

CPBGV Board Meeting Conference Call  
Dec 8, 2014 8:00pm

In attendance:

Lisa Blackwell  
Ruth Hoffman  
Bobbe Jackson

Visitors: Ginger Russell  
Mary Fluke

After several Resignations – the board currently consist of

Ralph – vice-president  
Ruth – Secretary  
Shirley – Treasurer  
Lisa – Board Member  
Bobbe – Board Member

With 3 of 5 members present, we have a quorum

There were many emails circulated among board members, these e-mails are included at the end of the minutes in an Addendum.

After much discussion about the abnormalities in the election this year, we as a board decided to declare the election, null and void – at the end of this meeting we will revert to the board of 2014.

However since Mike has resigned her position on the board, we will recommend that Lisa be appointed to fill the remainder of Mike's term

Schedule for new elections–

December – appoint the chairperson for the nominating committee

- sec will put out letter time line and request for volunteers

January – 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of January in conjunction with the hunt will announce a slate of officers as required in the by-laws

February – additional nominations will be accepted from the floor

March – in conjunction with the Speedway show will have a general meeting where elections will be held

Mary makes request that we get

1. all unpublished minutes be put up on the web site
2. publish all board minutes onto the website
3. get up to date members list on web site
4. at March meeting the club presents the annual treasurers report for 2014 and an addendum for what has gone on until Jan to March 2014

We agreed that these items can be accomplished

Adjoured 9:06pm

## **ADDENDUM 1:**

This is a copy of the first set of emails that have circulated among Board members since the election:

Gmail - Thoroughly Improper Procedure, but nothing to be done. 12/9/14, 12:34 PM

Ruth Hoffman [ruth.bonbud@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.bonbud@gmail.com)

## **Thoroughly Improper Procedure, but nothing to be done.**

8 messages

**Ralph S. Hattox** <rhattox@hsc.edu> Fri, Nov 28, 2014 at 3:58 PM To: Bobbe Jackson <pbgvs@aol.com>, Mike Williquette <mikewilliquette@att.net>, Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>, Beverly Childes <bevchilds@bellsouth.net>, Shirley VanCamp <scess@carolina.rr.com>, Ginger Russell [glr629@gmail.com](mailto:glr629@gmail.com)

*I wrote the following over a week ago; but owing to falling ill for several days, and also to my natural instinct to weigh carefully things I put into writing, I held on to it. Nor did I really want to send this around on the eve of the holiday, so I am circulating it only now. As I say at the end, it is probably best that nothing be done, but I do want the board to reflect upon the extent of irregularities that accompanied the late election, and for them to understand why indignant protest was entirely appropriate in the circumstances.*

I write to the pre-November 15 board, in part because of the nature of the question concerning the most recent meeting, and in part because it would be unfair to drag Lisa into this particular bit of beastliness. Nor do I think it appropriate to submit it to the membership as a whole, since that might make it impossible to limit how far this matter goes.

First of all, allow me to state, that in spite of smirking suggestions made at that meeting, about the last thing I want is to be considered for president of the CPBGVC. It's not that I shouldn't be happy to serve if there were no other alternative, but after three terms another one might land me in divorce court. I understand that to some it is incomprehensible that a person might be motivated by something aside from a desire to be constantly center-stage and in the spotlight, but with me such is indeed the case.

I dare say that we have all been somewhat lax in our attention to the bylaws of the club in many respects—owing to personal and professional obligations, I, for instance, have been unable to attend the past several meetings.

That being said, what the club was presented with at the annual meeting of November 15 was not just a heedless disregard, but rather a flagrant violation of the bylaws. Personalities aside, not just the board, but the membership as a whole, should have been informed far before the annual meeting of the slate of candidates proposed by the nominating committee. An excerpt from the bylaws:

Section 4. Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. During the month of August, *the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates*, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a chairman for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before September 15.

