

OCTOBER 12, 2017 MEETING MINUTES - Barbara Rothe

(As revised November 6, 2017.)

Chairman Nancy Ordowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Terravita Community Center Desert Pavilion. Ron Schott gave the prayer and Tim Horn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Second Vice Chairman, Dr. Rich Rutkowski, discussed the proposed bylaw changes to Article II, Section 3.A; Article III, Section 1.A & 1.B; Article VI, Section 7; and Article VIII, Section 4.D.3. Linda Rizzo questioned the proposed amendment concerning filling State Committeeman (SC) vacancies (Article VIII, Section 4.D.3), since it would change what has been the longstanding practice of selecting the PC with the next-highest number of votes as the replacement. Linda opined that this change was not needed to be compliant with the State. Mary Ryan & Arthur Cooper concurred.

Second Vice-Chairman Rich Rutkowski explained that the wording of the proposed amendment could not be altered since some votes had already been cast. Rutkowski pledged that a policy, directing the District Chairman to give preference as per former District practice when making recommendations to fill SC vacancies, would be written and posted at www.ld23gop.org. After vigorous discussion, a vote by paper ballot was completed. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 86-14. Dennis Weiland expressed his opinion that a change in an unrelated section of the bylaws was needed. He was asked to submit his proposal to the Chairman.

The speaker was the U.S. Marshal for AZ, David Gonzales. He described the duties and responsibilities of his position and answered multiple questions from the audience.

Barry Graham reported on current activities relating to the Scottsdale City Council and Dr. Rich Rutkowski updated the membership on the Fountain Hills Town Council's proposal for a lagoon.

Chairman Ordowski reported on a speech that Maricopa County Recorder, Adrian Fontes, gave to students at Fountain Hills High School. She also announced that the Maricopa Republican Committee needs volunteers for voter registration on November 4. Volunteers are also needed for the Fountain Hills Fair on November 10 - 12. The Maricopa County Mandatory Meeting will be on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

The minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting were accepted. Treasurer Valerie Giramberk presented the Treasurer's report. The next meeting will be held November 9, 2017 at the Fountain Hills School District Learning Center. The Christmas Party will be held on December 1; details to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Barbara Rothe, Secretary