapter oversight responsibilities for the upcoming term. Discussion focused on maintaining consistent communication with chapters and outposts.

9. **Joe Zumwalt / Memorial Wall Presentation**
Presentations were delivered by:

Loren Wilson, XSNGH
Dan McCormick, XSNGH
Eddie Hawkins
Tanner Boone, representing the Boone Memorial

Eddie Hawkins reported that $3,500 had been paid and donated toward the wall project. The presenters discussed current memorial efforts and progress associated with the wall installation. The Wall of Comparative Ovations Committee specifically noted its appreciation that a Proctor now serves directly on the committee.

Proctor Jeff Winn currently serves as the Board representative to the committee.

A ten-page Huff Chronology document was distributed to all Proctors for review and historical reference.

10. **E Clampus Vitus Goes International Presentation**
Dave Holmes and Tim Spencer distributed copies of their publication, *E Clampus Vitus Goes International*, and presented a summary of the project.
Discussion points included:

Total book production costs are approximately $16 per copy.
Books would be offered to Hawkers at $15 each.
The suggested retail price would be $20.
All proceeds would ultimately return to the Grand Council.
Funding assistance of $4,000 was requested by the organization.

Tim Spencer also discussed future historical publishing projects currently under consideration. The Board expressed appreciation for continued preservation of Clamper history through published works.

11. **Recess**
Meeting recessed from 1:16 PM until 1:33 PM.

12. **Book Project Funding Motion**
    Following discussion of the publication project:
    Motion: Allocate $4,000 from the previously authorized $5,000 Grand Council allocation to support the Tim Spencer and Dave Holmes publication project.

    Motion: XSNGH Dave Otero
    Second: XSNGH Mark Hall Patton

    Motion carried.

13. **John C. Fremont Outpost Presentation**
    Chris Chase, XNGH of Matuca, presented on behalf of the John C. Fremont group. Information provided included:

    A comprehensive packet outlining the previous year's activities.
    Financial information.
    Membership and organizational progress.
    Future planning objectives.

    Packets were distributed to all Proctors.

14. **Pio Pico Outpost Presentation**
    The Pio Pico representatives distributed organizational and financial documents for Board review.
    Presentations included remarks from:

    Oregon Tenny, Downieville XNGH
    Chris Lopez, former Pio Pico President

    Additional financial review was provided by John Perez, NGH of Downieville, who discussed recent expenditures and stewardship of chapter resources.

15. **Sam Barlow Outpost Presentation**
    Rhett Lewis, XNGH of Umpqua Joe, introduced the presenters.
    Joe Feinman, serving as Chief Muckety Muck, provided each Proctor with:

    A commemorative piece of an axe as a keepsake.
    A business packet documenting outpost activities and accomplishments.

The Board reviewed operational progress and chapter development efforts.
XSNGH Dan McCormick spoke in support of Sam Barlow and recommended advancement to probationary status.

16. **Chief Solano / YB1 Report**
Chief Solano was introduced by representatives from YB1.
Nick "Taco" Sosa, Chief/Humbug, presented on behalf of Chief Solano and provided an update on recent activities, growth, and organizational efforts.

17. **Outpost Assessment Reviews**
The Nameless Brandon Wilding introduced a new assessment and grading system intended to standardize review criteria for all Outposts.
The SNGH Lyle Ducheneaux explained:

The purpose of periodic assessments.
Evaluation criteria.
Expectations for future chapter growth.
How assessments influence advancement decisions.

Extensive discussion followed regarding consistency and transparency in evaluations.

18. **John C. Fremont**
Following discussion:
Motion: Advance John C. Fremont to Provisional Status.

Motion: XSNGH Dave Otero
Second: XSNGH Mark Hall Patton

Motion carried.

19. **Pio Pico**
SGNR Liam Driskell recommended advancement based on performance and development.
Motion: Advance Pio Pico to Provisional Status.

Motion: XSNGH Dave Otero
Second: SGNR Liam Driskell

After discussion, the motion was carried.

20. **Sam Barlow**
Proctor Matt Christianson presented the official assessment report.
A motion was made to maintain Sam Barlow at its current outpost level.

