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Pro Se Representation

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF
IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KOOTENAI

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TINA JACOBSON,

Plaintiff,

) Case No.: CV 2012-3098) ANSWER TO) AMENDED COMPLAINT AND) DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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LINDA COOK,

Defendant

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COMES NOW Defendant Linda Cook acting Pro Se and responds to Plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

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FIRST DEFENSE

- Defendant denies each and every allegation contained in Plaintiff's complaint that is not specifically and expressly admitted herein.
- 2. Defendant admits that jurisdiction and venue are proper but denies any allegations as to damages.
- 3. Plaintiff, who is a public figure must prove falsity as a prerequisite for recovery, Defendant, by asking a question about unaccounted for funds did not accuse Plaintiff of theft.

SECOND DEFENSE

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1	Pursuant to Idaho Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b), Defendant demands a trial by
2	jury on all issues, claims and defenses triable.
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7	Dated this 16th day of October, 2012.
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9	By: Sinda J. Cook
10	Linda J. Cook
11	Pro Se Defendant
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15	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
16	I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of, 2012
17	I caused a true and correct copy of the forgoing ANSWER TO COMPLAINT to be
18	served by the method indicated below and addressed to the following:
19	U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid
20	C. Matthew Anderson
21	Winston and Cashatt 250 Northwest Blvd., Ste. 206 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814
22	Dated this day 10/14/2012
23	Dated this day 10/14/2012 Linda J. Cook
24	7709 W. Meadow Lark Lane Rathdrum, Idaho 83858
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Attachment A

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Subj: Date: FW: Matt Roetter KCRCC State Committeman 2/10/2012 5:20:48 P.M. Pacific Standard Time

From:

tjacobson@p3mc.com mroet31708@aol.com

To: CC:

doug.balija@hotmail.com, dweir@roadrunner.com

Matt:

Doug Balija has forwarded your email requesting copies of our banks statements. As a private organization we are not required to furnish copies of our financial information to anyone with the exception of our sunshine report which has already been filed. I have verified this with the state party. We can allow you to see these documents in the presence of other board members and precinct committeeman but we will not allow them to be copied. Since the KCRCC is currently very busy with the presidential caucus, Lincoln Day and the primary we will not be able accommodate you until after May 15th.

Tina Jacobson Chairman KCRCC

From: Douglas Balija [mailto:doug.balija@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 8:11 AM

To: tjacobson@p3mc.com

Subject: FW: Matt Roetter KCRCC State Committeman

Hello Tina,

I am fowarding this request from Matt Roetter to you. My understanding is anyone can veiw all this info on the Sunshine report posted by the state already with exception of January. Thanks for your time and quidance with request.

Douglas J. Balija

From: ClassActionIG@aol.com

Date: Wed, 8 Feb 2012 15:18:22 -0500

Subject: Matt Roetter KCRCC State Committeman

To: doug.balija@hotmail.com

Dear Doug:

Thanks for taking over Doug Weir's position as treasurer. I would like to have copies of the KCRCC checking account monthly statements for the following months:

- 1. October 2011
- November 2011
- 3. December 2011
- 4. January 2012

Is it possible that you can just scan and email the statements to me? Please send them in a PDF file. If you can't scan them please mail them to:

Matt Roetter Research Investigators P.O. Box 1506 Hayden, Idaho 83835

Attachment B

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Subj:

RE: FW: Matt Roetter KCRCC State Committeman

Date:

2/14/2012 5:38:02 A.M. Pacific Standard Time

From: To:

tjacobson@p3mc.com MRoet31708@aol.com doug.balija@hotmail.com

cc: Matt:

As stated before, we are a private organization and neither our bylaws nor the state party's bylaws require us to provide financial information to anyone. This has been verified with the state party.

You were offered, as a courtesy, the ability to view the papers you first requested in the presence of others but have refused this offer. Our financial information is filed according to the law with the secretary of state in our sunshine reports. You can access this information on line http://www.sos.idaho.gov/

This matter is now closed.

