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Subject: Summary of the 2nd Special Called Meeting, June 3, 2014, Pat Carr judged.

This is a summary of the 2nd Special Called Meeting against Pat Carr. Again, it is a summary, and not the minutes of the meeting, as are supposed to be created by Brian Strum, Executive Secretary, but who knows when they will ever come out.

It is first instructive to review an e-mail sent by Pat Carr on Monday, April 7, 2014:

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Re: Special Called Meeting, April 7, 2014, removal of Pat Carr.
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2014 09:57:32 -0400 (EDT)
From: Patricia Carr <carr4pat@aol.com>
To: [Editor's Note: all e-mail addresses redacted.]

Mr. Monroe,

There is clearly a broad misunderstanding of Plan of Organization procedures and the purpose of the April 7 meeting. The purpose is for the Executive Committee to pass a motion or resolution making whatever charges it sees fit to bring. The purpose of the second meeting, two weeks later, which you previously mentioned, is for any necessary defense to be presented, and for the Committee to then vote on the charges.

In this country we do not convict people before their defense is presented.

It would indeed be appropriate to recuse myself from presiding over a second meeting if charges have been brought against me.

I hope this clears up the misunderstanding.

Pat Carr, Chairman
HCGOP

My name is Mr. Miller, not Mr. Monroe. Pat Carr's first sentence formed the basis for her defense at this meeting, and is the best indication of why there is such a divide with the current Haywood County Republican GOP Executive Committee. We will get to that. Secondly, Pat Carr indicated "It would indeed be appropriate to recuse myself from presiding over a second meeting if charges have been brought against me." Pat Carr **did not** recuse herself from presiding over the first part of this meeting, and we will get to that also.

At the last minute (June 2, 2014), Todd Poole indicated “The NCGOP will be sending the Vice-Chair of the Cherokee County Republican Party Leo Phillips to chair the special called meeting tomorrow night at 6pm at the Haywood County GOP HQ.” Leo Phillips was notified that day that he was to chair this meeting. Obviously, Mr. Phillips had little or no time to prepare or research background with what was going on here. Mr. Phillips was on time for the meeting.

Agenda.

What the [expletive deleted]!!!

There was an agenda for this meeting that mysteriously appeared out of no-place and was handed out to people prior to the meeting. Who prepared this agenda? It is not immediately known, and no one will probably own up to it, but I suspect this agenda was created by Pat Carr, in yet another attempt to control the meeting through a carefully controlled, limited scope agenda. There was no such agenda for the first special called meeting on April 7, 2014.

A scanned copy of my agenda with my notes is attached at the end of this summary.

Invocation? There was no invocation at the first special called meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance? There was no Pledge of Allegiance at the first special called meeting.

Charges? Where the [expletive deleted] are the charges to be read?

When was the meeting going to be **Called to Order**, halfway through it (a Ted Carr brain storm)?

Roll Call? Where is the Roll Call?

Pat Carr immediately took to the podium at 6pm and started barking through the agenda, as Leo Phillips stood politely in the background. When I finally asked why Pat Carr [re: recording] was running this meeting, Leo said she was assisting. I snapped a couple of photographs.



Pat Carr called the Roll. It appeared she was using a sheet of paper created by Brian Strum, containing the current list of Executive Committee Members, not the one that I had send out day's before. It should be noted that I still to not have a current list of Executive Committee Members from Brian Strum, as he has refused to provide me with one.

There were twenty-three (23) members present plus Pat Carr, making a total of 24.

There is a question whether or not Pat Carr should have been allowed to vote at this meeting, i.e., the person being charged [re: Roberts Rules of Order]. Leo Phillips seemed unprepared for this query, and allowed Pat Carr to vote a secret ballot along with the 23 other voting members.

Leo then assumed being chair of the meeting.



