Women's Republican Club of Salt Lake County
Annual Meeting December 12, 2024
Draft Minutes

Location: [redacted]

Officers in Attendance:
[redacted], Vice President
(absent: Laurie Stringham, President; [redacted], Secretary/Treasurer)

Members in Attendance:
[redacted] (denied entrance)

Special Guests:
Corinna Harris, Utah Federation of Republican Women VP
Jeanna Ogden, Utah Federation of Republican Women VP
Kirby Glad, Professional Registered Parliamentarian (denied entrance by Jeri Brummett)
Jonathan Harris, Sergeant at Arms, sent by the State club

Start time- approx. 12:09pm

[of note: Jeri Brummett took the floor and the microphone at the beginning of the meeting and asserted he was asked to serve as parliamentarian. He refused to submit to any parliamentary inquiry or motions of the members. Brummett declared there were no rules of order to govern the meeting and that he would determine who would speak and when. Every attempt of members to express themselves in a common parliamentary fashion was met with criticism and subsequently called out of order. Brummett denied the members the right to overrule the chair or even establish consent of a person to chair the meeting in the absence of the president. Use of parliamentary terms were rejected by Brummett as not applicable to the meeting; therefore, the ladies resorted to using words with their plain and common meanings to raise objections, concerns and suggestions for actions. These were also rejected by Brummett as not permissible. Earlier Brummett had refused entry to the members' floor parliamentarian Kirby Glad, while impugning Glad's credentials]

I. **Prayer-** motion by [redacted] to pray was declared out of order by parliamentarian Jeri Brummett
II. **Pledge of Allegiance-** motion by [redacted] to recite the Pledge was declared out of order by parliamentarian Brummett

III. **Approval of Minutes**- minutes not available for approval

IV. **Credentials Report-** membership record was not available and members were denied requests for it previous to the meeting. State federation club guests asserted authority to deny entrance of nearly a hundred members, guests and member-prospects based on a membership list they purported to have but would not share with members.

V. **Business**

A. Parliamentary Opinion-
Brummett began the meeting by reading a parliamentary opinion covering a range of topics. Members objected to Brummett assuming the floor without consent and without the long standing custom of a prayer and pledge.

B. Authority to Chair the meeting-
Multiple members, including [redacted], offered points of inquiry regarding consent of the members for a chair in the absence of the president. Brummett declared all points raised as to his authority to be out of order.

C. Motion for Membership and Credentials Report-
[redacted] motioned for a credentials report, and Jeanna Ogden, who is not a member of the club, declared the question to be disruptive and ordered [redacted] dismissed. Members rejected the order by voice vote and questioned the non-member's unilateral authority to discipline its members.

D. Ongoing and Repeated Motions Regarding Authority of Persons in the Meeting and Occupation of the Floor
Multiple members raised points of order, including [redacted], regarding authority of Brummett to occupy the floor without consent of the assembly.

[of note: at some point proximate to this timeline, Harris called the police in an attempt to have the members removed. Wait staff conferred with police and indicated the members, who have been customers for over a decade without incident, were not disruptive, rather the nonmembers were observed to have incited both the members and the member-prospects. Police declined to take any action. A similar exchange occurred with the manager, who had also been asked to remove the members, but he agreed to allow the members to remain after the three left]

E. Approval of Chair Pro Tem
A member motioned to elect a chair pro tem. Brummett declared the motion out of order, and Ogden ordered [redacted] removed a second time. Members rejected both declarations.

F. Motion to Adjourn (failed)
Brummett declared the meeting adjourned. Members rejected the call to adjourn. Brummett ordered the members to leave their meeting- and their meals. Members declined to leave. Brummett instructed Ogden and Harris to pack their things and leave together as per his motion to adjourn. [redacted], who to this point had said nothing nor asserted herself in her position as officer of the

club, also left with them. Several members were not aware [redacted] was an officer.

G. Floor Parliamentarian Joined the Meeting
Members invited Parliamentarian Glad to join them to continue their meeting and complete the orders of the day. Upon entry Brummett appeared to challenge Glad, and they conferred for a few minutes before Brummett left and Glad advised the members how to proceed.

H. Chair Pro Tem Selected
A member motioned to elect Coleman Chair Pro Tem. Motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

I. Election of Treasurer/Secretary
Kris Kimball was the sole nominee for Treasurer/Secretary and was elected by acclamation.

J. Interpretation of Bylaws Regarding Membership Enrollment
Glad shared that a section of the bylaws regarding the deadline for when an alumnus member who is delinquent on dues loses her good standing (i.e. March 1 of each year) had been interpreted by Brummett to mean that no new members could join after March. This was his justification for rejecting the member-prospects that day and the previous days and weeks. Members affirmed that the long-standing practice was to welcome new members any day of the year, and that this year the practice had been continued, even recently.

Glad disagreed with Brummett's interpretation, based on the bylaws and the practice and suggested the members take a vote to affirm their interpretation of their bylaw.

K. Motion to Enroll New Members
Kris Kimball, newly elected Treasurer made a motion; "that based on the ambiguity of the bylaws and the precedence set at previous meetings, that all guests in attendance be allowed to pay the membership dues and participate in the meeting". The motion was adopted unanimously. The meeting paused to process the 90+ enrollees.

L. Election of President and Vice Presidents
Nominations were conducted for remaining offices. Each office received a single nomination and were voted by acclamation as follows: Carolyn Phippen, President; Gloria Vindas, 1st Vice President; and Deb Rosemen, 2nd Vice President.

VI. Prayer and Pledge

A prayer was offered by [redacted], and the Pledge offered by [redacted]

VII. Comments by Newly Elected President Phippen

VIII. Adjourn

A member motioned to adjourn. Motion carried.

Additional Considerations: some ladies had attended a previous meeting and were instructed to pay their dues to the President's personal venmo account. Feeling uncomfortable with that, the treasurer promised they could show up at the December meeting with a check or cash. This arrangement was not honored, including for Carolyn Phippen.
Draft notes reviewed and approved by:



