



Post-GOP Convention 1: Candidate-Journalist & “MinnGhost” bobagain spooks Chair Hann – “thoroughly enjoyed and inspired” by chats in hall with “folks too smart to pay to play” – plans primary run – e- vs paper vote “AutoHann diktat” a “menacing symptom”

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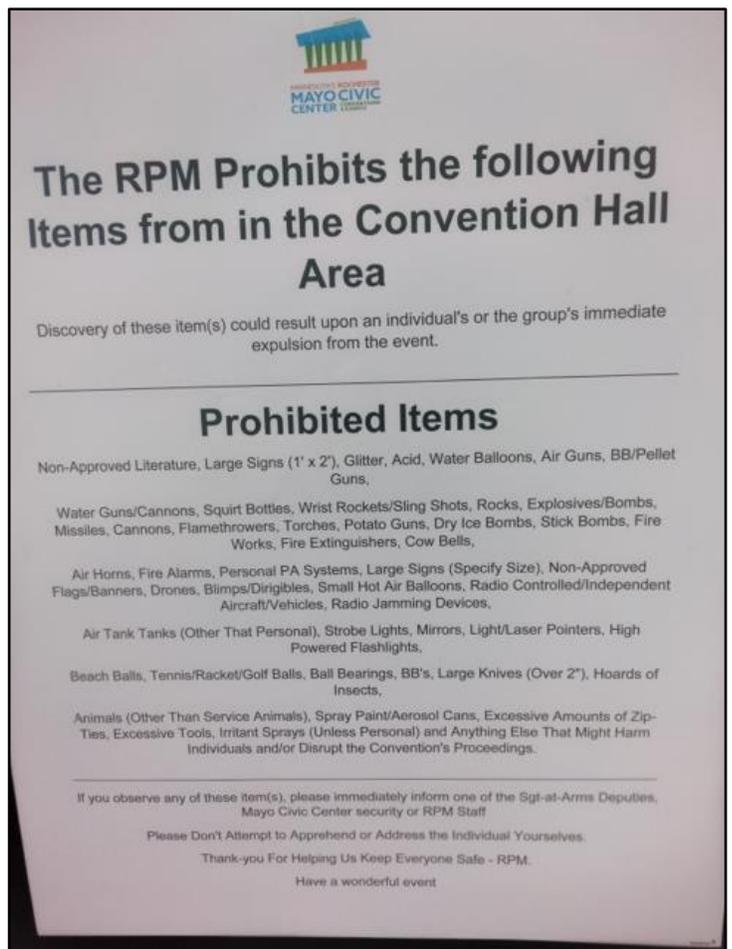
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Medical incident sends bobagain to Mayo ER for most of Saturday

Bobagain headed back to both Mayo Clinic and DFL State Convention later this week and weekend

Minneapolis, MN, 5/17/22 – Branded as “Under my Thumb” by MNGOP Chair David Hann (the “AutoHann”) and bombarded with a steady incoming stream of demo-defining Classic Rock Muzak “double-barreled” GOP candidate Bob “Again” Carney Jr. (“bobagain”) spent most of Friday 13th in the lobby area of the Rochester Mayo Civic Center... on the free side of the Minnesota GOP’s “dollar curtain” at the State Convention. He plans to run in the August 9th Republican primary for Governor and is actively recruiting a Lt. Gov. running mate. “I’m opening this up to all eligible Minnesotans,” bobagain said, encouraging people to visit his campaign website, www.votebobagain.com for more information. His First District U.S. House special election primary campaign continues.

While bobagain has a 20-minute convention speech prepared, “I expected to be ‘canceled’” he said, adding: “Due to my conviction that Donald Trump must be confronted by Republican office holders and candidates it was obvious that my presence at the Convention could only be a protest. I must have spooked MNGOP Chair David Hann when I approached him to say: ‘I’m here.’ Mr. Hann replied, and I quote: ‘No you’re not.’ I



“Non-approved Literature” leads the list of items banned from the Convention Hall in 2022 by the Minnesota Republican Party

believe this is not *just* an existential error on Mr. Hann's part – it's also yet another menacing symptom of what's going on in both the Minnesota and the national GOP." Future news releases will follow up on what bobagain sees as the disastrous state of the Minnesota and national GOP.

Enjoyable and inspiring Friday chats with Republicans

Watching the event in the lobby Friday proved to be both an enjoyable and inspiring experience for bobagain. "I had several extended chats with Republicans who were all demonstrating a core Republican value – not frittering away the over \$100 price tag to watch what appears to have been a quasi-theatrical version of a State Convention – an event that used to be broadcast free to everyone statewide. I'm not sure if this one was broadcast," bobagain said.

