

Meeting Date: August 12, 2021

Members In-Person: Chris Prue (Vernon), Lauren Olson (Ashford), Pete Gostin (N. Britain), Darlene Burrell (Suffield), Ann-Marie Mastroianni (Bethlehem), Jeff Rogers (Montville), Annalisa Stravato (Wilton), Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury)
Zoom: Fred DeCaro (Greenwich), Sue Burnham (So. Windsor), Karen Birck (Wilton)

Guests: Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury)

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Prue at 10:23.

I. Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jeff Rogers and seconded by Ann-Marie Mastroianni passed with one abstention.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Regular Checking Account: As of June 30, 2021, the starting balance is \$66,005.09. With withdrawals of \$2,504 and deposits of \$10,203.75, the ending balance is \$73,704.84

Withdrawals

- Aaron Nash-\$50
- CT Mobile Storage- (July)- \$160
- Coastal Business- \$1,375- Annual Maintenance contract
- Check 979- JB Scholarship- \$250
- Hartford Insurance- Annual Liability Coverage- \$669

Deposits

- Dues- \$9205.82
- Spring Conference- \$275
- Fall Conference- \$722.93

After discussion on CD's owned by ROVAC, a motion was made by Ann-Marie Mastroianni and seconded by Jeff Rogers, to reinvest the matured CD with People's Bank for a 48-month term. The motion passed unanimously. ROVAC will now have one CD mature each year for 5 years. The CD's were funded by ROVAC to provide an emergency contingency to support ROVAC in case of financial need.

III. County Reports:

- A. **Fairfield County-** No Meeting. One Registrar is resigning and a meeting will be held after the new Registrar is officially in office.
- B. **Hartford County-** No Meeting. There are questions if Registrars still need to attend conferences with the new SOTS continuing education. Ann-Marie stated that the Conference is part of Registrars Certification as well as UCONN classes, Moderator's Training and 8 hours of continuing education.
- C. **Litchfield County-** No Meeting
- D. **Middlesex County-** No Meeting
- E. **New Haven County-** No Meeting
- F. **New London County-** There was a meeting last month. Discussions included frustration with SOTS communication, some towns need IT support for Cytrex. It was suggested that towns contact Sheena Hodges for IT help.
- G. **Tolland County-** No Meeting
- H. **Windham County-** No Meeting

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Conference-

- The Conference will be held in person in Southbury. Only 100 people have signed up as of now.
- Chris Prue has been updating constant contact so he can do monthly communications with ROVAC members.
- SOTS will not be attending our conference this month because they are attending the Town Clerk's conference. They are not even willing to do a Zoom conference. Chris will follow up with Denise Merrill to see if we can get SOTS to attend.
- Chris Prue has sent a letter to Ted Bromley regarding how ROVs should deal with the new statute regarding providing Dates of Birth.
- Chris Prue is working with our lobbyists, Sullivan & LeShane, to be prepared to address any issues that may come forward with the legislature and SOTS.

B. Education Committee- Working with the Conference Committee to prepare for the upcoming conference.

C. Handbook Committee- An update will be made to the handbook as soon as the committee receives the list of committee members.

D. Legislative Committee- No meeting has been held with the committee except to discuss the DOB issue. Redistricting is now being worked on by the legislature.

E. Technology Committee- SOTS is working on the RFP for the new CVRS system. Lisbeth Becker has asked Rick from DOS-Bit to make a drawing to explain how CVRS works with Cytrex. SOTS will leave the old CVRS system until after the election so no town should have issues preparing for the election.

F. Ways & Means- Chris Prue will bring everything to the conference that is necessary to hold our raffles. The committee is ready to go.

V. Old Business:

- Chris has received all the county lists except for one. As soon as he receives it, he will forward the lists to the Handbook Committee and the chairs of the committees.
- Again, Chris is working on communication with ROVAC members.
- Discussions regarding classes that ROVAC can provide the members for this fall conference. It was suggested by Chris that he and Annalisa work to hold a class on the portal and also the New Registrar's office training package that Annalisa created. There have been 8 new ROVs since July 1.

VI. New Business:

- Suffield is piloting new Accessible Voting Systems. They have already been using a button called the jelly bean button which is basically a joystick that will move a cursor on the computer with one finger. The company is also going to introduce a "Sip and Puff" device. The user can **Sip or Puff** on a straw to actuate switches that can be used to control a computer.
- The next meeting will be held at the Conference on September 22 at 4pm at the hotel.

VII. Adjourn: A motion was made by Ann-Marie Mastroianni and seconded by Jeff Rogers at 11:56. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren L. Olson
Registrar of Voters, Town of Ashford
ROVAC Secretary