

# State Meeting

## Max's Positive Vibe Cafe

Stratford Hills Shopping Center, 2825 Hathaway Rd, Richmond, VA 23225

September 19, 2015

### *Minutes of GPVA Business Meeting*

#### **Attendance**

Tamar and Tom Yager (Co-Chair and at-large), Sid Smith and Wendy Hageman Smith (Central Virginia Greens), Jeff Staples (Hampton Roads), Scott Burger (Richmond), Charlie Jordan (Blue Ridge Greens), Audrey Clement by phone.

#### **Officials**

Sid was chosen Facilitator  
Tom took minutes  
Tom "Vibes Watcher"

#### **Agenda modifications**

Written reports were accepted as read by consensus since we were late starting. The agenda was ratified and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### **Dues Proposal**

Formal consideration of the motion by the Finance Committee to amend the Bylaws to request an annual contribution from members of \$25, subject to hardship.

Tamar suggested a friendly amendment to add "voluntary" and delete references to hardship and this was accepted. Charlie Jordan had a blocking concern that we would not be able to handle all the money. A vote was taken and the Finance Committee's amendment to the Bylaws was approved 6-1.

#### **Election of GPUS Representative(s)**

Audrey, Tamar, Sid nominated; Elected Tamar Yager in the first round and Sid Smith in the second round.

#### **Election of GPUS Alternates**

Jeff, Tom, Audrey running; Elected Jeff Staples and Tom Yager.

#### **Press Secretary**

Approved Audrey Clement by consensus. Scott Burger will help with Facebook.

#### **2015 Candidates Reports**

Wendy Hageman Smith running unopposed for Appomattox County School Board.

House of Delegates, District 81 "Jeff Staples has the endorsement of local and state Sierra Club." He has considerable Democratic support and is likely to get other endorsements.

Buck Richards on the ballot for Soil and Water Conservation Board for Warren County. There are two seats and two candidates including Buck.

#### **Election of male co-chair (effective January)**

Sid and Charlie nominated; Sid was elected in the first round (5 "Sid, 1 "Charlie, 1-Abstention)

#### **Election of Treasurer**

Treasurer election was deferred to the Interim Committee.

#### **Presidential Primary**

Tamar proposed we use the same system as in the past. Objection by Charlie Jordan on basis that cardinal utility cannot be measured properly. A vote was taken and use of the same system as in the

cardinal unity cannot be measured properly. A vote was taken and use of the same system as in the past was approved; 5 for, 1 against, 1 abstention.

**Credentialing for convention**

Tamar can do but would like for someone else to volunteer. She can send all the information from the last time so it will just need updating.

**Presidential petitions**

Audrey will help get electors.  
Need to request permission for the Presidential candidate.

**Presidential Nominating Convention Credentialing**

Need a volunteer.

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B. Sidney Smith  
GPVA Co-chair

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