(a) *The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and position on the Board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.*

(b) *Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, at least two weeks before the October meeting, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.*

(c) Additional nominations may be made at the October meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

(d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

[Italics mine]

Even if the timing of Ginger's decision not stand again for president made it impossible to adhere precisely to the dates in the election bylaws, there were clearly still several irregularities. There seems to be some confusion as to whether there were other members appointed to the nominating committee in addition to the chair; if not, that was a lapse on the part of the board as a whole, and in this respect at least the nominating committee chair is not to be censured for what happened. If there were other members appointed, they should obviously have been involved in the nominating process. Whatever the case may be, the chair took upon herself the responsibility of putting together the list of candidates. Beyond this, things take on an aspect worthy of Machiavelli, or, to be fair and to put a less sinister construction on it, perhaps of the Marx Brothers. The club Secretary, from all evidence, was never informed of the decision of what was now a *committee of one*, so the Secretary cannot in any way be held accountable for not informing the membership as stipulated in §4(b). In point of fact, an admittedly informal canvas of the members of the Board of Directors at the meeting of November 15 revealed that nobody, except for the single member of the nominating committee and the presidential nominee herself, knew that this was in the works. Whatever the case may be, the membership as a whole, already lubricated by the hospitality of the Country Club, was presented with a list of nominees that it had not had the opportunity to review in advance, as is clearly required by the bylaws. Those who might not have considered the presidential nominee—or any nominee, for that matter—an entirely welcome choice should at least have known what was coming. The slate of nominees passed before the unheeding (and perhaps

uncomprehending) approbation of most, and the incredulous silence of a few, which even five-minutes advance warning might have transformed into a voice of dissent: of course according to §4(d) no other nomination could have been made at that point, but if the provisions of the bylaws—or something even approximating them in spirit—had been followed, that would have not been necessary.

The question remains as to what can be done at this point, and the solution, to be honest, is beyond me. It is clearly required that the membership be allowed to review in advance of the meeting the list of nominees, and this did not happen. But our dirty laundry is our own. My inclination is simply to let it be. A challenge to the results could clearly be made, but probably the harm that would come from further wrangle would outweigh the good.

Ralph

**Mike Williquette** <mikewilliquette@att.net> Fri, Nov 28, 2014 at 6:13 PM To: "Ralph S. Hattox" <rhattox@hsc.edu>  
Cc: Bobbe Jackson <pbgvs@aol.com>, Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>, Beverly Childes <bevchildes@bellsouth.net>, Shirley VanCamp <scess@carolina.rr.com>, Ginger Russell <glr629@gmail.com>

I take full responsibility for the the entire problem. However as we really had no volunteers to assume the position as President and Beverly was willing and I believe a good leader. I accepted her offer. Board members need to attend conference calls and meetings to stay informed of club affairs.

I suppose we could hold another election, but what will that accomplish if no one is interested in the position.

I am hoping this will not destroy the club. Mike

Minta "Mike" Williquette  
[Mikewilliquette@att.net](mailto:Mikewilliquette@att.net)

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On Nov 28, 2014, at 3:58 PM, Ralph S. Hattox <[rhattox@hsc.edu](mailto:rhattox@hsc.edu)> wrote:

**Ralph S. Hattox** <brownstonepbgvs@gmail.com> Sat, Nov 29, 2014 at 8:18 AM To: Mike Williquette <mikewilliquette@att.net>  
Cc: Bobbe Jackson <pbgvs@aol.com>, Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>, Beverly Childes <bevchilds@bellsouth.net>, Shirley VanCamp <scess@carolina.rr.com>, Ginger Russell [glr629@gmail.com](mailto:glr629@gmail.com)

Mike,

The purpose of my writing was certainly not to destroy the club, nor do I feel that we need to have another election. It is possible that the election might have been contested had we had foreknowledge of the slate, but then again it might not have been, since as you say it is difficult to scare up a person willing to serve in that capacity. I merely wanted to point out the source of my stunned irritation on that evening, and to suggest that to avoid this sort of thing we need to stick closely to the by-laws as written.

