

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)
December 4, 2005
Manchester, NH

Board Members:

Present: Don Gorman, Dawn Lincoln, Cal Pratt, Karen Pratt, David Mincin, Karl Beisel [late], Rich Tomasso [late].

Also Present: Keith Murphy, Joel Rauch, Jane Aitken

Quorum present? Yes

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Treasurer's Report (Karen Pratt)

- K. Pratt had an amendment for previous treasurer's report: The total combined amount in all accounts is \$6,126.
- Gorman made **MOTION** to accept the amended treasurer's report. C. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- Current report, there is \$6,924.33 combined in all accounts.
- **MOTION** to accept treasurer's report and seconded. Motion passed.
- Gorman made **MOTION** to award \$158.13 to Dave Mincin for his city council race. C. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 4-0, with Mincin abstaining. (\$300 had been authorized at November meeting, which was returned).
- K. Pratt recommended adding a free "Click and Pledge" via PayPal capability on website, thereby allowing individuals to pledge a single amount, monthly installments, or subscriptions. Described the advantages of doing this (included printout). K. Pratt made **MOTION** to add membership purchases to the Click & Pledge capability. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report (Karl Beisel)

- Gorman made a **MOTION** to accept minutes; Mincin seconded. Regarding an issue documented in the minutes, discussion over the vote requirements to pass a measure, as it relates to a quorum of the board. Motion passed 3-0 and 3 abstentions by Lincoln, Mincin and K. Pratt, who were not in attendance at the November meeting.

Membership (Dawn Lincoln)

- There are currently 298 members, 175 of who are in New Hampshire residents.
- Nominees for Membership Director are Keith Murphy and Joel Rauch.
- Mincin asked about the status of the new 23 people who haven't been added into the database, and if they will be able to vote. Lincoln stated that she would make sure they are able to.

Civic Action (Dave Mincin)

- Mincin suggested going to a nursing home (volunteering). Discussion of the types of things you can do there.
- Mincin made **MOTION** to authorize up to \$100 for Civic Action to use for food/supplies for nursing home. Gorman seconded. Motion passed.

Political Action (Don Gorman)

- Thought the event at the Pratt's house was outstanding. About 29 or so people attended. An executive session for HB406 (home school deregulation bill) is set for December 13.
- Mincin expressed concern about the agenda for the Nov 19 event at the Pratt's house. Joel Rauch expressed that he thought the agenda did not match what was advertised, and those people prepared for something. Discussion about how to get information to membership.
- Beisel offered to take some of the webmaster responsibilities, if in the event that Seth does not want to take that role, or wants to reduce his role. Discussion about what to do about making the web site updating more responsive. Gorman asked if we are working to move the website over to a different person who is responsibility. Suggests that if Beisel was in charge, that Seth Cohn could still do the work. Extensive discussion.
- Gorman made **MOTION** to charge Karl Beisel with redesigning the website to make it more user-friendly working in tandem with Seth. K. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Gorman expressed interest in holding another Legislative Training Session at the state house on January 3, 4 and 5.
- Mock Town Hall to be scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 29th, place TBA at 1:00pm. Gorman will serve as the coordinator for this effort. So **MOVED** by K. Pratt and seconded by Mincin. Motion passed 5-0, with Gorman abstaining.
- Lincoln suggested that we find candidates for local office, filing of which starts on Jan. 25.
- Lincoln asked about preparations for state house races. Gorman said we would deal with that toward April 1.

Chair's Report (Rich Tomasso)

- Gorman made **MOTION** to amend bylaws to allow for removal of members by unanimous vote of the Board. Lincoln seconded. Motion passed 5-1 (Dave Mincin opposed). Bylaw change will be on the next meeting's agenda for ratification.
- Gorman asked the two Membership Director candidates to state what they want to do as that position. Keith Murphy and Joel Rauch both made such statements, followed by Q&A by the Board.
- Closing date for the Membership Director Election is Dec. 31.

Research Director (Cal Pratt)

- C. Pratt passed out legislative tracking committee assignments, which was reviewed, followed by extensive discussion.

- Joel Rauch wants a more passive way to get a daily digest of bill review.
- Keith Murphy suggested that that people be trained toward working in person with committees.

New/Old Business

- Rich sent out web link for project management guidelines to the Board.
- Gorman made MOTION to accept the NHLA Project Management Guidelines Draft 4. Lincoln seconded. Motion passed.
- Tomasso suggested restricting NHLA board membership to not holding partisan office. Brief discussion, but no action taken.
- Planning for the Liberty Dinner.
 - Keith Murphy has tentatively decided to have the liberty dinner on Saturday during the PorcFest, in order to boost ticket sales. Discussion.
 - Gorman made MOTION to move on to the next question on agenda. Motion failed, 3-4 no. (Mincin, K. Pratt, C. Pratt, and Tomasso vote No).
 - Gorman made MOTION to give Keith Murphy full authority on Liberty Dinner. C. Pratt second. Motion passed 5-2, with Mincin and K. Pratt voting No.
- Tomasso asked if anything has been done with school day event; Lincoln stated that nothing had been done.
- Tomasso stated that CNHT has agreed to publish NHLA report card in their January edition of Taxing Times, to go out to "tens of thousands" of people.
- Tomasso stated that Taxing Times could have ads, so taking ideas for that. Deadline within the next few days, it is being laid out now.
- C. Pratt made MOTION to put in an ad in coordination with the report card publication and put Rich in charge of it. Dawn second. Motion passed 7-0.
- Gorman brought up issue about having articles about the FSP on the website. Beisel made a MOTION that no articles should appear on the web site that is predominantly about the FSP. C. Pratt second. Motion passed 7-0.
- Lincoln made MOTION to reschedule the January board meeting to January 8 to avoid holiday conflicts, and to be held at The Derryfield. C. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Lincoln made MOTION to adjourn. Gorman second. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjourn 8:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Karl Beisel