Motion: XSNGH Dave Otero

Second: Proctor Dan Carrion
Motion carried.
A subsequent motion was made to maintain Sam Barlow at Fledgling Status.

Motion: Proctor Justin Schoolcraft
Second: Proctor Dan Carrion

Following discussion, the motion was carried.

21. **Hawker / C.A.R.P. Report**
The Board received an update regarding Hawker policies and procedures. Key discussion points included:

Policy revisions are currently underway.
Website updates are planned.
Publication of revised guidance and requirements for Hawkers.

The Board reviewed administrative improvements intended to streamline future operations.

22. **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 3:16 PM

May 16, 2026

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM

2. **Chapter Presentations**
Presentations were provided by:

Snowshoe Thompson
Dr. Sid Blumner, XSNGH
Lost Dutchman
Billy Holcomb Chapter of ECV

Each group shared updates concerning chapter activities, membership, finances, projects, and future plans.

3. **Alberta Chapter Initiative**
   XSNGH Ken Berry and his team distributed membership packets and information regarding the formation and development of an Alberta-based chapter of E Clampus Vitus.
   The Board received updates on progress and outreach efforts associated with expansion into Alberta.

4. **Billy Holcomb Annual Report**
   Representatives of the Billy Holcomb Chapter distributed annual reports to all Proctors and summarized accomplishments from the preceding year.

5. **Dumbellican Brotherhood Presentation**
   XSNGH Wes Beavers presented information regarding the Dumbellican Brotherhood and related activities.

6. **Clamper of the Year**
   Tim Naoli, XNGH of Billy Holcomb Chapter, was recognized as Clamper of the Year.

7. **Hospitality**
   XSNGH Dan McCormick and VNGH General Lee Cypher of Major William Downie hosted a Bloody Mary bar for attendees.

8. **Committee Reports**
   100th Anniversary Committee
   Proctor Paul Renner presented ongoing planning efforts for the organization's 100th Anniversary celebration.
   Highlights included:

   Celebration begins in May 2031.
   The celebration concludes in May 2032.
   Year-long commemorative activities.
   Distribution of committee meeting minutes.
   Several recommendations for Board consideration over the next five years.

   Discussion focused on long-range planning and opportunities for chapter participation.

9. **Big Meeting Committee**

SGNR Liam Driskell presented the Big Meeting Committee report and discussed future planning considerations for upcoming Grand Council events.

10. **Territory Map Committee**

Proctor Bruce Robbins provided an update on the development of an updated territory map.
Challenges discussed included:

Obtaining chapter logos.
Maintaining consistency in chapter branding.
Incorporating new outposts and jurisdictions.

11. **Printing Costs and Digital Communications**

Nameless Brandon Wilding presented a detailed review of organizational printing expenses. Significant observations included:

Printing costs now exceed the rental cost of the Mother Lode Fairgrounds during Grand Council.
Advertising expenses exceed the operational cost of hosting the event.
Significant savings could be realized through increased digital distribution.

Nameless Brandon Wilding and SGNR Liam Driskell jointly recommended transitioning away from printed materials whenever practical. Discussions followed regarding:

Electronic proclamations versus mailed proclamations.
Cost savings.
Member accessibility.
Preservation of tradition.

Both supporting and opposing viewpoints were presented and discussed.

12. **Chapter Updates**

Each Proctor provided a chapter status report covering:

Membership growth
Events
Historical projects
Financial conditions

Challenges and successes within assigned jurisdictions

General discussion followed.

13. **Humbugs Meeting**
Nameless Brandon Wilding provided guidance concerning:

Proper use of ECV trademarks
Merchandise sales
Licensing considerations
Hawking requirements

SGNR Liam Driskell provided updates regarding:

Online chapter presence
Website standards
Digital communications
Social media visibility and consistency

Information was shared with all chapter representatives.

14. **Fairgrounds Committee Report**
The Fairgrounds Committee delivered a comprehensive first-year review of operations. Topics covered included:

Successes achieved during the inaugural year.
Operational challenges encountered.
Financial and logistical considerations.
Lessons learned.
Recommendations for future improvements.

The Board discussed options for refining operations and enhancing future Grand Council experiences.

Regards,
Jeffrey Winn
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