As one of the primary offenders, I agree that we all need to participate in the conference calls, when scheduled at a time convenient to all (or at least most, since "all" is sometimes difficult to come-by), and when a reminder goes out well before the evening of the call.

Ralph

**From:** Mike Williquette [mailto:[mikewilliquette@att.net](mailto:mikewilliquette@att.net)]

**Sent:** Friday, November 28, 2014 6:13 PM

**To:** Ralph S. Hattox

**Cc:** Bobbe Jackson; Ruth Hoffman; Beverly Childes; Shirley VanCamp; Ginger Russell **Subject:**

Re: Thouroughly Improper Procedure, but nothing to be done.

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**Ginger Russell** <glr629@gmail.com>

To: "Ralph S. Hattox" <brownstonepbgvs@gmail.com>

Cc: Mike Williquette <mikewilliquette@att.net>, Bobbe Jackson <pbgvs@aol.com>, Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>, Beverly Childes <bevchilds@bellsouth.net>, Shirley VanCamp <scess@carolina.rr.com>

I too take responsibility for the situation. Please understand this was not nefarious but the result of an inept president and consequential ineffective board. I apologize to the officers and board. I too hope it will not destroy the club and we can ,in fact, learn by my mistake and follow the policies and procedures set forth to enhance the club.

Once again I am sorry.

Ginger

Sat, Nov 29, 2014 at 8:58 AM

**Bobbe Jackson** <pbgvs@aol.com> Sat, Nov 29, 2014 at 9:40 AM To: Ginger Russell <glr629@gmail.com>  
Cc: "Ralph S. Hattox" <brownstonepbgvs@gmail.com>, Mike Williquette <mikewilliquette@att.net>, Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>, Beverly Childes <bevchilds@bellsouth.net>, Shirley VanCamp [scess@carolina.rr.com](mailto:scess@carolina.rr.com)

Writing as Board member and friend.

It is nice to see we all agree that in the future we need to pay attention to the club by-laws and constitution. This is from aa life long rule breaker. So now let's get on to the future.

The first order of business is to set the date and time of the next board meeting. Then text and email a reminder to all of us. I am provably the most offer offender of forgetting meetings. Not sure if it is just me or age.

Now this is a question for anyone to answer. Did the board ever vote to be the supportive club for the east National? Next. Exactly what year are we talking about? I am confused. For some reason 2016 is in my brain. But going by section of country shod it not be 2017?

Sent from my iPhone

**Bobbe Jackson** <pbgvs@aol.com> Sat, Nov 29, 2014 at 9:48 AM To: Ginger Russell <glr629@gmail.com>  
Cc: "Ralph S. Hattox" <brownstonepbgvs@gmail.com>, Mike Williquette <mikewilliquette@att.net>, Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>, Beverly Childes <bevchilds@bellsouth.net>, Shirley VanCamp [scess@carolina.rr.com](mailto:scess@carolina.rr.com)

Oops fingers slipped again. Didn't sign message. Sorry Bobbe

PS Don't forget to include Lisa in discussions when we leave this subject. She sometimes has problems answering group text messages. And some board members do not text. All official Board business according to AKC has to be done via email.

Bobbe again :)

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Ginger Russell <glr629@gmail.com>  
Cc: Mike Williquette <mikewilliquette@att.net>, Bobbe Jackson <pbgvs@aol.com>, Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>, Beverly Childes <bevchilds@bellsouth.net>, Shirley VanCamp [scess@carolina.rr.com](mailto:scess@carolina.rr.com)

Ginger,

You were hardly an inept president—quite the opposite. You did everything you possibly could to keep things running smoothly. It's just difficult when you have to enlist the cooperation of a group of people who have good intentions but limited time.

