

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)
April 2, 2006
Manchester, NH**

Board Members:

Present: Cal Pratt, David Mincin, Karl Beisel, Rich Tomasso (late), Keith Murphy (late), Don Gorman, Carol McGuire (late)

Others Present: Jon Bender

Quorum present? Yes

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 5:22 p.m.

Secretary's Report (Karl Beisel)

- Minutes were taken by Michael Pelletier in Karl Beisel's absence, but are unavailable. Mincin made MOTION to table reading of minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer's Report (Cal Pratt for Karen Pratt)

- Cal stated that Karen suggested having a second person for authorization to access accounts.
- Mincin made MOTION to certify election of new Treasurer. Carol McGuire wins Treasurer. 21 votes for McGuire, 12 for Suzanne Hudson and 11 for Irena Goddard.
- Beisel to write up letter confirming Carol McGuire as the new Treasurer.
- Currently in account: Operations: 680.13, Civic Action: \$2609.83, PAC \$3571.24. Pratt moved to accept treasurer's report. Mincin seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Civic Action (Dave Mincin)

- Adopt-a-highway program to begin in Seacoast in April.
- Chris Lawless had volunteered to coordinate the road cleanup in Merrimack Valley area, but is now unable to do it. Jon Bender offered to help setup and coordinate this.
- Discussion about Irish Fair in Dover. Suggested that LA sponsor the Irish Fair. Beisel expressed concern that the project is too large. Mincin stated that it would be easier for 25,000 people than with 100,000 people. Joel Winters stated that the whole event takes place under two tents. Mincin stated it was in August, and it has been held for three years.
- Pratt made MOTION to inquire in the NHLA taking on responsibility for Dover Irish Festival sponsorship, and that Mincin would look into it. Beisel seconded. Discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

Political Action (Don Gorman)

- Pratt made MOTION to table the discussion on the responsibility for the Fire Brigade in Keith Murphy's absences. Mincin seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- Discussion of compulsory schooling bill for 16 and 17 year olds.
- Joel Winters described the formation of an anti-REAL ID coalition to promote the passage of HB 1582, and requested money from the NHLA.
- Beisel made MOTION to give \$200 in the form of a check to "Creative Signs" for the purpose of purchasing signs and other material in opposition of the REAL ID act and in support of HB 1582. Motion passed.

Research (Cal Pratt)

- C. Pratt presented latest list of 2006 roll calls so far this session, and requested that people get back to him on their favorites.

Membership Report (Keith Murphy)

- 320 total members, 200 in New Hampshire.
- Suggested improvements for the website.
- Presented newsletter draft, but didn't send it pending outstanding items.
- Stated that the sign up capability had been removed by Seth.
- Handed out samples of membership card.
- Handed out updated NHLA brochure.
- Suggested removing membership cost changes from the brochure, since they had not been approved by the board.
- Discussion of status of the website.
- Discussion of layout of the brochure. Tomasso made MOTION to approve brochure changes as discussed. Mincin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- Gorman made MOTION to take treasury signature issue off the table. Mincin seconded. Mincin made MOTION to assign this duty to the Chair. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Chair's Report (Rich Tomasso)

- Coming up with policy recommendations for people working on partisan campaigns; there are two issues, one working on partisan campaigns and two holding partisan office. Suggested board members not be able to hold paid campaign manager positions due to the concern of impropriety or undue influence. Suggested that if you are a board member, you cannot hold partisan office. Committee report was presented. Discussion. Consensus was that no action was needed at the present time.

Other Business

- Liberty Dinner:
 - Mike Huckabee was a possible speaker
 - Joe McQuade a likely speaker
- Urge the promotion of NHLA victories, such as with HB 406. Tomasso suggested getting membership more motivated regarding specific actions and legislation, and asked who was in charge of publicizing these things. Tomasso expressed concern about the possibility of overexposure. Discussion.
- Discussion of upcoming fairs, including the Deerfield Fair. Concerns were raised about making sure volunteers are notified early enough for them to plan to attend.

Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Karl Beisel