

Basic Roberts Rules Of Order

For use for reference during meetings

AGENDAS A typical agenda includes...	TYPICAL LANGUAGE USED BY PERSON RUNNING MEETING
Call To Order	"I call this meeting to order"
Roll Call	"Will the secretary please do roll call?" "We have a quorum. Will the secretary please read the minutes of the last meeting"
Reading & Approval of Minutes	"Are there any corrections to the minutes?" "If there are no corrections, the minutes stand approved".
Reports/Communications	"We'll now move to the officer's reports. Will the treasurer, Jane Doe please read/submit their report." "Are there any questions concerning the treasurer's report? (if none) Will the Vice President now give their report?"
Unfinished Business	"We'll now move on to unfinished business. At the last meeting..."
New Business	"The meeting is now open for new business" "It has been moved and seconded that.....is there any further discussion?" "We will now vote on that motion that...Al in favor say "Aye". All opposed say "Nay". The motion has passed.
Announcements	"Are there any announcements?" The next meeting will be held on....."
Adjournment	"May I please have a motion to adjourn the meeting?"

HANDLING MOTIONS

Member says, "I move that....". Another member seconds the motion, or chair asks, "is there a second?"

Chair states motion and asks for discussion.

Members enter into a debate. Make of motion has first right of floor. Debate only on merits of motion.

Debate is closed when no members seek further discussion.

Chair puts motion to vote.

Chair announces results of vote.

WHAT MINUTES MUST INCLUDE

- The kind of meeting begin held..regular, special, etc.
- The name of committee/local
- Date, time and place of meeting
- Names of person running meeting
- Names of everyone in attendance.
- Approval of past meeting minutes with any corrections.
- Summaries of reports from officers.
- Exact final working of all motions with names of movers and seconders.
- Results of all votes.
- Points of order raised an appeals made, with the chair's ruling on each.
- Announcements.
- The time of adjournment.
- The signature of the secretary or person who took minutes.