I think we all recognize your contribution to the club and your leadership; I for one very much appreciated it. Ralph

Sat, Nov 29, 2014 at 10:38 AM  
**From:** Ginger Russell [<mailto:glr629@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Saturday, November 29, 2014 8:58 AM

**To:** Ralph S. Hattox

**Cc:** 'Mike Williquette'; 'Bobbe Jackson'; 'Ruth Hoffman'; 'Beverly Childs'; 'Shirley VanCamp'

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**Beverly** <bevchilds@bellsouth.net>

To: "Ralph S. Hattox" <brownstonepbgvs@gmail.com>

Cc: Ginger Russell <glr629@gmail.com>, Mike Williquette <mikewilliquette@att.net>, Bobbe Jackson <pbgvs@aol.com>, Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>, Shirley VanCamp [scess@carolina.rr.com](mailto:scess@carolina.rr.com)

Board,

As a woman I feel verbally attacked by Ralph. I felt that way on the night of Nov. 15 and I certainly feel that way after reading Ralph's e-mail.

I do agree that the Carolina PBGV Club by-laws were not followed in this election. There have been a number of times over the years they have not been closely regarded. Ralph has never been too concerned about that until now.

Well Ralph, you are going to get what you so desperately want. Effective immediately I am resigning as President of the Carolina PBGV Club. When a woman is verbally attacked by a man she can either fight or remove herself from the situation. I am removing myself from this situation. As a voted in Vice President, Ralph should now be running the club business. That means Ralph that YOU are going to have to take responsibility to show up and call in for board meetings. You can now plan them around your schedule. There have been many times in the past two years I have left one meeting or event early to make the Carolina PBGV board calls. You make time for what is important to you. Ralph this club has now GOT to be important to you because I am giving you what you want.

Tony and I wish the Carolina Club much success in the coming years.

Regards, Beverly Childs

Sent from my iPad. Beverly Childs

Stone House Hounds

**Ralph S. Hattox** <brownstonepbgvs@gmail.com> Sun, Nov 30, 2014 at 2:45 PM To: Beverly <bevchilds@bellsouth.net> Cc: Ginger Russell <glr629@gmail.com>, Mike Williquette <mikewilliquette@att.net>, Bobbe Jackson <pbgvs@aol.com>, Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>, Shirley VanCamp <scess@carolina.rr.com>

Beverly,

I am sorry you have chosen to take this stand. I should have thought that you would have had the sense to consider what I said and gotten on with things—it was hardly an olive branch, but it was a suggestion that we recognize what happened for what it was and move on; this club has a lot of business to attend to. In fact, judging from the tone of the emails that preceded yours yesterday, several members of the board, *myself included*, recognized that we need to be more attentive to our responsibilities, something from which you, as president, might have profited. I am disappointed by your attitude, though not terribly surprised; clearly I was unduly optimistic.

In fact, in my message I did not attack anything *you* did at all; if anybody should have felt pique, it is Mike; but of course she had the sense to recognize my email for what it was, and grace to enter into a frank discourse about the matter, rather than simply taking her ball and going home.

In particular I am surprised that you should have decided to frame this as Woman's Issue. I

am the sole male on the Board, and I should like to solicit the opinions of the rest of the board as to whether I came after you as a woman, or merely an antagonist in a club matter. If they feel that way, *mea maxima culpa*, and I shall step aside, chastened and ashamed. But I did not then, nor do I now, wish to be considered for the office as president. As I said in my earlier message, it is possible for a person to have an opinion that is not motivated by a desire for personal aggrandizement or even for attention.

Well, I have no real sense of what should be done now. As I responded to Mike earlier today, the furthest thing from my mind was to destroy the club, and in circulating my message as I did, I hoped to preclude that possibility; nor, as is obvious from the wording, was it my intention to ask you to resign. If you wish to saddle me, or anybody else, with the responsibility as club president, so be it. Susan will be livid, but understanding. I cannot speak for the Board as a whole; your message, though directed at me, seems addressed to them all. But as far as I am concerned, we can, and shall, get the club together behind us, and move on. In short, do as you will.

I'm afraid it leaves the Board with a lot to chew on, aside from cold turkey.

