

Hampton Roads Green Party Minutes 9/19/21, 2-4pm

Join the online meeting:

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Meeting ID: 816 3754 2281 Passcode: 702015

1) Procedural

a) Establish Quorum

Quorum Established

b) Establish Proper Notice for the Agenda was Provided

Proper Notice Affirmed

c) Assign Facilitator

Blaizen was assigned

d) Assign Notetaker

Blaizen was assigned

e) Take Attendance/Introductions

Steffanie Aubuchon, Blaizen Bloom, Charles Brown, Garry Hubbard, Chuck Tyler

f) Summary and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes – August 15th

Approved

g) Unfinished Business

2) Officer/Committee Reports

a) Co-Chairs – Blaizen Bloom (Delegate *Pro Tempore*)

b) Secretary (open)

c) Treasurer Report – Steffanie Aubuchon

There is currently \$185.09 in the bank account, with \$250.00 taken out to pay for Pride.

d) IT – Blaizen Bloom

Blaizen has revamped certain parts of the website, focusing on the News section.

e) Education/Membership – (open)

i) Youth Outreach – (open)

f) Media/Web (open)

g) Fundraising/Legal (open)

h) Government Watchdog (open)

i) GPVA Update – Blaizen – GPVA Non-Male Co-Chair

Andrew Franke was elected Co-Chair and Davion Washington was elected Press-Secretary.

The HRGP bylaws amendment failed to obtain the necessary supermajority to pass. The candidate agreement was declined by consensus for further discussion. President of Fairvote VA, Elizabeth Melson, spoke on efforts to implement RCV in localities. Davion Washington was

appointed to the Diversity Committee and Steffanie Aubuchon was appointed to the Animal Rights Committee. Those interested in open committee assignments should ask Blaizen.

j) GPUS Update

- i) National Delegate Update - Tina
- ii) Media Committee Update - Tina
- iii) Animal Rights Committee Update - Blaizen/Steffanie/Kyle

The ARC platform amendments are getting worked on before the end of month deadline.

3) Cochair Special Election - (Second Notice)

- a) Establishment of ad hoc Elections Oversight Committee
- b) Declaration of Candidacy
- c) Election will be held at October Meeting

4) HRGP/GPVA Candidate Updates

a) Garry Hubbard, Candidate for CD-02 (2022)

Garry is working on his platform regarding the environment, health insurance, infrastructure, creating/keeping good jobs, and giving voters faith in their people. He would like to set-up a meet and greet at Mount Trashmore and rent a shelter. He's also working on creating business cards with the GP logo and "Garry Hubbard for Congress". Blaizen suggested going to Eastern Shore and Peninsula for meet-and-greets. Charles asked about going up to the Historic Triangle and Poquoson. Garry and Charles discussed CD-02 map and potential for it to be redistricted before next year. Blaizen recommended talking to Charlotte Rose.

b) Blaizen Bloom, Candidate Chesapeake School Board (2022)

Blaizen has continued speaking at Chesapeake School Board meetings. They spoke at the SAFE Virtual Rally. Charles asked about the age requirement for the office.

5) Past Month Events/Endorsements/Sponsorships

a) [Tidewater Workers Assembly Meeting #3/4](#) - August 15th

Blaizen, Charles, Garry were present for the third meeting. Charles was present for the fourth meeting. A teacher from CEA spoke about Collective Bargaining in CPS and working with ACME for collective bargaining for all city employees. Because of unfavorable Board/Council compositions, TWA brainstormed ideas on how to approach the situation. A rep from the Fort Lee Barber Strike spoke, the workers are currently reconciling with their employers. Another individual spoke on the Nabisco strike in Henrico, which ended at the beginning of the weekend. Steph from the VB coalition spoke about supporting TWA. They are currently working on leafletting efforts, scoping out Amazon and pushing for the PRO Act support from workers. Garry asked Charles about Right-to-Work, which TWA is working to repeal the law.

b) [Rally for Climate Action at Lakewood Park in Norfolk](#) - August 21st

Blaizen and Steffanie attended. The HRGP tabled at the event.

c) [Speak Out 4 Trans Rights](#) - August 23rd

A whole bunch of speakers showed up in favor of implementing the trans rights policy, although the Board failed to take any action on implementing the state mandated policy.

d) [SAFE Virtual Rally](#) - August 23rd

Blaizen was invited to speak, and spoke, at the SAFE Virtual Rally.

e) [Green Party of Virginia Meeting](#) - September 4th

f) [End The War Protest](#) - September 11th

The event was hosted by LPHR. Blaizen connected with LPHR reps. Charles spoke on being cautious with the LP but also potentially working together on select issues in future.

g) HR RVA Antiwar Meet and Greet - September 12th

Blaizen attended the event, whose purpose was to establish a coalition to support Palestine against Israel oppressions.

