



Minutes

Culpeper County Democratic Committee
Executive Committee
May Special Meeting

Date: May 31st, 2018
Location: CCDC HQ

Prepared by: Meroë Dawson, Secretary

Agenda

(Agenda prepared by Chair Ben Hixon in advance of the meeting and distributed to officers.)

May 31, 2018 CCDC Special Executive Meeting Agenda. Topic: Primary, Transition

- I. Call to Order, vote to accept agenda
 - A. Quick words of thanks from Ben to remaining exec committee members
- II. Secretary's report (or vote to defer until regularly scheduled meeting)
- III. Appeal & Ruling
 - A. Recap.
 1. Most complaints were dismissed. The way we do the quorum is fine. Our bylaw revisions stand. We've been giving proper notice, we've been doing the minutes right, we've been filing treasurer's reports, etc.
 2. They want a different attendance sheet format. Fine.
 3. The section about not meeting in noisy, ADA-noncompliant, 21+-only bars where the main activity is happy-houring drinking does not apply to us because that's not what we've been doing. We can safely ignore it. We did vote not to drink during the business part of the meeting (which we had already agreed on back in January).
 4. The part about being nice doesn't affect us either because we were already being nice.
 5. Harold doesn't have "veto power" over anything, and if anything he lost what little credibility he had left. Every member has the right to appeal to the 7th CD committee.
 6. Summary: this ruling will have relatively little effect on our activities going forward, and we're all adult enough to get over being treated like children.
 - B. Questions from those attending.
 - C. Proposed resolutions going forward.
 1. Suggestion from chair: Clearly our members don't trust our representation on the 7th district. In fact, it was made clear that Mike and Harold are not 'our' representatives b/c the 7th cd committee doesn't work like that. We should nominate an observer to send to the 7th district committee (their meetings are open to the public) and establish a channel of communication. Preferably someone who has been around a while and was part of the previous execs, like Mike, David, or Leonore.
 2. Code of conduct?
- IV. Old Business (let's move quickly through this, and some of it can be delayed until our June 14th meeting)
 - A. Lib Arts - Meroe, Everything ready?
 - B. Culpeperfest - David, everything ready?

- C. 4th of July parade - David.
 - 1. Great job on fireman's parade!
 - 2. Persisters would like to march with us in 4th of July parade
 - 3. Need to order new flags and stickers: vote to authorize. (flags need to be purchased early or they'll be out of stock)
- D. Next general meeting.
 - 1. June 26th at Rock Hill Farm confirmed. Thanks Laura!
 - 2. Waiting to hear back from Anne Holton as guest speaker.
 - 3. Sound system?? Suggestions?
- E. Trump is not above the law ad hoc committee. Debbie Siday has already agreed to be on this committee and one person may be enough. Do we think we should ask anyone else?
- V. Transition and Primary
 - A. Facebook & Website. In January we voted that only Nancy could update Facebook. Ben's best interpretation is that that motion was void when Nancy resigned, and so he has been updating Facebook in her stead. Any objections to that interpretation? Any objections to Ben continuing to update our Facebook? We'll continue to use the Slack channel to make content suggestions.
 - B. Until we get a new web manager, Ben would like permission to step into that duty and overhaul the website this weekend. Meroe has expressed interest in sharing the burden for some of the web manager duties with the assistance of her son Jacob. Ben can show her and Jake how to do it. Ren has offered his help.
 - C. Ben has asked Mike to be acting chair of precinct ops committee; this needs to be ratified by xcom, any objections?
 - D. Joint CCDC/CYD get-out-the-vote phonebanking all week, 4pm to 8pm.
 - E. Primary day lit. Ben has asked Alicia to take over design but in case she doesn't have time before primary he worked up something rough, thoughts? Request approval of a budget of \$400 for primary day lit. (\$250 for 2500 5x7 postcards; \$100 for business cards)
 - F. Primary Day signs ups are going slowly. Lots of gaps. Is every exec member signed up for at least one shift? (Laura? David?)
 - G. Any primary/transition related motions?
- VI. New business
 - A. Social Committee. Suggest we wait until regularly scheduled meeting.
 - B. Any motions?
- VII. Adjourn.

Attendance.

Officers present: *Ben Hixon, Laura Bynum, Pam Novy, Meroë Dawson*

Subcommittee heads present: *David Reuther, Mike McClary*

Others present: *Peggy Kenney*

Changes to the agenda. *There were no changes to the agenda.*

Changes to and Approval of the minutes. *Motion to delay approval of the May 8th minutes until the regular June 14th meeting due to the emergency nature of this meeting. Passed.*

Motions. The following motions were introduced:

- **Motion 1:** *Authorized David to spend up to \$200 for stickers and more flags to be the handouts at CulpeperFest and the 4th of July parade combined.*
Passed.
- **Motion 2:** *The executive committee authorized Ben Hixon to appoint Mike McClary as Chair of the Precinct Operations Committee*
Approved without objection
- **Motion 3:** *A motion to approve up to \$400 for primary day literature to be designed by Alicia Guy, consisting of business cards and 5x7 postcards that advertise the CCDC.*
Passed

- **Motion 4:** *A motion to delay discussion of the possible social committee as proposed by Paul Silvan at the May general meeting until the next regular executive meeting.*

Passed.

Additional notes or announcements.

This emergency meeting was scheduled for a special date and time (4pm).

Ben thanked the remaining officers for persevering, reviewed the recent 7th district ruling and its impact on us, and answered questions as shown in the Agenda.

No objections to Ben taking over duty of web manager until replacement found.

No objections to phonebanking with the CYD out of the office during the week of June 4th - June 8th.

No objections to Debbie Siday being the sole member of the 'Trump is not above the law' ad hoc committee.

Ben proposed creating a Design Committee with Alicia Guy as chair, in order to put a professional presentation on CCDC design and local campaigns in 2019.

Ben suggested we ask CCDC members to nominate an observer to send to the public 7th district committee meetings in order to establish a channel of communication and reestablish trust between the CCDC and the 7th district.

We didn't have to pay the VAN fee and only had to pay \$74 in dues to the DPVA because Ben asked the DPVA to credit his campaign's many VAN entries to the CCDC.

Adjournment. Approx 6:00 pm

Signed: Meroë Dawson, Secretary