Ralph

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## ADDENDUM 2:

This is a copy of the second set of emails that have circulated among Board members after the SC hunt:

Gmail - A Suggestion 12/9/14, 5:40 PM



Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>

## A Suggestion

**Ralph S. Hattox** <rhattox@hsc.edu> Mon, Dec 8, 2014 at 10:40 AM To: Bobbe <pbgvs@aol.com>, Shirley VanCamp <scess@carolina.rr.com>, Mike Williquette <mikewilliquette@att.net>, jblackwell9@carolina.rr.com, Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>, Ginger Russell <glr629@gmail.com>

To the CPBGVC Board:

Here is the conference call information:

Now, I had intended, at the start of this evening's meeting, to poll the board, and see if there was anybody that did not think it appropriate to move forward with the business of the club. Ironically, it seems that the person whose malfeasance was responsible for this entire mess in the first place apparently spent the weekend throwing gasoline on the fire.

I now suggest the following: that the Board as it now is constituted, plus Ginger (sorry, Ginger), deliberate as to the best course to take. I shall recuse myself from the deliberations, since I cannot claim to be a disinterested party.

I thank you all for your patience and assistance during this mess. .

Ralph

**Mike Williquette** <mikewilliquette@att.net> Mon, Dec 8, 2014 at 11:10 AM To: "Ralph S. Hattox" <rhattox@hsc.edu> Cc: Bobbe <pbgvs@aol.com>, Shirley VanCamp <scess@carolina.rr.com>, "<jblackwell9@carolina.rr.com>" <jblackwell9@carolina.rr.com>, Ruth Hoffman <ruth.bonbud@gmail.com>, Ginger Russell <glr629@gmail.com>

Ralph If you are referring to me I did not discuss the details of this with anyone except the requests from members as stated. I was not at the dinner Sat. evening when it was discussed.

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Mike,

If you are not responsible, I do sincerely apologize. I only know that from the exchange of emails yesterday, some sort of mischief was afoot at the hunt, and I suspect that there were slanderous comments made regarding me. But if you were not the instigator of the trouble, I do apologize.  
Sincerely.

Ralph

**From:** Mike Williquette [mailto:[mikewilliquette@att.net](mailto:mikewilliquette@att.net)] **Sent:** Monday, December 08, 2014 11:11 AM  
**To:** Ralph S. Hattox  
**Cc:** Bobbe; Shirley VanCamp; <[jblackwell9@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jblackwell9@carolina.rr.com)>; Ruth Hoffman; Ginger Russell  
**Subject:** Re: A Suggestion

Mon, Dec 8, 2014 at 11:20 AM

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Ralph You have my resignation from the board of directors of the Carolina PBGV club. I will not be vilified for something I did not do this weekend and accused of malfeasance when in fact it was just negligence to doing the job. Mike

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Mike,

Yes, I was angry this morning, and I used the word "malfeasance" in the heat of the moment. I should have used "nonfeasance".

The CPBGVC needs your expertise, and if I have to apologize to you before the board for the second time in ten minutes, I do so, once again with the deepest sincerity. Before all those to whom the message was addressed.

Incidentally, you probably do not have to send this sort of thing to me. Unless this matter calms down, and quickly, I shall myself be forced to

tender my resignation. I have taken on the job of trying to restore stability only because the email I circulated initially led in part to all this. I do not want this job, but was willing to do it for a year in order that we might get back to the job at hand. But I have really seen enough. If you did nothing to cause the problem this weekend, did you do anything to be part of the solution, to calm things down or, more to the point, to straighten out the record as to what has happened in the past week? If you are sincere about your professed desire that this not destroy the club, I urge you to act on that sentiment.

Now, to the rest of the board: I have a stack of work which will get ever deeper for the next week and a half. Think accountant in the first two weeks of April. Bobbe or somebody else will tell me of the results of this evening's meeting and I shall probably write to you, and perhaps to the membership as a whole, tomorrow. But if I am silent during any protracted email exchange this afternoon it is because I cannot be distracted any longer from my obligations to my students.

Ralph