

Benton Co Republican BPOU Meeting Minutes, April 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman Bake Paulson.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed with invocation by Blake.

Executive board members present: Blake Paulson, Joshua Jones, Ruth Gruba, Janell Jones, Judy Hackett, Paul Doten, Sandra Brakstad, and Carol Rugar.

Others present: Kevin Arnold, April Doten, Marcy Jones, Kim Christen-Mattson, Beth Schlangen, Phil Kameo and Gary Gruba.

Motion by Carol Rugar, seconded by Sandra Brakstad to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Sandra Brakstad, Treasurer, reported that all banking will be online and authority has been assigned to new signers.

Blake reported that update to google drive has been completed. All board members will have access to email and information. We are teammates and this BPOU will operate in a culture of mutual respect.

Motion was made by Sandra Brakstad and seconded by Joshua Jones to approve the minutes of the March BPOU meeting and the minutes of the convention by correcting the spelling of Brakstad in several spots. Motion approved.

Sandra Brakstad, Treasurer, reported that the balance in Checking is \$1,167.26 and Savings is \$2,976.41 for a total of \$4,143.67. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Joshua Jones and seconded by Judy Hackett. Motion approved.

Sandra Brakstad reported that there is the ability to enter records online for CFB reports but it is not user friendly. The first quarterly report was filed by Jim Howe on April 15th. The next report is due July 15, 2023.

Sandra reported that it is required that Treasurer reports must be kept for four years. She has done an extensive review of the Treasurer reports and brought documentation of the items she questioned. Carol Rugar was asked to check on the items in question.

All items in question by Sandra Brakstad were confirmed to be valid approved expenditures upon checking items by Carol Rugar..

Sandra Brakstad offered several suggestions for procedures going forward in regard to BPOU expenditures.

A motion was made by Paul Doten and seconded by Janell Jordan to adopt recommendations made by Treasurer, Sandra Brakstad.. Motion approved.

There was discussion about the information required on sign-up sheet during an event with required information by various board members, Treasurer, Chairman, media person and others. Kevin Arnold volunteered to provide capture in software program.

There was discussion regarding old archive disposal of Treasurer reports going back more than four years. Motion was made by Janell Jordan and seconded by Paul Doten, to use WACOSA as the resource whereby Jim Howe can have documents shredded from archives that are older than four (4) years from his past Treasurer records. He will submit a bill for the shredding charge from WACOSA. Motion passed.

There was a discussion on campaigning procedures for BPOU board candidates. Blake reported that the lists of delegates and alternates are the property of MNGOP and in order to access that information, one must sign a list agreement with MNGOP, agree to use the list only for that particular campaign and approval for releasing the list to each individual is subject to MNGOP approval.

Motion by Ruth Gruba seconded by Sandra Brakstad that in the future when holding election for BPOU board members, candidates must declare their candidacy and meet with a nominations board by an agreed date and the list of candidates along with their contact information be included in the convention call. Motion approved.

There was discussion on who should be allowed to speak on behalf of a candidate for a BPOU board position at a BPOU convention. That is a subject for the Rules Committee for the next convention.

Expenses in the amount of \$165.62 for BPOU Convention on March 30th were presented by Carol Rugar. Motion to approve payment made by Judy Hackett and seconded by Paul Doten. Motion approved. Expenses in the amount of \$298.84 for the Chili Supper/Liz Collin & Bob Kroll event on April 12th were presented for payment by Carol Rugar. Motion to approve payment made by Joshua Jones and seconded by Ruth Gruba. Motion approved.

Motion by Joshua Jones and seconded by Paul Doten that future monthly meetings of this organization be held on the second Thursday of each month. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Joshua Jones and seconded by Judy Hackett. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Next meeting of this body will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the St Cloud Regional Airport.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Rugar, Secretary
Benton Co Republican BPOU