One conversation with an elderly GOP activist was particularly notable. Bobagain commented: "Although his name is on a two-page handout, he doesn't want to be identified. The handout was titled 'The Inherent Danger of a Constitutional Convention.' It warns that the current effort to convene a so-called 'Convention of States' is now within six states of the two-thirds required to petition Congress to call it under our Constitution's Article V provisions. Once called, my activist friend cautions that it could become a 'runaway convention.' The actual 1787 Constitutional Convention was also just that – it went beyond the authority granted to propose amendments to the Articles of Confederation – producing instead both a document to entirely replace the Articles and a novel ratification process that required only nine of the thirteen states to approve before the new Constitution became effective. The Articles of Confederation specified that any amendment required unanimous approval."

"This activist and new-found friend is doing what he can to alert people to the danger of an out-of-control 'Convention of States.' In our extended conversation I was impressed both by his well-founded concern and by his deep knowledge of the Constitution and American history. But frankly, this is the kind of experience I expect to have at Republican Conventions." The conversation was only one of several that bobagain had with "folks too smart to pay to play."

Meanwhile, the USGOP TrumpTanic sailed forward full-speed through a Musky, murky, loony sea of tranquility and uncertainty... as the Musak played on: Hendrix, KISS, Elton John, Stones, Steppenwolf, Magic Bus (transportation policy?) breaking only occasionally into a brief clear spot (Cat Stevens. Peace Train.) "During one chat I asked a younger (20's or 30's) Republican, a former College Republican President... how he thought the Musak might comport with 'Religious Right' Delegates" bobagain commented. "It has no correlation," he replied, adding that he liked it, and didn't see it as age-specific."

The "AutoHann" e- vs paper voting diktat... leadership's "condescending" attitude?

Concerns were raised Friday over the Convention Management's plan to conduct endorsement voting electronically, and without a paper trail. "When I ran for the U.S. Senate endorsement in 2012, I was allowed to address the Convention, and scannable paper ballots were printed for each ballot. That didn't take too long," bobagain commented.

This year, after a debate, the Convention agreed to use a system of electronic clickers to vote on each ballot – with no paper trail. "Sitting in the lobby area near adjournment Friday I asked about 15 or 18 people what they thought about the process... I also asked delegates about it for a few minutes in the Skyway leading to the Convention Hall Saturday before a medical incident sent me to the Mayo ER. Most people accepted the perceived wisdom of the electronic method – although some delegates explicitly expressed mistrust of the State Party. Overall, by the end of the endorsing process this had become a non-issue. But one delegate explicitly objected to a 'condescending' attitude of the party's leadership," bobagain commented, and added: "Overall Delegates appeared satisfied with the endorsement process, which the 'AutoHann' made 'run on time'" bobagain concluded.

Still, bobagain sees many menacing symptoms of a fundamental turning away from openness to new ideas – or really to ideas generally – in both the Minnesota Republican party and the national Republican party. "Frankly I see this as a continuing process of the successful 'Russian Regime Change in America' carried out by Vladimir Putin and Russia in 2016," bobagain said. He plans to keep challenging this and writing about it. "At this point I haven't decided on who to vote for in November if I lose the August 9th primary for Governor," bobagain said. "While I was generally encouraged by the Republicans I saw at the convention, what appears to be happening with the party's leadership is truly frightening," bobagain concluded.

Medical incident appears benign; bobagain back for Mayo Clinic follow-up Thursday; insists “it’s Trump’s fault”

While talking with Delegates heading through a skyway connecting parking ramps with the Mayo Civic Center, bobagain fainted, hit his head and was briefly unconscious. He was taken by ambulance to the Mayo Clinic’s St. Mary’s Hospital ER and spent most of the day there. His video camera was running at the time, with the lens cover closed to protect the identity of Delegates. A review indicates only about 15 seconds of unconsciousness after the “thunk” indicating when the fall happened. “Mayo released me the same day, and I drove back to Minneapolis that evening,” bobagain said, adding “all indications are this was a combination of dehydration and an unusually hot skyway -- one of the Mayo Doctors commented on his familiarity with the exact skyway location and the fact that it gets pretty hot from AM Sunlight.” However, testing indicated a possible heart issue that could be helped by a pacemaker – as a result bobagain will be back to Mayo Thursday for a follow-up with Cardiology. “This could be a blessing in disguise,” he concluded.

While talking with the Mayo scribe a question arose as to what caused the incident. Bobagain insisted it was Donald Trump’s fault, detailed his reasoning, and insisted that the scribe confirm that his view is in the medical record as a response to her question. She assured him it had been duly noted.

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