



Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Board Meeting/Strategic Committee Meeting
May 16th, 2024
Submitted by REC Secretary Sherri Propis

Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm
Pledge
Prayer

BOARD MEETING

Board Attendance: Kenny Nail, Chad Miller, Anthony Bonna, Butch Post, Sherri Propis: via zoom: MaryAnn Russell

State Committeewoman MaryAnn Russell stated that this is a BOD meeting and only those recognized to speak by the Chairman are allowed to speak

1. Opening Remarks by Chairman Kenny Nail
 - a. Chairman Nail covered a synopsis of a 2024 Campaign Budget: approx. \$21k to include text messaging and potentially 2 mailers (1st for approx. \$12k with a possible 2nd mailer)
 - i. Will bring to membership at the May meeting
 - b. Chairman Nail mentioned 2 fundraisers to assist with refilling REC coffers (MaryAnn Russell mentioned the \$21k does not leave much in the bank for the REC to pay its bills- Butch Post agreed with this assessment)
 - i. LDD: letter was sent to Ben Carson asking for signed copies of his book to give to all attendees (no mention if this cost will be figured into the cost of admission or if this was requested as a donation or if the REC will be purchasing these books or at what cost)
 1. Tentatively scheduled for September or October
 - ii. Golf Tournament
2. Clay Shoot Update
 - a. Mike Decker stated the sponsorships for the Shoot are disappointing and falling short but there are 84 shooters signed up. This is close to the number of shooters from 2023
3. Approval of April BOD minutes
 - a. Motion to approve: Vice-Chair Chad Miller
 - b. 2nd: Anthony Bonna
 - c. unanimously approved
4. Disruptive Guest at REC Meeting/Bob Post Letter to BOD (attached to these minutes)
 - a. Letter from Bob Post read to the BOD

- b. George Umansky asked about the petition that was signed by some members and forwarded to the BOD
 - c. Discussion regarding the BOD role in the matter: overall the BOD stated this is not a BOD issue, it is a membership issue as only membership can expel an individual
 - d. State Committeeman Anthony Bonna stated that as a private group, we are not under open meeting requirements
 - e. Vice-Chair Chad Miller suggested separating members from guests in the seating arrangements to make voting easier as well as to clear the room if necessary
 - f. Motion: Butch Post- to issue a stern warning to Charlie Wilson stating any more disruptions/outbursts will result in sanctions up to/including barring him from future meetings and events, as well as request an apology from him to be heard at the May meeting. This warning to be issued in writing (emailed to Charlie from Chariman Kenny Nail & cc'd to the BOD).
 - i. 2nd: MaryAnn Russell
 - ii. Unanimously approved
 - g. Chairman Nail stated we are here to get Republicans elected and there will be no meetings in June or July until after the primary
 - i. The next REC meeting will be after August 20th
 - ii. BOD Meeting June 13th 6 pm
 - iii. June & July meeting dates/location to be used for Precinct/Alliance training and focus
5. Agenda for Upcoming REC Meeting
- a. Discussion ensued regarding the last minute approval of Rule 8 for James Taylor at the April REC meeting- additional information regarding endorsement of Democratic candidate over a Republican candidate as well as the potential additional entrants into the race were discussed
 - i. MOTION: Butch Post- Postpone the consideration of Rule 8 for James Taylor until after the primary
 - ii. 2nd Chad Miller
 - iii. Unanimously approved
6. Rule 8 Meeting Organization & Planning
- a. Notification of the Rule 8 meeting to all candidates to go out May 17th to meet the 10 day notice requirement
 - b. Rule 8 will be organized in the following manner (after BOD discussion)
 - i. MOTION- Vice-Chair Chad Miller- do you support SLC REC endorsing Joe James for Property Appraiser via Rule 8 YES OR NO: same question but for Erin Lowry for County Commission
 - 1. 2nd: Anthony Bonna
 - 2. YAY: Chad Miller, Anthony Bonna, Sherri Propis, Kenny Nail
 - 3. NAY: Butch Post & MaryAnn Russell
 - ii. Voting will be by secret ballot
 - iii. Ballots will be preprinted prior to the meeting (Sherri Propis)
 - iv. One ballot with 2 votes will be printed
 - 1. Joe James YES NO
 - 2. Erin Lowry YES NO
 - v. REC voting members will receive the ballot upon check-in
 - vi. Each candidate gets 3 minutes to speak & 2 minutes to answer questions

1. Person seeking the endorsement speaks first
 - vii. Rules will be sent out with the meeting notice and adopted in advance of the vote
 - viii. Only those recognized by the Chairman are allowed to speak
 - ix. Chairman Kenny Nail has (or will) choose 4 people to tally the votes
7. Debit Card Spending by Chairman Kenny Nail
- a. MaryAnn Russell began a discussion regarding an email and spreadsheet of expenditures sent by member Kim Dabe to the BOD
 - b. There may be expenditures that have not been reported to the SOE and perhaps some missed reimbursements
 - c. Chairman Nail stated he does in-kind donations for non-budgeted items and meets with the REC Treasurer to reimburse for those expenditures
 - d. Chairman Nail stated he would ask the Audit Committee to go back and reconcile the expenditures and reimbursements and report back to the BOD
 - e. MaryAnn Russell asked that Chairman Nail return the debit card until after the audit and he refused
 - f. The meeting was abruptly ended
8. MOTION to adjourn: Kenny Nail
- a. No one 2nd and all left

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Board Meetings are open to SLC REC Members ONLY; any future meetings with Zoom attendees will require participants to identify themselves prior to the start of the meeting. Invitations are not to be sent to non-REC members.

Charlie Wilson Sanction

Bob Post <postonno@yahoo.com>

Tue 5/14/2024 1:02 PM

To: BUTCH POST <butchpost@msn.com>

May 14, 2024

Dear Board of Directors, SLCREC.

I offer my comments in the matter of Charlie Wilson...

First, I blame Chairman Kenny Nail for allowing the meeting to become totally out of control. I do not know who had the floor when all the commotion began, but I know that only one member can be recognized and speak at a time. In the present case, members and visitors were allowed to talk at random, without being recognized by the chair. Often 4 or more people were talking back and forth to one another. If the Chairman could not restore order, then he should have immediately adjourned the meeting, as is his prerogative in a case such as this.

If he cannot restore order, that is the function of a Sergeant at Arms, which we do not seem to have. Ours is a business meeting, to conduct the business of the Republican Party, and MUST be run as such. Members who think otherwise should probably NOT be members.

As to the outburst by Charlie Wilson, I agree that his behavior was beyond acceptable. He had not been recognized by the Chair to speak. Using foul language, threatening gestures, etc. was totally inappropriate, more like a confrontation in a highly charged sporting event! And while he is not a member of the REC, he is a past-president of the SLCREC in the early 1980's when I was previously a member. He is the campaign manager for one of our Republican candidates, and it might benefit the candidate for him to attend our meetings.

However, as a non-member, neither he, nor any other visiting guest should have any right to an opinion on any issue involving our Constitution or By-Laws. The only exception to that might be a visiting attorney who perhaps found a flaw in our documents. But for a non-member to challenge our documents, or even offer his opinion on the issue, is totally out of order, and the conversation should immediately be terminated by the Chair.

I suggest that we not Sanction Charlie Wilson at this time. To do so could result in serious unintended consequences. My recommendation would be to CENSURE Mr. Wilson in a carefully worded letter. We should spell out what is expected of ALL visitors at our meetings, and specifically cover the issues that brought forth this censure. And with that, should come the warning that should a repeat violation occur, we will have no choice but to Sanction him from all future meetings, including Board and Membership.

Bob Post