Tina Jacobson Chairman KCRCC

From: MRoet31708@aol.com [mailto:MRoet31708@aol.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2012 7:44 AM

To: tjacobson@p3mc.com
Cc: doug.balija@hotmail.com

Subject: Re: FW: Matt Roetter KCRCC State Committeman

Dear Tina Jacobson, KCRCC Chairman:

This is in response to your email.

First, I amend my request to view KCRCC bank statements and canceled checks from June 2010 to present.

Secondly, please state any KCRCC bylaw which prohibits a member of the KCRCC executive committee the ability to view KCRCC bank statements and canceled checks at his request.

Third, as chairman of the KCRCC are you acting also as treasurer of the KCRCC or just directing the KCRCC treasurer? I just want to be clear if you have full control of the KCRCC treasurer and he is not the one making the decision about producing the said documents?

Fourth, I am not a member of the general public who wishes to view the requested documents and therefore, I am not interested in sunshine reports.

Fifth, you are not required to be present at the time that I view the said documents since you are not the KCRCC treasurer. Therefore, the May 15th date is completely unacceptable and is rejected. Lastly, please state the KCRCC bylaw(s) that require you to be present?

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Roetter, KCRCC State Committeeman

Attachment C

RE: Fwd: KCRCC Doug Balija Request

Subj: RE: Fwd: KCRCC Doug Balija Request
Date: 2/13/2012 5:48:12 P.M. Pacific Standard Time

From: <u>iward@STRATEGERYINC.COM</u>

To: ClassActionIG@aol.com

Hi Matt,

Attached is the 2011 Annual report for the Kootenai County Republicans. The financial records should conform to this report. If it does not conform that might be a reason to withhold the records. The date of May 15 is highly suspect since it corresponds with the Primary Election Day. If someone is withholding information in order to shield the voters from impropriety it would be logical to embargo that information until Election Day.

As a voting member of the Executive Board I would suspect it is your right to examine the financial records since it is you responsibility as a board member.

Since the KCRCC is a "not-for-profit political organization" under IRS Code 527, in Idaho is must conform to Idaho law on "non-profits." Linked below is a publication by the Idaho Attorney General which specifically states:

"A board member also has various rights to obtain information that relates to the charitable organization and its activities. For example, the board member has the right of reasonable access to:

- the organization's management (most likely the executive director or chief executive officer);
- internal information of the organization;
- the organization's principal advisors, such as its auditors and lawyers; and
- financial statements and records of the charity, including minutes of board meetings." http://www.ag.idaho.gov/publications/consumer/ServiceOnChartableOrganization.pdf

Other literature supports this:

In an article below Attorneys <u>Jill Gilbert Welytok</u>, <u>JD</u>, <u>CPA</u> and <u>Daniel S. Welytok</u>, <u>JD</u> says as a director (as members of the executive board and the central committee) you have the "absolute" right to view the books and records.

http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/understanding-your-rights-on-the-board-of-director.html

I am also concerned with the selection of Sheriff Richard Mack as a speaker. I wonder if he is actually being brought to Kootenai to support candidates who share his political philosophy. True to form Mr. Mack has run for U.S. Senate at a Libertarian and is currently challenging a loyal Republican Congressman who conservatively votes 95% of the time with the Republican Caucus and is considered a by most analysis as a "hard conservative" but crossed the Ron Paul Libertarians in Texas because he killed marijuana legalization legislation (sponsored by Paul) in his house committee. Mack has thus given him the moniker of "RINO" Since Mack shares the same seditious political philosophy as candidate John Green it seems to me the Lincoln Day Dinner will be used a platform to promote his candidacy.

I wonder how comfortable Raul Labrador, Mike Crapo and Jim Risch will be on the same stage with a Libertarian faux-Republican who is running against and slandering their colleague.