It was about this time that Matthew Hebb, newly appointed Executive Committee Member, got bent out of shape and expressed discontent that I was taking pictures, and first wanted it stopped, along with all recorders being turned off. There was no way on God's Green Earth that my recorder was going to be turned off. A motion was made to insure that photographs would remain within the GOP. Strum also announced that he was taking minutes and his recorder was not going to be turned off. If Hebb should have been concerned about something, perhaps he should try to figure out who gave the 2nd Special Called Meeting time, date and location information to Vicki Hyatt of the Mountaineer to publish in her article on May 28, 2014. [By the way, Mr. Hebb, how is the contract coming along with getting Marc Pruett of the Balsam Range to play for a Republican Party Fund Raiser?]

[Editors Note: The following are pertinent to removal of Hasan Harnett at Special called meeting 4/30/2016]

A considerable amount of time was spent going over the rules for this meeting, as originally suggested by Todd Poole and Katie Sullivan. After all was said and done, each side was allowed twenty minutes to present their case.

It was determined that it would require 2/3 of the vote of the entire Executive Committee, rather than 2/3 of those members present, to remove Pat Carr in a vote. Leo Phillips had spoken to Michael McKnight and others to verify this rule.

No charges were ever formally read (although Pat Carr read the first part of the charge in her defense).

Strum and Ted Carr manned stop watches on their cell phones to monitor elapsed time of people speaking on both sides. The persons speaking, the order they spoke, the times they started, and an indication of time remaining, is noted on my copy of the scanned agenda, following this summary.

There were three (3) surprises to me that occurred at this meeting.

- Pat Carr's supporters showed up for this meeting. Pat Carr had instructed her followers to avoid attending the first special called meeting, however, an e-mail sent out by Eddie Cabe the day before the meeting regarding what 2/3 vote of executive committee members would actually count, must have flustered Pat Carr, so she brought everyone in for this meeting.
- Pat Carr actually mounted a defense. I did not think she would do that, but I also thought she would keep her followers out of this meeting also.
- Pat Carr's defense itself, again, going back to her April 7th e-mail (at the beginning of this summary).

Pat Carr believes that she had/has the power and authority to have created the secret “Party Plan of Organization Convention Committee” without the advice and consent of the Executive Committee members. Further, she believes that she had/has the power and authority to have appointed K.G. Watson as chair of the Finance Committee without the advice and consent of the Executive Committee members.

The Republican Plan of Organization [re: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/130131NCRepPoO.pdf>] uses the phrase “the advice and consent ...” seven (7) times, and of that, uses the phrase “the advise and consent of the County Executive Committee ...” three (3) times. Yet Pat Carr has twisted this in her mind to convince herself that this does not apply to her in these two instances.

Leo Phillips was totally unprepared to even make a comment on this conundrum, and basically ruled (agreed) in favor of Pat Carr.

I believe this presents a real problem for the NCGOP. Here you have a chairman that is going rouge, based on her interpretation of the Party Plan of Organization, and on the other hand, you have reasonably intelligent people on the HCGOP Executive Committee that are interpreting these rules diametrically opposite.

Who is right?

Unfortunately, there was no one at the meeting who could make the call, and certainly not the lawyer sent by NCGOP. Remember about lawyers, lawyers can only express an opinion, it is the judges that make the rulings. It will be up to NCGOP to clarify this in the future.

There were two other instances in the string of people that were speaking during the presentations for case for removal and defense that are worth a comment. Remember, during this phase of the meeting, no one was allowed to interrupt or rebuttal.

- Brian Strum indicated that I had received all the information I had asked for at the February meeting with Pat Carr at the Bethel Rural Community Organization Fellowship Hall. I had not. I had requested [re: recording during that meeting. Pat Carr had a video made, but has probably burned it by now.] but never received any bank statements with Pat Carr’s address on the statement, nor ever been able to inspect the check register. Additionally, Brian Strum has refused to provide a current updated list of Executive Committee members.
- Steve Barchie. For whatever reason, Steve Barchie started spewing Scripture during this time period. What the [expletive deleted] was that all about?

A secret ballot was taken, and the vote was 11 to remove Pat Carr, and 13 to keep Pat Carr.

