

Girl Scouts of Connecticut

Annual Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2008

Crowne Plaza, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

- I. Opening Ceremony – Conducted by Troop 62237 Portland, CT
Troop 65520 Marlborough, CT
Troop 65596 Marlborough, CT
- II. Welcome – Peggy Jerrell, Board Chair
Jennifer Smith Turner, Chief Executive Officer
- III. Keynote Speaker – Linda P. Foreman
Secretary of the National Board of Directors

Business meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Peggy Jerrell, Board Chair.

Dr. Mark Schilansky - Certified Professional Parliamentarian, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, was introduced.

- IV. Credentials – Carolyn Witt, Secretary
There were 73 voting members in attendance.
All 8 of the Regions had 2 or more Representatives.
There was a quorum present for the meeting.
- V. Rules – Peggy Jerrell, Board Chair

MOTION: Adrienne Farrar-Houel moved to adopt the Standing Rules of Order for the Annual Meeting of the Girl Scouts of Connecticut; voting members were told that paper ballots would be used to vote on the slate of nominations.

- An amendment was made to set aside 6.5 and vote on this rule alone.
- A second amendment was made to also set aside 6.6 from the approval of the Standing Rules of Order for the Annual meeting and vote on this rule alone, and not limit consideration for the time to discuss the slate.
- Both motions to amend passed.

The main motion as amended, to adopt the Standing Rules of Order for the Annual Meeting of the Girl Scouts of Connecticut excluding 6.5 & 6.6 (for consideration individually), passed. There were 61 in favor and 11 opposed.

A motion was made to amend rule 6.5 to read “will not exceed 12 minutes per proposal of the by-laws.”

- An amendment was made to strike 12 minutes and change it to 4 minutes. The amendment failed, 32 in favor and 38 opposed.
- The main motion, as amended, that discussion on rule 6.5 would be allowed for 12 minutes passed , 38 in favor and 33 opposed.

MOTION: Cathy Ko moved to amend rule 6.6 by striking 20 minutes and replacing it with “40 minutes.”

- During discussion: the question was called, motion passed by a 2/3 majority.

Motion as amended passed by a majority.

VI. The Agenda was adopted as printed by a majority vote upon a motion by Carolyn Witt.

VII. The Minutes of the April 30, 2008 meeting were approved with no corrections by a majority vote upon a motion by Carolyn Witt.

VIII. Amendments to the Bylaws

Resolution #1

- A motion was made by Adrienne Farrar-Houel to approve resolution #1 as presented. The motion passed by a 2/3 majority.

Resolution #2

- A motion was made by Adrienne Farrar-Houel to approve resolution #2 as presented. The motion passed by a 2/3 majority vote.

During Discussion: a request was made to postpone action on Resolution #2 until #6 and # 9 are voted on. No objections were noted, so the vote was held after #6 and #9.

Resolution #3

- A motion was made by Adrienne Farrar-Houel to approve resolution #3 as presented.
 - A motion made by Lorraine Westervelt to divide the resolution into two parts for voting; passed unanimously.
 - A motion was made to amend part one of the resolution to strike “three (3) times”

and insert “two (2) times”. The motion passed by a 2/3 majority vote.

- A motion was made to approve the second part of the resolution as presented. During discussion the question was called and motion passed by a 2/3 majority. The motion on the second part of the resolution passed by a 2/3 majority vote.

Resolution #4

- A motion was made by Adrienne Farrar-Houel to approve resolution #4 as presented. The motion passed by a 2/3 majority vote.

Resolution #5

- A motion was made by Adrienne Farrar-Houel to approve resolution #5 as presented. The motion passed by a 2/3 majority vote.

Resolution #6

- A motion was made by Adrienne Farrar-Houel to approve resolution #6 as presented. The motion passed by a 2/3 majority vote.

Resolution #7

- A motion was made by Adrienne Farrar-Houel to approve resolution #7 as presented. The motion failed, 32 in favor and 48 opposed.

A concern was raised from the floor regarding the vote on Resolution #7. The total votes of 80 exceed the number of voting members (73) in attendance at the meeting. A re-vote was then held, and the motion failed, 34 in favor and 38 opposed.*

Resolution #8

- A motion was made by Adrienne Farrar-Houel to approve resolution #8 as presented.
 - An amendment was made by Carolyn Witt that “Newly Revised” is part of the book title referenced and should remain in resolution #8. The amendment passed.

The motion as amended passed by a 2/3 majority vote.

Resolution # 9

- A motion was made by Adrienne Farrar-Houel to approve resolution #9 as presented. The motion passed by a 2/3 majority vote.

IX. Elections: Officers, Members-at-Large and Board Nominating and Development Committee

MOTION: Marsha Tolliver moved that the Slate of Nominees as presented by the Board Nominating and Development Committee for Officers of the Corporation, Members-At-Large of the Corporation and Board Nominating and Development Committee be adopted.

There were no nominations from the floor. Extensive discussion was held.

Voting was by paper ballot. Vote failed: 34 in favor, 38 opposed.

The voting delegates present were informed that the Annual Meeting would be adjourned until November 19, 2008, when there would be another vote on the election of Officers, Members-at-Large and the Board Nominating and Development Committee. The names of any candidates wishing to be nominated from the floor at this meeting must be submitted (name, where they reside and their qualifications) in writing to the Chair of the Development Committee no later than November 9, 2008 (10 days prior to the meeting).

X. New Business – Peggy Jerrell, Board Chair (None/No time*)

XI. Recognitions – Peggy Jerrell, Board Chair
Jennifer Smith Turner, Chief Executive Officer

Annual awards and recognitions were presented to 27 people. Witt gave a special recognition to Board Chair Jerrell for her service this past year to the Council.

XII. The dedication of members of the Board of Directors, and Board Development Committee was postponed to the November 19th meeting.

XIII. Closing – On a motion by Carolyn Witt, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn Breen Witt, Secretary

With assistance from
Loretta Lincoln and Lydia Granitto, GSOFCT staff

* Amended on November 19, 2008.