

Southern Mecklenburg Republican Club

June 2008 Meeting

Minutes

THE MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2008, AT FOX & HOUND, CHARLOTTE, NC, AT 6:30 P.M.

I. **Welcome**

Ken Nelson, Club Vice- President, welcomed members and guests. He noted that there had been a misunderstanding regarding use of a private room, and stated that Fox & Hound may not be suitable for future meetings due to the lack of private rooms. He reassured members and guests in attendance that the Executive Committee would continue searching for a permanent meeting venue.

II. **Club Business**

Due to the difficulty being heard due to background noise, no new business was conducted. However, our club is currently in the process of forming committees. Any interested members were encouraged to get in touch with the Executive Committee.

III. **Discussion**

With no scheduled guest speaker and background noise an issue, our members and guests divided into breakout groups for discussion of Republican principles. Members discussed why they are Republicans, and what led them to commit to our principles. In-depth discussions were had on balancing individual liberties derived from natural rights vs. the role of government in enforcing laws and preventing crime. They ran the gamut from national policy to county and city government, delving into budget analysis and the contribution of high property taxes to Mecklenburg's loss of businesses and residents to surrounding counties. While our members didn't agree on every point, consensus was reached that as Republicans, we all believe in the primacy of property rights, the superiority of market forces over central government planning in making economic decisions, and valuing responsibility for oneself and one's family (as opposed to subscribing to collective responsibility, as the Democrats do).

IV. **Closing**

As members finished dinner and the breakout discussions wound down, Ken thanked everyone again for coming, and reminded members to keep checking our website, <http://www.somerepublicans.org>, for updates on our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Love
Secretary

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