I believe that the NCGOP has a real problem and will need to address this problem about “advice and consent”. If it does not mean anything, if you listened to Pat Carr, why is it even in the Party Plan of Organization in the first place. As you can see, the split is deep at HCGOP, and I don't believe anything was solved at the 2nd Called Special Meeting. Carr will still continue to do what she does, abuse her power and intimidate people.

Monroe A. Miller Jr.
Precinct Chair, Allens Creek

AGENDA FOR SPECIALLY CALLED MEETING OF THE HAYWOOD COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6/3/14

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

← Role Call
← Reading of Rules 6:20

20 Minutes for Presentation of case for removal

20 Minutes for Presentation of defense

Secret ballots distributed and vote taken

Adjourn

~~30 min Total~~ ~~and Extra~~
 6:48 Kar Hanson
 6:55 Cabel
 7:02 Jonnie
 7:05 Andrew 4 min left.
 7:06 Cabel
 7:08 End 3 min left.
 2:24 sec
 2:39 sec left

7:09 Carr Has right to do it.
 7:13 End

7:13 Carr Todd
 7:15 Strum
 7:18 Barchie
 7:21 End 9:15 left

7:23 Hanson
 7:24 Burrell 1 min left
 7:28 Jonnie

7:29 Carr 5:15 left
 7:34 Strum
 7:36 Carr Todd 3:00 left

7:38 Tad Carr 1 min
 7:38 Barchie 14 sec left

(24)

Remove	keep
11	13

Roll Call Sheet
June 3, 2014
Second Special Called Meeting

Chair, followed by Vice-Chair. If Chair absent, call for Vice Chair presence.

Quorum = 7 Executive Committee Members and Officers.

Prec.	Last Name	First Name	
AC	MILLER	MONROE	
BE-1	CABE FLECK	EDDIE LISA	(Vice Chair)
BE-2	WORLEY	ELEANOR	
BE-3	KING KING	DEBORAH DENNY	(Vice Chair)
BE-4	LONG PARKER	RICHARD CECIL	(Vice Chair)
BE-5/6	BURRELL BEST	GREGORY PATTI	(Vice Chair)
BE-7	MEDFORD	NORMAN	
CE	CARR	THEODORE	
CL-N	WARREN WARREN	BOYD SARA	(Vice Chair)
CL-S	STRUM STRUM	HANNAH BRIAN	(Vice Chair)
CR	JACKSON ELLIOT	ANDREW BEVERLY	(Vice Chair)
FC-1	TRACY KIHNEL	NATHAN JOHN	(Vice Chair)
HA	CURE	TOMILE	
ID	FERGUSON	MARIE	
IH	WYLES	WAYNE	
LJ	ROGERS DERRICK	BARRY CHRISTOPHER	(Vice Chair)
P	[None] BARCHIE	STEVEN	(Vice Chair) <u>CANNOT VOTE UNLESS HE IS A CHAIR</u> Barchie's vote still questioned.
→ PC	HENSON HOLLAND	KENNETH AMY	(Vice Chair)
SA	BUCK	BARBARA	
WC	ZAFFRANN NEWKIRK	MARK VALERIE	(Vice Chair)
WE	KELLY	DONALD	
WO	GIDCUMB GRANT	DEWEY SHONDRA	(Vice Chair)
WS-1	CURE	JONNIE	
WS-2	KUEHN	CLARISSA	(Deceased)
WW	MATHEWS	REBECCA	
Chair	CARR	PATRICIA	
V-Chair	WOMACK	LISA	
Sec.	STRUM	BRIAN	
23 Y. Rep	HEBB <i>Watson</i>	MATTHEW	(Young Republican Group recognized by Exec Committee)
Finance	None		(KG Watson appointed 5/23/2014, but not with advice and consent of Executive Committee Members. Expected to be approved at next regular meeting.)

Note: This roll call sheet prepared by Monroe Miller. All requests to Brian Strum for an up-to-date List of Executive Committee Members has been denied.