6) Upcoming Events/Future Event Suggestions:

a) Creating GLB Letters - September 24th 5-6pm?

Charles proposed planning an event during the Holiday Season for collective bargaining sign making, maybe around Halloween. Perhaps create an ad hoc committee or use a committee to organize the event.

i) GLB request from HR MASK - #HRMASK #LongLiveShaq

ii) GLB for RCV - #RCV #RankTheVote

iii) GLB at VB City Council Supporting Collective Bargaining

b) Get To Know Your Local Greens - September 28th 6-7pm?

Victoria hasn't responded to Blaizen's request.

i) What is VNDER with Victoria Ronnau

c) Wells Fargo Divest MVP - October 2nd

Invited to cosponsor the event in Newport News. By consensus it was agreed to cosponsor the event.

d) [October Strike](#) - October 15th?

Potential Event to support workers rights. Reach out to other groups about organizing?

e) Candidate Meet and Greets for Blaizen and Garry?

Already discussed.

7) Bylaws Amendments - Blaizen (Second Reading)

a) Amend III.D to give the Executive Board the power to establish a recommended donation amount.

b) Amend IV.I.5 to establish rules for when the number of voting members doesn't allow for the minimum membership of the Elections Oversight Committee.

- c) Amend V.B.12 to require that the general membership must confirm Executive Board appointments for GPVA Delegate
- d) Add V.B.14 to give the Executive Board the power to establish a recommended donation amount.
- e) Amend VII.E.2 to change the requirement for Executive Board meetings from monthly to as needed.
- f) Amend VII.F.3 to require consensus of the Executive Board to ratify agendas and require the agenda be made available to the general public.

8) General Discussions

- a) Endorse the [Tidewater Workers Assembly Guiding Principles?](#)

The membership agreed to an endorsement by consensus.

- b) Hampton Roads Pride 2021 Deferral/Refund

The membership agreed to refund the payment by consensus.

- c) Effort to get local Cities to adopt Ranked Choice Voting - Update

Blaizen and Charlotte reached out to local Boards of elections, the responses by and large were unknown about the costs. Charles asked a question about the process of implementing RCV.

- d) Mayors for a Guaranteed Income - Get Local Mayors to Sign On

- e) Push for local Cities to adopt resolutions supporting MTA; call for overturning Citizens United

- f) Additional Discussion?

9) Peace/Anti-war Coalition – Hampton Roads Coalition for Peace and Planet

10) Next Monthly Meeting: Sunday October (3, 10, 17, 24 or 31st) @ 2-4pm where?

Steffanie recommended the 10th or 17th for potential meeting dates.

Appendix

Amend III.D to state:

“D. Membership Contributions – It is recognized that all organizations need to develop sources of income in order to meet overhead costs (including mailings, newsletters, phone and space rental) and to support approved projects. Therefore, the Party urges all members to consider making a regular voluntary membership contribution within their means, *in which a recommended amount may be established by the Board*. However, the Party does not want to discourage the participation of those who are unable to make a financial contribution, and will in no way discriminate against those that are not financially able.”

Amend IV.I.5 to state:

“5. Prior to nominating Officers, an Elections Oversight Committee shall be appointed by the voting membership to include a minimum of three (3) voting members, not running for positions, and operate on a consensus basis. *Exceptions shall be allowed in situations where there are fewer than three (3) eligible members*. The Committee shall have the following responsibilities:”

Amend V.B.12 to state:

“12. Appoints the apportioned GPVA Delegates to serve as liaison with, and voting representatives to, the GPVA State Party, *subject to the approval of the voting membership*. The appointed GPVA Delegates must be, or meet the qualifications to become voting members of both the Party and the GPVA.”

Add V.B.14 to state:

“14. *Establish a recommended, but voluntary donation amount for those interested in monetarily supporting the Party.*”

Amend VII.E.2 to state:

“2. The Executive Board shall meet ~~no less than monthly~~ *when needed, as determined by the members of the Board.*”

Amend VII.F.3 to state:

“3. Agenda for general meetings shall:

- Consist of items requested to be placed upon it by any individual voting member.
- Be considered a draft, tentative, or proposed agenda until confirmed by consensus approval of the ~~voting membership~~ *Board* not less than 96 hours before the meeting.
- Once approved, be made available to the voting membership *not less than 72 hours before the meeting and to the general public* electronically and by public posting no less than ~~72~~ 48 hours before the meeting.”