

## Augusta County Republican Committee Meeting

November 19, 2019

Augusta County Government Center

Verona, VA

The Augusta County Republican Committee Meeting was called to order November 19, 2019 at 7:03 pm by chair, Rebecca Simmons.

Chair Simmons thanked volunteers who helped. It was a really good presence at the polls on election day. She reported every poll was covered almost every hour.

Chair Simmons introduced and congratulated elected officials Special Guest Jennifer Brown, Sixth District Chair and John Massord Sixth District Vice Chair were introduced.

Invocation was given by Dr. Larry Roller.

The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Republican Creed was read by Burt Hershey.

A quorum was declared with 30 members presents. Second meeting for two to be voted on for membership. One in attendance for their first time.

Those in attendance via proxy:

T. Scott Cline with proxy for Teresa Cline

### AGENDA

#### **Motion**

Anne Seaton made a motion to reconsider the September minutes. Carried

#### **Motion**

Anne Seaton made a motion to included Mary Beth Swemba on the agenda, in that her dues had not been paid nor the person nominating her for Vice Chair of Precincts. Seconded.

Gary Chatelain who nominated Mary Beth Swemba ask that the motion be reconsidered as his dues were paid months ago and he should not be included in the motion.

Austin Armentrout, Vice Chair of Communications, confirmed Gary Chatelain's dues were paid. Stated Mary Beth Swemba voted in as a member at the October meeting. She was voted in as Vice Chair of Precincts. Her dues were not paid. Mary Beth Swemba stated she had just paid her dues to Dr. Roller.

Motion was amended to: Reconsider Mary Beth Swemba as Vice-Chair of Precincts on the agenda.

**Point of Order** - Gary Chatelain stated normally there was a grace period of one month.

The chair called for vote on the motion:

To reconsider the motion to add Mary Beth Swemba to the agenda.

The vote: ayes 8 and noes 17 noes. The failed to pass.

#### **Motion:**

Dr. Larry Roller made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded and carried.

**NEW MEMBERS AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Motion**

Marshall Pattie made a motion to approve the membership of Patty Fortebuono and Mary Mae Lyons. Motion was seconded and approved. New members were welcome:

**APPROVAL OF UNIT MINUTES**

Georgia Long questioned the balance of as shown in the minutes. October's minutes were corrected to read: October's beginning balance was \$5401.95, expenses totaled \$754.76 with a current balance of \$4,647.19.

**Motion**

Austin Armentrout made a motion to approve October's minutes as amended. Motion was seconded and carried.

A lengthy discussion as to status of Scott Cline's membership:

1. September minutes reflected Scott Cline's resignation as Vice President of Precincts
2. Pam Carter stated she had made a motion, which was approved at October's meeting to amend September's minutes to read Scott Cline resigned as Vice Chair of Precincts and from the ACRC committee.
3. Scott provided copies of emails and other communications previously given to chair confirming resignation as Vice Chair of Precincts only.

Steve Landes ask ACRC membership to end discussion and vote on the motion.

**Motion**

Anne Seaton made a motion to reconsider the adoption of the September minutes. Motion seconded and approved.

**Motion**

Anne Seaton made a motion to reject the change that was made at the October meeting to adopt the September minutes as amended. Motion seconded and approved without opposition.

September minutes defaulted to original minutes: Scott Cline resigned as Vice President of Precincts.

**CHAIR/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chair** – Rebecca Simmons reported on a wonderful election day. She will be attending the 6<sup>th</sup> district meeting November 23, 2019.

**Treasurer's Report-** Dr. Roller was not comfortable moving forward as Treasurer until an audit was completed. Audit committee met and completed audit today, November 19, 2019.

Mary Beth Swemba said she waited to pay her dues until the audit was complete and Dr. Roller had taken over as treasurer.

**Vice Chair of Programs** – Instead of regular meeting have a Christmas social. Mary Seal suggested ACRC join RWGA at Valley Smokehouse.

**Vice Chair of Communications**– Austin Armentrout reported a lot of hits on ACRC Face Book page. Setting up an Instagram profile.

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**Vice Chair of Precincts** – Mary Beth Swemba had no report

**Rules and Resolutions:** Committee members Lynn Mitchell, Anne Seaton, Austin Armentrout and Mona Huffer, Chair.

**Audit Committee** - Gary Chatelain and Burt Hershey completed audit of ACRC's accounts on November 19, 2019. Most questions had been resolved. Suggested dues paid to the Treasurer. Audit committee stated suggestions also made to help the process run more smoothly to improve the process.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

#### **Elected Officials**

Newly elected officials spoke briefly:

Steve Landes, Augusta County Clerk of Court

Chris Runion elected to 25<sup>th</sup> District House of Delegates

Scott Seaton, elected to Board of Supervisors for Wayne District

Steve Morelli, elected to Board of Supervisors for South River

Jeff Slaven, elected to Board of Supervisors for North River

#### **Republican Women of Greater Augusta**

Anne Seaton, President invited everyone to attend RWGA's Christmas Meeting December 17, 2019 at Valley Smokehouse. Social time 6:30 PM and meal at 7:00 PM

#### **Special Guest**

Jennifer Brown, 6<sup>th</sup> District Republican Chair updated members on 2020 elections

John Massord, 6<sup>th</sup> District Republican Vice Chair spoke on importance of voting straight Republican Party ticket November 2020.

#### **Augusta County Board of Supervisors Update**

Michael Shull gave Augusta County Board of Supervisors update.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Georgia Long seeking interested individuals to work the 2020 election.

Gloria Stump invited ACRC members to participate in the Stuarts Draft Parade December 14, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **Motion**

Gary Chatelain made a motion to adjourn.

Motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Mona G Huffer  
Secretary