

**Augusta County Republican Committee Meeting  
January 21, 2020**

Augusta County Government Center  
Board of Supervisor's Room  
Verona, VA

The Augusta County Republican Committee Meeting was called to order January 21, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. by chairwoman, Rebecca Simmons.

Invocation was given by Mary Beth Swemba. Jennifer Brown, 6<sup>th</sup> District Chairwoman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Noah Allen with Trump campaign repeated the Republican Creed.

Congressman Ben Cline gave an update on happenings and bills in the US Congress

Rebecca Simmons, Chair stated Gloria Stump has the Republican merchandise if anyone is interested.

**MINUTES**

**Motion by**

Fred Hollen to approve the minutes. Seconded and approved

**Chairs Report**

Chairwomen Rebecca Simmons stated Executive Committee worked on the Mass Meeting Call

**Treasurer's Report**

Rebecca Simmons reported at balance of \$2,441.17 in the treasury. Approved for file. Copy of report attached.

**Vice Chair of Programs**

Jimmy Brenneman, not in a

**Vice Chair of Communication**

Austin Armentrout stated the ACRC website was up for renewal February 7, 2020. Annual cost to renew \$145.39 includes domain name, email and website. Currently with Go Daddy.

**Motion by**

Jean Shrewsbury: So, move that we agree to extend the contract for another year and that we allocate sufficient funds to cover the expense. Seconded and carried

**Vice Chair of Precincts**

No report due to resignation of Mary Beth Swemba

**Rules and Resolutions Committee**

Mona Huffer, chair, reported committee had copy of Mass Meeting Call to be reviewed and voted on

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chair Rebecca Simmons asked if any nominations for Riverheads Magisterial Chair and Vice chair of Precincts

**Motions by:**

Mary Seay to postpone to mass meeting. The motion was out of order.

Mary amended motion to suspend the rules. Seconded and carried.

Mary Seay to delay motion for Vice Chair of Precincts and Riverheads Magisterial Chair positions until after the mass meeting. Seconded and carried

Jennifer Brown, 6<sup>th</sup> District Chair explained the importance of the Mass Meeting.

## **Augusta County Republican Committee Meeting**

**January 21, 2020**

**Page 2**

### **Review of Mass Meeting Call**

#### **Motions by**

Mary Seay to dispense with reading of the Mass Meeting draft. Seconded and approved

After a discussion of the Mass Meeting draft, Chair Rebecca Simmons asked the pleasure of the committee for those wanting to complete during the meeting to stand. Asked for those wanting to come back a different day to stand. The vote 13 to 13, Chair Simmons voted to come back January 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 with location being announced if Government Center was not available.

#### **Motion by**

Scott Seaton to table until January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Government Center. Seconded and approved.

### **RWGA Update**

Anne Seaton, President, gave an update of RWGA activities. Invitation extended to ACRA members to attend the Valentine Dinner, February 10, 2020 at the Smokehouse.

#### **Individuals invited to speak**

Curt Lilly, candidate for Central Region Vice Chair of the 6<sup>th</sup> District

Jennifer Brown, 6<sup>th</sup> District Chairwoman

Noah Allen, Trump campaign

Steve Troxell, State Central Committee

### **Board of Supervisors**

Pam Carter, Pastures District, gave an update on board activities.

#### **Motion by**

Scott Seaton to recess until January 28, 2020 at 7:00

**January 28, 2020**

**Page 3**

ACRC reconvened January 28, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. at Augusta County Government Center for the purpose of revising Mass Meeting draft. Following changes were made as listed:

Mass Meeting Call (hereafter referred to as the “Call”)

Page 1. Section 1

**Motion by**

Patty Fortebuono to delete alternate location. Seconded and carried

Chair Rebecca Simmons noted to change 12 At-Large Delegates to 13 At-Large Delegates

**Motion by**

Gary Chatelain to move #4 Elect the Chairman of the Augusta County Republican Committee, to #1. Seconded and approved

Page 2. Section: Filing Requirements

Change “shall” to read “may” in first three paragraphs.

Change “file” to read “pre-file” form.

Include, “This is the preferred method of pre-filing but registration is accepted at the mass meeting.”

“Attendance at the Mass Meeting” is a header for the paragraph.

Page 3. Section: Candidates for election to the office of Chair of the Augusta County Republican Committee

Change “shall” to read “must.”

**Motion by**

Dr. Larry Roller 1) Do not require a \$300 filing fee. 2) We also accept nominations from the floor. Seconded and carried

Amend motion by Scott Seaton since Dr. Roller’s motion being in two parts to have two separate motions. Change accepted as stated by Dr. Roller.

**Motion by**

Scott Seaton to call the question. Seconded and carried.

**Motion by**

Kurt Barley to call question on both separate. Seconded and carried

**Motion by**

Chair Rebecca Simmons for those in favor of removing statement not accepting nominations from the floor in the call to say aye. Seconded and carried.

Chair Rebecca Simmons ask those in favor of the motion to remove the \$300 fee to say aye. Seconded and carried.

Correct “file” to read “pre-file” within all pages of the call.

**Augusta County Republican Committee Meeting**

**January 28 2020**

**Page 4**

**Motion by**

Scott Seaton once call is approved not to pay for an ad. Seconded and approved.

**Motion by**

Gary Chatelain to approve call as projected. Seconded and approved.

ACRC Chairman for Augusta County Republican Committee Candidate Pre-Filing Form

**Motion by**

Dr. Roller to reduce filling fee from \$300.00 to \$50.00. Motion failed.

**Motion by**

Scott Seaton to approve form as is. Seconded and approved.

Pre-File Form

**Motion by**

Georgia Long to use pre-filing form she presented in place of the 6<sup>th</sup> District recommended pre-filing form. Georgia stated form was much cleaner and earlier to follow especially for those not familiar with the form's purpose.

**Motion by**

Kirk Barley to accept this form with the logos. Seconded and approved.

Chair Rebecca Simmons asked for volunteers for the Mass Meeting. If interested in helping to let her know.

Anne Seaton invited everyone to join RWGA Sweetheart Dinner.

Chair Rebecca Simmons adjourned meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Mona Huffer  
Secretary