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Ms Palm,

I have reviewed your appeal and have the following findings.

While Idaho Code 34-624 'Election of precinct committeemen' defines when a precinct committeeman election shall take place and the term of the position, there is no absolute guarantee that the precinct committeeman can retain their position regardless of their actions. The precinct committeeman may resign, change affiliation, move out of their precinct, or take other actions that cause them to lose their position as precinct committeeman.

The right of free association is guaranteed by both the US and Idaho Constitutions. The courts have found that the right to associate includes the right not to associate, which means an organization has a constitutional right to set the rules for membership provided those rules do not violate other rights. Idaho Code 34-505 specifies the authority of the state central committee and the county central committees to establish rules.

The Bylaws of the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee, section 8.1, state:

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, latest edition, shall be the parliamentary authority for the conduct of business and meetings of the KCRCC and committees for all matters not specifically covered by these bylaws, insofar as they are not inconsistent with Idaho Code Title 34 and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

All parties agree that the procedure listed in Robert's Rules was used to expel you, specifically Chapter XX, section 61.

Section 61:2 gives the authority to expel. Section 61:13 calls for immediate action should an offense occur during a meeting:

"there is no need for a formal trial provided that any penalty is imposed promptly after the breach (cf. 23:5), since the witnesses are all present and make up the body that is to determine the penalty."

You agree that a motion was made immediately after your comments at the March 25th meeting, and you admit that these comments were uncalled for.

Your assertion that "Charges must be in writing" and "The accused must receive advanced notice" only applies to offenses elsewhere than in a meeting.

The KCRCC Minutes from the March 25th meeting confirm that the chairman placed the committee into executive session immediately after the breach occurred, and the committee dealt with this matter promptly.

The offense arises from your conduct "in a meeting," so under Roberts Rules, that issue can be dealt with by the same assembly without any notice, as all who are in attendance at the meeting were witnesses to your conduct. The maximum penalty that can be imposed under Robert's Rules is expulsion from the organization, so the assembly acted within the limits of its authority. You left the meeting of your own volition, voluntarily giving up any opportunity to object to the sanction imposed by that assembly, therefore, a fair hearing was conducted.

Lacking a violation of Idaho Code, Republican State Party Rules, Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Bylaws, or Roberts Rules of Order, your appeal is denied.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dorothy Moon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chair Dorothy Moon
Idaho Republican Party