

GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER MISSISSIPPI 14TH ANNUAL

Virtual Meeting

Saturday, April 22, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Robin Robinson, Board Chair.

Board members present were: Barbara Travis, Betty Mallett, Charlotte Seals, Jennifer Hall, Laura Hearn, Mary Hill, Meredith Aldridge, Robin Robinson, Dan Robinson, Tina Lakey and Sarah Palmer.

Board development committee member present was Erica Webber-Jones.

Guests on the call were Greg Goodwiller, Parliamentarian, and Ms. Kimberly Strong, CPA of Harper, Raines and Knight.

The meeting was opened with the invocation led by Dan Robinson. He was followed by Senior Girl Scout Anna Stenmark from Troop 3382 with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout law.

There were no objections to ratifying the decision of the Board to have the meeting with a video conferenced meeting. However, since our by-laws do not expressly authorize electronic meetings, the actions of today will need to be ratified at a future in-person meeting.

Robin introduced those at the virtual head table: Dr. Greg Goodwiller, Parliamentarian, Becky Traweek, CEO, Ms. Kimberly Strong, our CPA, of Harper, Raines, and Knight, our auditing firm, Charlotte Seals, Chair of the Board Development Committee, Betty Mallett, Secretary of the Board, Laura Hearn, Treasurer of the Board, Pam Britt CFO, and Sarah Edwards, COO.

Robin Robinson reviewed the accomplishments of the Council during the previous year.

Greg Goodwiller reviewed how participation in the meeting was being tracked and the participants practiced the voting process.

Robin Robinson then called Betty Mallett to give the credentials report. The report was given.

We had 83 voting members present for the meeting. Additionally, there are 47 Service Units, with 31 represented, for a total of 66%. Accordingly, both provisions in the bylaws have been met, and a quorum was present.

The count is:

11 Board Members
1 Board Development Committee Member
25 Service Unit Managers
29 Delegates
17 Life Members

There was no objection that we adopt the Credentials Report as presented.

Robin Robinson asked, to maintain our quorum, that anyone who needed to check out during the meeting do so by sending a “chat” through Zoom.

Greg Goodwiller explained the Standing Rules for the meeting.

There was no objection to accepting the Standing Rules for the meeting as presented. The Standing Rules were adopted by a majority vote.

Robin Robinson asked the voting members for a motion to accept the agenda as presented. The vote was held. The motion passed with a majority of the votes in the affirmative, and the agenda was adopted.

The minutes from the April, 2022 Annual Meeting were presented. There was one typographical error to correct. Having heard and made the correction, the minutes were approved as corrected by a majority vote.

Robin Robinson called on Board Treasurer Laura Hearn to deliver the Treasurer’s Report. After the Treasurer’s report, Robin introduced Kimberly Strong from Harper, Raines & Knight accounting firm to give the highlights of our financial position. She pointed out that we are in very good financial shape, with greater cash reserves than the previous year. Additionally, this is another year in which we have received an unmodified audit. She commended Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi for the transparency and assistance provided during the audit.

Robin Robinson asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Sandy Belcher, Hancock Service Unit, so moved. Since the report came from a committee, no second is needed. The vote was held. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as presented.

Before turning the meeting over to the chair of the Board Development Committee, Robin thanked our two members whose terms have expired, Janice Brown and Janice Touchstone, for their years of service. Robin then introduced Charlotte Seals.

Charlotte Seals, chair of the Board Development Committee, explained the method used for nominations to the Board for the Class of 2025. She thanked the members whose terms have expired for their years of service. She then presented the single slate of nominees. The two individuals nominated as new members of the board are Kimberla Little and Dr. Robert Lockett. Their biographies were supplied to voting members in their meeting packet. Current

board members being nominated for a second 3-year term are Laura Hearn, Lauren McGraw, Dr. Ron Mumbower and Barbara Travis.

Charlotte submitted this slate on behalf of the board development committee. Since the motion came from a committee, no second is required. A vote was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the Board Development Committee, Charlotte announced that there are no members rolling off the board development committee.

Robin asked if there were any new business items to discuss. There being none, the meeting was turned over to Becky Traweek, CEO, who delivered her comments, thanking those rolling off the board for their service, discussing challenges during the cookie sale and highlighting the improvements being made at Camp Wahi and Camp Iti Kana. She also invited those on the call that were interested in making a bequest to the council through the Juliette Gordon Low fund to contact her for more information.

There being no other business, Robin Robinson asked for a motion to end the meeting. The Motion was made by Lisa Hendrickson, Azalea Pines service unit, Troop 5515. There were many seconds. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.