

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
November 4, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Ron Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at The Church on the Green, Sun City West, Arizona. Jan Neal gave the invocation followed by the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America. All joined in the singing of God Bless America.

Present: 109 Voting Members, 4 new memberships today and 16 participants who Caroline Trotter delivered checks to President Ulrich and he deposited those checks on October 31 – total of 129.

The September minutes were approved as distributed prior to the meeting.

President Ulrich opened the meeting up for comments prior to the election. He explained there were individuals submitted by the Nominating Committee not meeting the one year membership required by the By-Laws; in particular some had been dropped as current members at the end of March for not paying dues. He reported that the membership can override the decision by the Board by a 2/3 member approval.

Marjorie Favia discussed the issue of the last approved By-Laws from April 7, 2018 versus the April 2, 2022 version that was voted on by the Membership but the Minutes did not show a final approval. Ms. Favia made a motion to put all candidates on the Nominating Committee recommendation list. Motion seconded by Anna Morrison. Discussion was opened regarding this motion.

Clair Van Steenwyk said there had been issues last year with others being nominated that were not members for a year and the second meeting election necessary to vote on the nominated members. It had been the consensus of the 2023 Board that the By-Laws should be followed.

There were questions from the floor about what specific parts of the By-Laws related to the issues before the meeting. Art Goes, from the Board, responded to specific articles and Robert's Rules questions.

A number of interested members made comments from the floor.

President Ulrich closed the discussion on this matter and asked all members in favor of adding Linda Barnes for Vice President, Annette Montgomery for Membership Director, Mike Brintnall for Sargeant at Arms Director, Gloria Brintnall for Member-At-Large Director and Jody Brackett for Member-At-Large Director in accordance with the motion by Marjorie Favia and seconded by Anna Morrison earlier. Two-thirds of the membership approved. Motion carried. President Ulrich asked all present to add the names to their ballot and spelled each name for the members.

Lou Grosse brought up the issue of 9 checks for 16 memberships that Caroline Trotter tried to deliver to the current Membership Director at his home the past week. He did not understand why the checks were not accepted.

Donna Sies, Treasurer, reported that the Board had declared the membership roster updated with new memberships received at the October meeting date to be the members that would be eligible to receive ballots at the meeting. It is important for the integrity of the election to be secure. Ms. Sies reported that the checks in question had been deposited in the bank on October 31 and she found it out when she called the bank to confirm the account balance as the statement always comes after the meeting.

General discussion from the membership. It was moved by Lou Grosse that the people whose checks were deposited be given ballots today. Motion seconded by Caroline Trotter. President Ulrich asked all members to stand who were in favor of allowing ballots for these individuals. Motion did not pass by two-thirds vote.

President Ulrich called for nominations from the floor. Jan Martinson nominated Jean Goncalves for Treasurer. She has been a previous Treasurer for this Club. Fran Church volunteer to run for Treasurer, also. Both ladies met the membership requirement and members were asked to add them to their ballots.

Each candidate for office was given three minutes to introduce themselves to the membership. Jody Brackett stated she is not able to run at this time.

Members voted and turned their ballots into the ballot box. The Nominating Committee members were involved with counting the votes.

Susan Black, who had originally been scheduled as our speaker for the day, gave a short report on her run for the Arizona State Legislature. She will share more information at a later meeting.

Jan Martinson presented the drawing of the 50/50 tickets.

Most members left after this as the counting was still ongoing.

New elected officers are:

President	Robert Randle
Vice President	Linda Barnes
Recording Secretary	Connie Loper
Treasurer	Fran Church
Director Membership	John Schalk
Director Sergeant at Arms	Rod Martinson
Director Webmaster	Art Goes
Director-At-Large	John Heep

Results were posted Saturday afternoon on the Sun City West Republican Club website.

President Ulrich adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Loper