



**ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2017
MYSTIC MARRIOTT - GROTON**

Members Attending: Melissa Russell, Katie Blinstrubas, Karen Cheney, Fred DeCaro, Lou DeCilio, Bill Giesing, Pete Gostin, Sue Larsen, Anne-Marie Mastroianni, Kevin McCauley, Chris Prue & Mike Wyman.

Ex-Officio Member Attending: Tony Esposito

Non-Members Attending: Suzanne Woodward

Meeting was called to order by President Melissa Russell at 4:37 PM

I. Minutes from last meeting: (March 9, 2017)

Sue L moved to accept / Lou D seconded.

Minutes approved.

(1) Abstention – Bill G

II. Treasurer's Report:

Pete G reported that the ROVAC checkbook as of April 18, 2017 had a starting balance of \$60,481.56 and with income of \$35,925.00 and expenses of \$3,795.06, left us a current balance of \$93,596.43

Total outstanding checks: \$374.50 (Constant Contact – 1 year renewal)

Judi Beaudreau Fund (Savings) balance: \$846.01

Conference Checking Account: Starting Balance of \$3,300.00 with income of \$2,530.13 and expenses of \$2,540.59, left a balance of \$3,289.54.

Quarterly balances of CD's & dues owed discussed and clarified.

\$21,075 in dues paid. Hartford and Tolland Counties are paid in full.

Fall Conference dues paid to date: \$59,415.

III. County Reports:

- **Fairfield:** No Report

- **Hartford:** No Report

- **Litchfield:** Anne-Marie M reported a meeting was held in March. Getting ready for conference & legislation were main topics.
- **Middlesex:** Karen C reported a meeting in March. Legislation was main topic.
- **New Haven:** Tony E reported for Bunny L that a meeting was held and Peggy Reeves and Tom Miano were invited. Well received and a good turnout.
- **New London:** Bill G reported meeting held and Melissa R was invited guest. Legislation discussed and May meeting scheduled.
- **Tolland:** Mike W reported a pot-luck dinner meeting held on April 5th. Melissa R was also present. Good discussion of many items.
- **Windham:** No Report

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference:** Chris P reported good numbers for conference with the breakdown as 328 for Wednesday, 290 for Thursday and 327 (plus some late additions) for Friday. Also, record numbers for room accommodations. There will be 36 newbies attending (34 registrars and 2 deputies). Discussion ensued concerning logistics difficulties with the Mystic Marriott – Groton. Will have to re-assess (post mortem) whether to return for future conferences. Conference Dues refunds not considered.
- **Education:** Katie B reported meetings began in January and were efficient, complimented with the interest of Technology Committee and Ted Bromley to join in efforts of planning curriculum. Some will include CVRS by Ted B, FOI Commission, CCM, USPS, Bills/Lobbyist's legislative process by Paddi LeShane and EDR follow-up by Tim D & Melissa R Wednesday and Thursday. Kevin Ahern for SOTS Day, which will have 3 topics. Former Deputy SOTS, Leslie Mara, will be guest speaker on Thursday. Discussion ensued. (2) 9'X16' screens will be an improvement for Power Point presentations.
- **Legislative:** Sue L reported that ROVAC Day at the Capitol was a success, serving over 200 people (including 71 legislators). Denise Merrill attended, as did many of her staff. Great opportunity to speak with principal legislators on our agenda items, including Denise. George Cody thanked, again, for his political memorabilia collection, which is always well received. ROVAC Bill died in committee, so waiting to see if any other bills will be modified for our favor. Continuing to watch closely those bills that will adversely or positively affect us. Paddi LeShane

and her team will continue to assess. EDR open after 8pm and AB bills on radar. Discussion ensued.

- **Ways & Means:** No Report
- **Nominating Committee:** No Report
- **Technology:** No Report
- **Handbook:** No Report

VI. New Business:

- **Annual Meeting** – Sue L meeting with Committee tomorrow to finalize logistics of handing out paddles and the ballots for elections at the Thursday afternoon Annual Meeting. Will be deliberate and slow paced. Do not anticipate any unforeseen items or nominations to be brought from the floor.
- **Judi Beaudreau Fund Ad-Hoc Committee** – Melissa R thanked and reported for the committee, consisting of Tim D, Anne-Marie M & Mike W. Tremendous job done in a short time to formalize the proposal of how Fund should be used. Highlights include cash grant to high school poll worker who is going on to college. Name of one high school poll worker per town may be submitted for the grant. Town submitting nominee application must be a member of ROVAC. All nominees must be college bound the year following their service at the polls. The winner will be selected by random lottery. One grant recipient per year will be given \$200.

“It is the hope of the Ad-Hoc Committee that the funds raised by the Ways & Means Committee of ROVAC at our annual conferences will go toward the future funding of the Memorial Fund. The Ad-Hoc Committee would suggest in the future, that if the Judi Beaudreau Memorial Fund continues to grow due to funds deposited from the Ways & Means Committee, that one grant per county be awarded.”

Discussion ensued.

Bill G motioned and Fred D seconded to accept the proposal and implement this year.

Sue L inquired about this being reflected in next year’s proposed Annual Budget, since it can be absorbed in this year’s. Assured that it can be reflected. Also, re-iterated that selection of candidates will be by random lottery and this is a grant, rather than a scholarship. Logistics was discussed and consensus that details will be worked out as needed in the coming months. Upon passage of proposal, Melissa will present to the membership at the Annual Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Any Other Business to come before the Board:** None

V. Old Business: None

VII. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Anne-Marie M and seconded by Bill G at 5:39 PM.
Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin McCauley
Secretary