



November 9, 2013

**Kootenai County Republican Central Committee SPECIAL Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 9, 2013
Kootenai County Administrative Building, 451 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID**

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM. The Chair, Neil Oliver, presided. Sheila Waller was the Secretary. James McMillan was the Parliamentarian.
- II. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum:** Thirty (30) members were present. Doug Balija and Dirk Mendive arrived after the roll call.

Start of meeting: Twenty-eight members present.
Before 10 AM: One member arrived. One member departed. Total present: 28
10 AM to Noon: Four members departed. Total present: 24
Noon to 2 PM: One member arrived. Total present: 25
2 PM to Adjournment: One member departed. Total present: 24

A quorum of at least 24 members was maintained for the duration of this meeting. See attached document for a list of members present.

III. Special Business

Tony Wisniewski summarized the work that the Bylaws Committee completed in revising the Bylaws.

MOTION (Section 3.4): Mike McDowell moved to replace the word "Statute" with "Code" in Section 3.4. The motion passed.

MOTION: Vern Decker moved to change the word "Statute" to "Code" throughout the document. The motion passed.

*Point of Order by Bruce Maddux (during discussion between Carol Goodman and Vern Decker): Committeemen aren't supposed to debate amongst themselves.

Ruling by the Chair: I was asked to try to make the meetings go a little bit smoother without invoking Robert's Rules of Order quite so strenuously; but, you are absolutely correct. Point well taken.

MOTION (Section 4.1 d): John Cross moved to replace the second semi-colon with a period and add "The treasurer shall" to begin the next sentence. The motion passed as amended by Wendy Medlock to replace the first semi-colon with the word "and".

Section 4.1d now reads (in part):

d. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the KCRCC and furnish a written treasurer's report to the Chairman at each KCRCC regular meeting. The treasurer shall annually furnish...."

MOTION: David Crane moved to capitalize "state central committee" throughout the document. The motion passed.

MOTION (Section 5.1): Tony Wisniewski moved to change "Kootenai County" to "Coeur d'Alene". The motion passed.

Section 5.1 now reads (in part): "...The meeting shall be held in Coeur d'Alene on the....."

MOTION (Section 5.4): Tony Wisniewski moved to replace “officers” with “Executive Committee members”. The motion passed as amended by David Crane to separate this section into two sentences.

Section 5.4 now reads:

5.4 Executive Session: An executive session consists of only Executive Committee members and members of the KCRCC. An executive session may be called by any member of the KCRCC at any KCRCC meeting.

*Point of Order by Tony Wisniewski (during discussion of his motion for Section 5.4): Is there a motion on the floor by John Cross that was not considered?

John Cross withdrew his motion. The Chair did not need to rule.

MOTION: Bruce Maddux—Question of Privilege to take a 15 minute break.

AMENDMENT: Bjorn Handeen moved to accept the document as given by the Bylaws Committee. The amendment failed.

The motion passed as amended by Carol Goodman to take a five minute break.

MOTION: Doug Balija moved to have pizza brought into the meeting for lunch instead of taking a 1.5 hour lunch break. The motion passed.

MOTION (Section 5.5): Bruce Maddux moved to replace “The printed agenda....” with “A printed agenda....”. The motion passed.

Section 5.5 now reads in part: “...A printed agenda shall be provided.....”

MOTION (Section 5.9): Sheila Waller moved to add the word “regular” in front of “...meeting absences...”. The motion passed.

Section 5.9 now reads in part: “...Should any member of the KCRCC incur six or more regular meeting absences.....”

MOTION (Section 5.9b): Doug Balija moved to add “The Chairman, through the Secretary, shall notify the member that the position has been vacated.”

AMENDMENT: Mike McDowell moved to add “The Chairman, through the Secretary, shall notify the member that the position has been vacated.” as the second sentence in Section 5.9.

*Point of Order by Tony Wisniewski (prior to vote on motion to add a sentence to Section 5.9): We have certain activities happening out of sequence with each other. We were very careful in the Bylaws Committee to specify that the member may have deemed to have constructively resigned, not necessarily that he has; and the reason is he has not resigned until a motion is made and the motion has passed to accept his resignation. So to put the statement, as I understand it, in the motion on paragraph 5.9 to notify him that his position has been vacated; it has not been vacated at that point because there has been no motion. So we’ve got things out of sequence. We’ve got to reword the wording.

Ruling by the Chair: The Chair is in question because as Tony has noted there has been vacated 5.9 section b is the point at which the Chair shall then ask for a motion to accept the constructive resignation; should such motion be made and passed by a majority vote, then the member in question shall be deemed to have vacated the position. It's going to be hard for me to notify the member before the meeting has come to an end that they've been vacated out of the position by their actions. The language is confusing. It will cause much confusion. I guess my point of order is to send this back to the body and figure out either a change in the language or leaving where the original motion wanted it put in which was at the end of b. But as written it cannot go into Section 5.9 and that's the ruling of the Chair. The body does have the opportunity at this time to overrule the Chairman on his decision. It does take a 2/3 vote.

AMENDMENT: Mike McDowell moved to amend the motion to change "...has been vacated." to "...may be vacated."

*Point of Order by Gerald Dale (following the Chair clarifying with Mike McDowell the intention of his alternate motion for Section 5.9): At this point we need to, if everybody would like to, we need to continue and vote on the motion, vote it down, and start over again.

