

Road Map to Victory 2016 - 566 Days to Election 2016

Long Branch Hotel & Convention Center
90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Call to Order – Chair, Cindy Golding, (TMON1) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Invocation - Bernie Hayes (CR24)

Pledge of Allegiance - Brenda Krause(CR27)

Guests - Fred Schuster, Ralph Wunder, Mark Everson, Josh Donkle, Glenna Tate, Althea Hasse, Samantha Bonsack

Guest Speakers -

- Mark Everson _ Presidential Candidate
- Fred Schuster - Senator Grassley
- Samantha Bonsack - Congressman Blum
- James Knox (CR04)- Ted Cruz Campaign
- Emma Nemececk (TBER) - Carson America Exploratory Committee
- Brenda Hart (CR27) - Governor Scott Walker
- Josh Donkle - Americans for Prosperity

Announcements -

- Chair - RPI Lincoln Dinner in Des Moines, May 16th, tickets, \$75 through Linn County
- Brenda Hart (CR27) - Lincoln Dinner "A Tribute to Veterans", May 1st, Elmcrest Country Club (handout on the tables and enclosed), tickets \$45
- Steve West (HIA01) - Parades - Houbby Days, May 16th, Freedom Festival, June 27th
- Bill Dahlsten (CR24) - RPI Opens Linn County Office, May 1st, 4-6 pm, 1204 Dina Ct, Hiawatha
- Bill Keetle - Johnson County Chair, Carly Fiorina event on April 24th.
- Bill Dahlsten - Donald Trump supporting a Paul Pate fund raiser.
- Chair - campaign announcements are on the website

Agenda - The Chair explained that the agenda is not timed. Under Robert's Rules of Order the body is responsible for controlling the length of debate by ending it with a motion "To call the Question" and controlling the length of the meeting by ending the meeting with a motion "To Adjourn". Both motions are non-debatable. The Chair addressed decorum, disrespectful behavior will be called out of order.

Quorum - The Secretary confirmed that there are sufficient members present for a quorum.

Agenda - James Knox moved "To approve the agenda", MSP

Pass the Bucket - in progress

March 17 LCRCC Minutes - Several corrections offered by Mary Ernzen (CR07).

- Motion by Mary Ernzen "Correct two mis-spellings of Ernzen on page two", MSP
- Motion, Matt O'Neal (CR35), "Table comment for further review concerning bullet number 3 in Executive Minutes Discussion", MSP
- Motion, by Mary Ernzen, "Identify the name of the person moving the motion mentioned in bullet number 9 in the Executive Minutes Discussion and add vote counts", MSP
- Motion by Mary Ernzen, "Add name of person making motions, one concerning suspending the rules". Gary Ellis (CR24) moved "To table for the issue for further review of the video recording to identify the person". MSP
- Motion by Mary Ernzen, "Add name of person making motion concerning electing the person with the most votes." MSP
- Motion by Jim Conklin (CR06), "Table review of the minutes until all of the research is done." MSP

Executive Committee minutes presented by Co-Chair Brett Mason (CR06). A summary of meetings, emails and phone calls shared between the members of the LCRCC Executive Committee members.

Discussion Topics

- Discussed the question raised at the March 17th meeting concerning credential election. Researched Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order for the Secretary's role in the LCRCC.
- Discussed preparations for a combined meeting of the Executive Committee and the Team Leaders of the various teams formed at the Marched 17th LCRCC Meeting.
- Discussed alignment of the budget with the Team organization.
- Discussed potential changes to the goals statement on the web.
- Discussed website security and functionality issues.
- Discussed having members seated in their House Districts to engage their representatives.

Deliverables Developed

- Robert's Rules of Order state the role of the Secretary essentially in these two statements
 - The secretary is the recording officer of the assembly and the custodian of its records except such as are specifically assigned to others, as the treasurer's books.
 - In addition to keeping the records of the society and the minutes of the meetings, it is the duty of the secretary to keep a register, or roll, of the members and to call the roll when required; to notify officers, committees, and delegates of their appointment, and to furnish committees with all papers referred to them, and delegates with credentials; and to sign with the president all orders on the treasurer authorized by the society, unless otherwise specified in the by-laws.
- Agreed that the Secretary is the Team Lead of the Membership and Meeting Support Team. The conclusion is consistent with the bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order and past LCRCC operation.
- The script for precinct chairs from the 2014 Caucus shows that the election was for the County Convention. The file was sent via email to those who raised the question in the March meeting.
- Conducted the combined Executive Committee and Team Leader meeting on March 30th.
- Prepared a slide to discuss consideration of future meeting locations.
- Supported the development of a May 1 fundraising event to be called the Linn County Lincoln dinner.

Brett Mason presented a motion from the Executive Committee "To recognize the Secretary as proscribed in Robert's Rules as responsible for keeping membership records for the Linn County Republican Central Committee and therefore seat the Secretary as Team Leader of the Membership and Meeting Support Team."

Marvin Spragg (MR07) moved to amend the motion, "To remove the Secretary to be in charge of credentialing and make the Secretary a member of the Membership and Meeting Support Team and subordinate to the Team". Brenda Hart moved to "Call the Question" twice. The first time the motion failed, the second time the motion passed. After extended discussion the **amendment** passed.

Amended motion "To recognize the Secretary as proscribed in Robert's Rules as responsible for keeping membership records for the Linn County Republican Central Committee and therefore seat the Secretary on the Membership and Meeting Support Team, and subordinate to the Team Leader."

Motion to "Call the question", caller not identified. MSP A vote on the **amended motion failed**.

The Chair explained the recent monthly rate increase by the LongBranch from \$75 per month to \$125 month for one room. Two rooms would be \$250. Members have raised the question if the LCRCC should consider other venues for meeting. Brett Mason discussed different aspects of meeting and variations in meeting venues.

- Althea Cole (MR07) moved to "Meet at the Long Branch on the third Tuesday of the month at the Long-Branch for a two years minimum." MS
- James Knox moved to amend the motion, "To replace the Long Branch with the CR Library." MSF
- John Haible (TSPR) moved to amend the motion to "Make the motion contingent on a negotiated agreement with the Long Branch for a minimum of one year with a maximum rate of \$125 per month." MS An unidentified member moved to "Call the Question" MSP.
- The **amendment passed**.
- The revised motion, "Meet at the Long Branch on the third Tuesday of the month, contingent on reaching agreement with the LongBranch for a minimum of one year at a rate not to exceed \$125/ per meeting ." MP

Guest Speakers Representing Candidates

- Dane Nielsen - Gov. Rick Perry
- Carlos Cruz - Gov. Scott Walker
- Jonathan Vanorney - Sen. Rand Paul

Emma Nemecek moved "To **Adjourn**", MSP at 9:30.

The meeting adjourned before the following agenda items were reported; 1st DEC Report, Treasurer Report, Approve Budget, Team Activity and welcoming new members.

Meeting Attendance - Contact the Secretary or the Chair at the Linn County Republican Central Committee Office, 3349 Southgate Ct SW, Suite #110, Cedar rapids, IA 52404 by phone at (319) 423-9467 or by email the Secretary at Secretary@LinnCountyGOP.com.

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