

**Meeting Date:** March 11, 2021

**Members:** Sue Larsen (S. Windsor), Chris Prue (Vernon), Lauren Olson (Ashford), Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury), Mike Wyman (Tolland), Dianne Slopak (Norwich), Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury), Anne-Marie Mastroianni (Bethlehem), Annalisa Stravato (Wilton), Loreen Hegan (Canterbury), Pete Gostin (N. Britain), F. DeCaro (Greenwich)

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Larsen at 10:06 AM

**I. Minutes from last Meeting:** A motion by C. Prue and seconded by M. Wyman to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting. Passed unanimously.

**II. Treasurer's Report:**

Checking Account balance as of 1/31/2021- 51,358.16

Cash outflows of \$1,058.73

L. Olson-\$96.73

Aaron Nash- \$50.00

Commercial Card SE- \$762.00

CT Mobile Storage- \$150.00

Checking Account balance as of 2/28/21

Conference Account- \$1,102.81

Scholarship Fund- \$2,273.96

CD's - \$1,813.10

TOTAL CASH- \$85,489.30

**III. County Reports:**

- **Fairfield:** No Report
- **Hartford:** Met Tuesday, 2/9/2021.
  - The new attorney in the SOTS office was a guest speaker who is working with the teams that support our offices. He was a former intern in the SOTS office.
  - The head of UCONN Citi spoke about the Citi program, how to get on the site, talked about classes that are available to help meet the required yearly class hours.
  - Per Ted, A power of attorney may not respond to the Permanent Absentee Ballot letter sent by Registrars. The voter must return the letter.
- **Litchfield:** No Report
- **Middlesex:** No Report
- **New Haven:** Met last month. No Report

- **New London:** No Report
- **Tolland:** No Report
- **Windham:** No Report

#### IV. **Committee Reports:**

- **Conference** – C. Prue has been texting with M. Russell to start planning the conference. There is still much up in the air regarding the pandemic and people's willingness to attend in-person conferences. Chris is still looking at a three day due to the annual meeting that must be held in person.
  - Suggestions of doing a combination conference, some in-person, some zoom. Hotel wifi is an issue. Possibility of having a one day in-person to accommodate the annual meeting followed by two days of zoom.
  - Request that graduations be taken into account, with scheduling the conference.
- **Education** – No additional report.
- **Technology** – Hoping to have a meeting around March 25. Some items of discussion between L. Becker and T. Minino:
  - New database- looking to hire an analyst to be the go-between development and end-users.
  - There is a new person responsible for implementing Citrix. All the people working on this will attend the next tech meeting on March 25 at 10AM.

There were questions regarding the auto transfer of canvass nonresponse registrants to inactive. L. Becker stated that she will request to the handbook committee that they add the information be added to the handbook.

There was also a request that the new CVRS not be implemented during an important election.

- **Handbook** – No Report
- **Legislative - Legislative committee is focusing on issues that impact us.**
  - AB ballots could be included in audits. We want input on implementation requirements; # of tabulators and polling location
  - SOTS are suspending supervised AB. We are in favor. We are asking to include Referenda in this.
  - T. DeCarlo spoke on our Tech (clean-up) bill that ROVAC has tried to get passed for the past four years. Includes adding that machine tenders can be chosen

from around the state, remove 5th Tuesday prior to election for mandatory hours, allow posting notices on the internet instead of in newspapers.

- There is discussion on restoration of felon voting rights restoration. Does not affect us so we are not adding input.
- There is a review group- want to reduce the number of audits. Suggests choosing audits based on closeness of races instead of lottery (5% of closest races?)

- **Ways & Means** – Sue Burnham is working to get in touch with committee members. There was a suggestion that ROVAC request that money we would spend on baskets be donated to the Judi Beaudreau scholarship fund.

- **By-Laws** – No report

#### **V. Old Business:**

- There is no budget yet. The budget is needed for next month. There will need to be an increase in dues to meet the budget needs to balance the budget.
- SOTS team meeting with F. DeCaro and D. Burrell- SOTS is working on consolidating the list of wishes. They have been busy with other things.
  - Question of whether they update or create a new CVR system. It is dependent on the platform used. There will be more information after the meeting.
- Nominating Committee: The committee is ready to issue their report.

#### **VI. Other Business:**

- F. DeCaro informed the committee that Florida has now joined ERIC. Fred sent 5 cases of possible double voting to SEEC.

**VII. Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by D. Slopak and seconded by P. Gostin 11:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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