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Jeff

----- Original Message ------Subject: Fwd: KCRCC Doug-Balija Request

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Subj:

Re: FW: Matt Roetter KCRCC State Committeman

Date:

2/14/2012 9:43:25 A.M. Pacific Standard Time

From:

MRoet31708@aol.com tjacobson@p3mc.com

To: CC;

douq.balija@hotmail.com

Dear Mr. Doug Bilija, KCRCC Treasurer:

Please take the time to review the publication written by the Idaho Attorney General with the title of, "Service on an Idaho Nonprofit Board of Directors", dated January 2010. Here is the link to the publication:

http://www.ag.idaho.gov/publications/consumer/ServiceOnChartableOrganization.pdf

Please provide the financial documentation that I previously requested within one week of the date of this email, else appropriate causes of actions will be taken based on Idaho Statutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Roetter, KCRCC State Committeeman

Note on Attachments E,F

Plaintiff stated to Defendant in face to face meeting that she had in her possession the receipt for the amount of \$964.20, included in submitted Sunshine Report to Idaho Secretary of State. Plaintiff stated the sum was reimbursement for advertising that Plaintiff paid for with her personal charge card. When a request for a copy of that receipt was made, no receipt was forthcoming. Independent investigation resulted in receipt being recovered from the Coeur d'Alene Press, provider of advertising service.

The receipt in question indicates that Angela Cross provided payment but that Angela Cross did not receive reimbursement. The reimbursement was directed to Tina Jacobson.

Attachment E



CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT SUMMARY PAGE (Please Print or Type)

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Subi:

RE: KCRCC Doug Balija Request

Date:

2/13/2012 3:50:23 P.M. Pacific Standard Time

From: To

JPierce@watrust.com

ClassActionIG@aol.com

Hi Matt. If you are looking for some feedback regarding the Bylaws, then I can only say that you're right. To my knowledge there is nothing in the county Bylaws that pertain to this matter one way or another except to require that the Treasurer provide a copy of their "report" to any KCRCC member upon request.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the KCRCC; furnish a written treasurer's report at each KCRCC regular meeting; annually furnish a written treasurer's report to the members of the KCRCC at the January regular meeting; file such reports as required by State and Federal Law and provide copies of such reports to the members of KCRCC if requested; and shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chairman.

Treasurers' report shall include but not be limited to: actual income and expenditures, with a reconcilement of the actual income and expenditures by comparison to the annual budget. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Budget Committee.

What is it that you are trying to find out?

Jim

From: ClassActionIG@aol.com [mailto:ClassActionIG@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 3:34 PM

To: Pierce, James

Subject: KCRCC Doug Balija Request

Dear Jim:

Can you provide some insight into this matter?

Thanks,

Matt Roetter

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Attachment H

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Subj:

Re: Board

Daté:

3/15/2012 10:25:06 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time

From: To:

MRoet31708@aol.com tjacobson@p3mc.com

Dear Lorri Erickson, KCRCC Secretary:

At the KCRCC Executive Committee Meeting held on March 8, 2012 yeu stated the following:

- 1. You quoted Robert Rules of Order as the authority which allowed our KCRCC Executive Committee to vote for Mr. Mack being the guest speaker at the Lincoln Day Event. Please provide the Roberts Rules of Order which allowed the vote?
- 2. You stated that KCRCC meeting minutes use to include the KCRCC checking account balance but due to a "policy change" about a year ago you no longer include the balance in the minutes. Please identify the policy and who made that policy change on what date?

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Roetter, KCRCC State Committeeman

Attachment I

Spokane Office
Bank of America Financial Center
601 W. Riverside, Suite 1900
Spokane, Washington 99201-0695

Phone: (509) 838-6131 Fax: (509) 838-1416 website: www.winstoncashatt.com



A Professional Service Corporation

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August 14, 2012

Peter C. Erbland Paine Hamblen LLP Post Office Box E Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-0328

Re: Linda Cook

Dear Peter:

I represent Tina Jacobson in the above captioned matter against an anonymous blog commentator. Linda Cook has identified herself as that person. Ms. Cook advises you are her lawyer. Trusting this is correct, our clients have reached an agreement in principal to settle the claim. Here are the terms agreed to.

- 1. Ms. Cook will submit to Ms. Jacobson an acceptable letter of apology without equivocation and agree that its contents will not be denied at a later date. It is intended the letter can be made public and provided to any person inquiring about the allegation in the future.
- 2. Ms. Cooke will make a charitable donation of \$4,000.00 in Ms. Jacobson's name to Open Arms, 1111 Ironwood Dr., Suite B, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814.
- 3. Ms. Jacobson intends to write an editorial addressed to civil discourse in our political process arising out of the defamation. Ms. Cook is invited but not required to co-author the article.
- 4. An amended complaint setting forth relevant facts and naming Ms. Cooke will be filed. She will accept service. The complaint will be dismissed with completion of Ms. Cook's obligations. The letter of apology will be attached to the motion to dismiss so it is a public record.

