

# DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS GENERAL MEETING

June 14, 2017

Pride Center at Equality Park

## MINUTES

1. The Meeting was Called to Order by Secretary Jesse Monteagudo. There was a Quorum of 27 Members at the Meeting.
2. Temporary Chair. Moved by Alan Silva and seconded by Ed Leuchs to make Scott Herman the Temporary Chair for the duration of the Meeting. Motion passed.
3. Scott took the Chair and led the Members in a Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.
4. Scott then recognized the Elected Officials present at the Meeting. Former President Noah Kitty addressed the Members and thanked them for their support.
5. Housekeeping Items. Scott made the following temporary appointments: Michael Albetta, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Alan Silva, Parliamentarian.
6. Vice President's Position. Alan Silva, a former Parliamentarian who wrote the Club's By-Laws, explained the By-Laws as they applied to the election of a Vice President. The appointment of Vice President Scott Herman by outgoing President Noah Kitty ended at the start of the current Meeting. Members need to elect a new Vice President who will immediately become President. She or he will appoint a Vice President (of the opposite sex) who will run for the job at the July 12 meeting. According to Alan Silva, the 45 day rule that restricted voting to those who are Members for more than 45 days only applies to the Annual Meeting. The Quorum necessary to hold a meeting is now 20% of the Members but Alan suggested that it be reduced to 10%.  
  
Scott decided to proceed with the Election of a Vice President. There was no objection, and a Quorum was present. Ed Leuchs nominated Scott, and Robert Muniz nominated Cliff Eserman. The members voted. According to Alan Silva, Democratic Party Rules require the Members to sign their names to their Ballots. Scott won the Vice Presidential election, 18-9, and immediately became President. The Secretary collected the ballots and gave them to Michael Albetta as representative of the Florida LGBTQA Democratic Caucus. Scott will choose a Vice President within the next ten days.
7. Stonewall Pride, Wilton Manors (July 17). Adam Sabin reported on the Dolphins Booth at the Festival and asked for volunteers to staff the Booth.
8. Treasurer's Report. Adam reported a Bank Balance of \$6,972.52.

9. Quorum. Moved by Dave Altermatt and seconded by Ron Mills to change the By-Laws to reduce the Quorum from 20% to 10% of the Members present. Motion passed.

10. Board Vacancies. Scott appointed four Members to the Board of Directors, filling their vacancies until elections can be held: Cliff Eserman, Verna Johnson, Ed Leuchs, and Alfredo Olvera.

11. Moved by Jesse Monteagudo and seconded by Adam Sabin to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed. Members stayed after the meeting to take part in Voter Registration Training.

Recorded and Submitted By:

Jesse G. Monteagudo, Secretary