Ruling by the Chair: The Chairman was asked to make that determination. I took that prior vote, I killed it, asked for the motion to be fixed so that it could either go into 5.9 or it can remain in b; and the motion maker has chosen to amend his motion to amend. He amended that as original motion maker he described to me that he wants that the position may be in replace of has and to leave it in Section 5.9.

AMENDMENT: Wendy Medlock moved to place the sentence "The Chairman, through the Secretary, shall notify the member that the position may be vacated." as part "a" with the current a and b be made into b and c and c made into d. The motion passed.

*Point of Order by Vern Decker (regarding the last sentence of Section 7.1): Add "and acceptance" after submission.

Ruling by the Chair: The Chair agrees.

The Chair pulled back this decision and put it to the body to decide.

MOTION (Section 7.1): Bruce Maddux moved to add "and acceptance" to the last sentence so that it reads: "All non-standing committees shall terminate with the submission and acceptance of their final report." The motion passed as amended by Tony Wisniewski to add "by the Chairman" so that Section 7.1 reads: "All non-standing committees shall terminate with the submission and acceptance by the Chairman of their final report."

MOTION (Section 7.3.c.2): Bruce Maddux moved to add "at which the call for removal has been made" to the end of the sentence so that it reads: "Notice of the call shall be sent by the Secretary via registered mail to the member in question within three (3) business days after the meeting at which the call for removal has been made." The motion passed.

MOTION (Section 7.5): Gerald Dale moved to change "simple majority" to "two-thirds majority" in the last sentence so it reads: "A two-thirds majority may amend the budget as needed by the KCRCC members, at any regular meeting." The motion failed.

MOTION (Section 7.5): John Cross moved to strike the last sentence of Section 7.5. The motion failed.

MOTION (Section 7.5): Vern Decker moved to change “simple majority” to “three-fifths majority” in the last sentence so that it reads: “A three-fifths majority may amend the budget as needed by the KCRCC members, at any regular meeting.” The motion passed.

MOTION (Sections 7.6 through 7.10): Vern Decker moved to renumber accordingly. The motion passed.

MOTION (Section 7.7 Legislative Committee): Gerald Dale moved to amend the lettering on the items.
The motion passed.

MOTION (Section 7.7 Legislative Committee, part a): Bruce Maddux moved to remove Part a. Tracking legislation or policy proposals through the Federal Legislature. The motion passed.

MOTION (Section 8.1): Bruce Maddux moved to add “, latest edition” following “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised”. The motion passed.

MOTION (Special Rules of Order a, Item 10): Tom Robinson moved to remove “matters initiated in the present meeting”. The motion passed.

*Point of Order by Bruce Maddux (in questioning the Chair regarding his statement that the Orders of the Day could not be modified): The Orders of the Day or Special Orders Section b does grant the power to modify the Orders of the Day.

Ruling by the Chair: Point well taken.

MOTION: Gerald Dale moved to vote on all the amendments as they now sit.

*Point of Order by Gerald Dale (regarding his motion and the Chair stating that we still have sections b and c to go through. You want to forego any more discussion on this): It doesn’t forego. It just means we approved it. We can still continue to discuss it after the approval. Correct?

Gerald Dale withdrew his motion. [Included for clarity--SW] The Chair did not rule on the point of order.

MOTION: Vern Decker moved to adopt the bylaws as amended.

AMENDMENT: Tom Robinson moved to create a new Section d that states: “Items not on the printed agenda “New Business” must be passed by a 2/3 majority voting of members present and proxies to be introduced for debate on the floor. The motion will be read before the vote is taken.” The motion passed as amended by Barbara Hedden to make this Section c and move the current Section c to Section d.

AMENDMENT: Tony Wisniewski moved to amend additional item c to remove “voting of members present and proxies” so that it reads: “Items not on the printed agenda “New Business” must be passed by a 2/3 majority to be introduced for debate on the floor. The motion will be read before the vote is taken.” The motion passed.

The motion to accept the bylaws passed.

Vern Decker moved to adjourn. The motion passed.



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Adjourn: 2:31 PM

Minutes prepared by Sheila Waller, Secretary

KCRCC Secretary

ATTACHMENT

**MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE KCRCC SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2013**

Number	District	Precinct or Position	Name
1	2	2	Tom Robinson
2	2	3	Melanie Vander Feer
3	2	7	David Crane
4	2	12	Bruce Maddux
5	2	16	Ruthie Johnson
6	2	19	Duane Rasmussen
7	2	22	Carrol DeMartini
8	3	10	Neil Oliver
9	3	23	Gerald Dale
10	3	24	Wendy Medlock
11	3	26	Fred Ostermeyer
12	3	28	Bob Whitehead
13	3	29	Bryan Crabtree
14	3	30	Larry Gilman
15	3	31	Richard Houser
16	3	34	Carol Goodman
17	3	36	John Cross
18	3	63	Tony Wisniewski
19	3	65	Ron Mendive
20	3	66	Doug Balija
21	3	69	George Mitchell
22	4	37	Vern Decker
23	4	40	Barbara Hedden
24	4	42	Allen Richardson
25	4	44	Mike McDowell
26	4	46	Bruce McKay
27	4	52	Bjorn Handeen
28	4	62	Chad Ross
29		Youth Committeeman	Dirk Mendive
30		Secretary	Sheila Waller

A quorum is one-third of the members. The current membership includes 69 precinct committeemen and two non-precinct committeemen officers (Youth Committeeman and Secretary) for a total of 71 members. One-third of 71 is 23.7. A quorum is, therefore, 24 members.