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James P. Connelly
Leo J. Driscoll
Tim M. Higgins

Ms. Jacobson understands these most generous terms are acceptable to Ms. Cook. If your client is agreeable please confirm. I suggest as the first step that Ms. Cook offer her letter of apology for consideration as that is the lynchpin of this agreement.

Although I am out of town, I can be available to chat if you need to reach me. I hope this unpleasant matter can be put to rest consistent with the positive proposal our clients have reached.

Very truly yours,

C. MATTHEW ANDERSEN

CMA:clk

Attachment

I have investigated s case and have tons of defensive cuments which will prove that questions exist concerning the following:

1. Were Kootenai County Republican Central Committee (KCRCC) by laws violated.

2. Was KCRCC money misappropriated.

- 3. Were KCRCC Executive Board Members prevented from obtaining and or viewing KCRCC financial documents.
- 4. Was a KCRCC financial audit conducted and by whom.
- 5. Were Idaho Sunshine Election Reporting laws violated.
- 6. Were Idaho Non Profit Organization laws violated.

Please call me if you should have any questions. I believe this case can be defended with the information that I have obtained.

The Defendant Linda Cook can be contacted at (208)819-0583.

Matthew Roetter

Research Investigators P.O. Box 1506 Havden, Idaho 83835 (208) 704-4339

Email: Classactionig@aol.com

FENESTRATION (WINDOW AND DOOR) EXPERT WITNESS CLASS ACTION WORK CONSULTANT FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS PRODUCTS LIABILITY INVESTIGATIONS PERSONAL INJURY INVESTIGATIONS **QUI TAM INVESTIGATIONS CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

Atlachment K

KCRCC BYLAW VIOLATIONS

Treasurer:

- 1. Did not furnish a written treasurer's report at each KCRCC monthly meeting.
- 2 Did no furnish a written treasurer's report to the members of the KCRCC at the 2012 January regular meeting.
- 3. Did not supply reconciliation of income and expenditures as compare to annual budget.

KCRCC Executive Meetings:

- 1. No meeting minutes were taken at the March 2012 Mr. Mack vote meeting.
- KCRCC regular meeting minutes did not include critical financial information from the treasurer.
- 3. KCRCC sectary made a policy change which caused critical financial information from being put into the minutes but could not site who made the policy change.

Budget Committee:

1. Did not prepare a budget and therefore did not present a budget to the KCRCC for approval in January 2012.

Chairman:

1. The chairman shall be responsible for conducting all KCRCC meeting in accordance with these bylaws.

KCRCC Executive Committee:

- 1. Numerous non budgeted expenditures were paid without approval of the KCRCC Executive committee if under \$500 or the KCRCC if over \$500.
- 2. Since there was no KCRCC budget, all expenditures were not included in a budget. Therefore, any non budgeted expenditures must be approved by either the KCRCC or the KCRCC Executive Committee.

Talking Points:

- 1. No budget.
- 2. No written financial reports.
- 3. No financial information in the monthly meeting minutes.
- 4. No executive meeting minutes for Mack vote meeting.
- 5. No reimbursement receipts for expenditures.
- 6. No written monthly or annual treasurer's report.
- 7. No approval for expenditures over or under \$ 500.
- 8. Doug Weir quits before the end of his term, why?
- 9. I was blocked from viewing the financial documents.
- 10. I am still being blocked from seeing the financial documents.
- 11. Will not produce the KCRCC audit authorized by Tina Jacobson.
- 12. Will not produce the Tina Jacobson receipts for \$ 964.20.
- 13. Norm Semanko told Tina to have an audit conducted but only a financial review was preformed by the treasurers and two anonymous individuals.

14. According to the Spokesman review article by Meghann Cuniff, "Andersen said the comment hurt Jacobson's reputation and prompted her to call for an audit of the committee's funds." No audit was ever conducted only a "Review of the Books" by the treasurers and two un named individuals.