

## ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Newington Town Hall

June 8, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Chris Prue at 10:01 AM.

Members: Chris Prue (Vernon), Pete Gostin (N. Britain), Sue Larsen (So. Windsor) Fred DeCaro (Greenwich, Sue Burnham (So. Windsor), Jeff Rogers (Montville), Darlene Burrell (Suffield), Tracey O'Haus (Chester), Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury), Karen Birck (Wilton), Christine Psathas, Willington, Brian Smith, Norwalk

I. Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of 5/11/2023 was made by Jeff Rogers, Montville and seconded by Darlene Burrell, Suffield. The vote was unanimous.

### II. Treasurer's Report:

#### **May 2023**

##### Primary Checking Account:

- Starting Balance as of 5/1/2023- \$61,565.77
    - Total credits- \$3,870
    - Total debits- \$756.98
  - Ending Balance as of 5/31/23- \$64,678.79
- There is one outstanding check of \$250.00.

##### Scholarship Savings Account:

- Starting Balance-\$8,295.51
  - Total credits- \$.15
  - Total debits- \$
- Ending Balance- \$8,295.66

### III. County Reports:

- A. Fairfield County- Meeting in early July
- B. Hartford County- The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Tim DeCarlo will be the guest speaker.
- C. Litchfield County- No Report. Chris Prue, Vernon, will be calling for a county meeting.
- D. Middlesex County- The next meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup> with Secretary Thomas as the guest speaker.
- E. New Haven County- Will meet on the 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss legislative changes.
- F. New London County- Next meeting will be on the 22nd. SOTS will attend the pot luck meeting.
- G. Tolland County – The meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- H. Windham County- No Report

### IV. Committee Reports:

- Conference Committee – Chris Prue reporting for Lauren Olson  
The dates for the Spring Conference were set.
- Education Committee-  
No Report
- Handbook Committee- Darlene Burrell, Suffield  
5 members have submitted their updates to the manual.
- Legislative Committee: Tim DeCarlo, Waterbury

Voter's Rights Act and the Election Monitors Act were passed in the implementer bill. The towns will be getting \$10,500 for the Presidential Preferential Primary Early Voting. Nothing more in the bill for the August primary or the Presidential Election. No excuse absentee balloting will be on the ballot in 2024.

- *Technology Committee- Lisbeth Becker, Glastonbury*

*There has not been a meeting of the committee. Lisbeth talked a bit about the new program. There are language issues such as district vs precinct which are being worked out. Chris Prue appointed the following Registrars to be part of a committee working with SOTS on the tabulators and poll books: Annalisa Stravato, Wilton, Lauren Olson, Ashford, Stuart Wells, Norwalk, Donna Rusgrove, Burlington and Matthew Kutra, Naugatuck.*

*Darlene Burrell asked about the money set aside for early voting and technology. \$2.4 million for tabulators and pollbooks. UConn will get money for insuring the integrity of the new technology.*

#### *Ways and Means-*

*No Report. Chris Prue updated the ways and means form for both conferences.*

#### *V. Old Business:*

*Both Brian Smith and Peter Gostin recommended TD Bank as the new bank for the following reasons:*

*Easy and timely deposits*

*Open 7 days a week*

*Better CD rates than M&T*

*In house credit cards*

*Pay credit cards on line*

*Can use Google pay and similar pay other options*

*ROVAC can purchase home scanners for \$50/ month or free at the premium level.*

*Jeff Rogers moved to accept the recommendation to move the bank accounts from M&T to TD Bank. Darlene Burrell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.*

*Fred Decaro asked if the CDs could be broken to get higher rates? Peter Gostin said that was the plan. Darlene Burrell asked whether we would be tied to the bank or could we use other options. Options are open. Peter will go on Monday to TD Bank.*

*Chris Prue reminded everyone that the CDs were put aside to have money in case of financial trouble.*

#### *VI. New Business:*

*Jeff Rogers moved to have Peter Gostin as deputy treasurer. Darlene Burrell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.*

*Chris Prue reported that he sent out the new LHS maintenance contract to everyone. \$250 per tabulator. LHS could walk away from the maintenance if the tabulators are not correctly stored. For example, cannot store in an attic or in a room without air conditioning. Darlene said we have 72 hours to report an issue. If the tabulator is unusable, LHS will replace it. Several board members had concerns with LHS. Chris Prue will send the concerns to Peggy Reeves because we have no say in the contract. Tracy Ohaus would like to make sure all ROVs are aware of the new storage issues.*

*Lisbeth Becker told everyone that Tim Becker, Manchester Registrar, lost his wife.*

*Lisbeth Becker also said she would send out the abbreviations for streets that will be used in the new CVRS.*

*There will be no meeting in July.*

*VII. Adjourn: Peter Gostin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Next meeting will be held on August 10th at 10:00am in the Newington Town Hall.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Sue W. Larsen*

*Registrar of Voters, Town of South Windsor, on behalf of Lauren Olsen ROVAC Secretary*