



**ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2017
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL**

Members Attending: Sue Larsen, Darlene Burrell, Fred DeCaro, Pete Gostin, Bunny Lescoe, Anne-Marie Mastroianni, Chris Prue & Mike Wyman.

Ex-Officio Member Attending: None

Non-Voting Members Attending: None

Guests: Dan Tapper, Steve Vincelette

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Larsen at 10:04 AM

Anne-Marie M moved the order of business be changed in order for our guest, Dan Tapper from Sullivan & LeShane, to give his presentation. Peter Gostin seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Dan Tapper gave us a presentation on the Do's and Don'ts with the media. A copy of the presentation will be emailed to the county chairs so they can distribute it to their membership.

I. Minutes from last Meeting: (September 27, 2017)

Peter G moved to accept corrected minutes for September 27, 2017/ Anne-Marie M seconded. Minutes approved.
(0) Abstention(s)

II. Treasurer's Report:

Peter G reported that the ROVAC checkbook as of October 12, 2017 had a starting balance of \$79,461.91 and with income of \$31,805.00 and expenses of \$40,985.32, left us a current balance of \$70,281.59.

Total outstanding checks: \$40,207.31 (Conf. Costs/Aaron Nash – Standing Bal: \$110, 488.90)
Judi Beaudreau Fund (Savings) balance: \$846.22

Peter G deposited the ways & Means money into the Beaudreau Fund. This led to a discussion because the Budget has Ways & Means in the operational part of the budget for this year. The money will be transferred back. A discussion was held on whether we would make a board decision once the budget is met to move the money into the fund and give it out as a

scholarship. It will go to youth poll workers as a college scholarship. Peter said the approved refunds were made.

Conference Checking Account: Starting Balance of \$2,363.70 with Balance Transfers of \$0 and expenses of \$775.45, left a balance of \$1,588.25.

III. County Reports:

- **Fairfield:** No Report
- **Hartford:** No Report
- **Litchfield:** No Report
- **Middlesex:** No Report
- **New Haven:** No Report
- **New London:** No Report
- **Tolland:** No Report
- **Windham:** Windham County met on 10/5. The conference went well as there was plenty of give and take during the best practices. EMS training should include evening sessions and the handbook should have more detail. Certification was discussed and many felt that the classes should not be offered before an ROV has one year of experience.

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference:** Chris P reported it was a difficult conference since the hotel staffing was limited. He is currently looking at other options. This afternoon, he will be visiting the Hartford Convention Center/ Marriott. Scott Bates, Deputy SOTS, has asked if we would consider a one day conference with the Town Clerks, possibly at the Aqua Turf. Chris is developing a list of hotels he has checked out so that there is reference for future use. The microphones need upgrading. We need omni directional microphones. There was a 60 day refund policy and we missed it. Chris proposed at some time in the future we should consider the new microphones that are omni directional and UHF.

Darlene B moved to allow Chris Prue to buy the new equipment for up to \$1,000 in order to give Chris the opportunity to purchase when he sees a good buy. Anne-Marie M seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Chris had other refunds to consider:

Karen Romano (Colchester) – Was ill - Yes, Maureen Green (Kent) – Major Surgery – Yes and Carol Conklin (Monitor) – Didn't pay, so no billing.

- **Education:** No Report
- **Technology:** No Report
- **Handbook:** No Report
- **Legislative:** No Report
- **Ways & Means:** No Report

V. **Old Business:** None

VI. **New Business:**

- **Fleeing Voter Discussion** - Darlene B brought up the issue that occurred at the conference about fleeing voter. There was much discussion on the tabulator tender and their role in what is a fleeing voter. The main issue with SOTS is the chain of custody. We must be uniform in what we do. Sue Larsen will discuss this with SOTS.
- **ROVAC Press Release** - Mike W wondered if we were going to publish the ad for the day before the election for limited registration. The answer is yes.

VII. **Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn made by Pete G and seconded by Mike W at 12:37 PM.
Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Larsen, ROVAC President

By:

Kevin McCauley

Secretary